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Saugerties held the first annual SAUGERTIES EARTH DAY WEEK to engage the community in discussion of the earth's systems and the science around climate warming. There were over 20 speakers and performers, 12 venues, and 34 events from April 22nd thru April 27th. The support from 10 fellow organizations and 30 businesses assured its success.

Kids (and the young at heart) did crafts, fished, and explored bio-diversity down at Arm-of-the-Sea Tidewater Center, learned about recycling and plastics at the Saugerties Public Library, listened to earth day books at Inquiring Minds, and made pop-up cards, seed blobs, and tree creatures at our 'headquarters' in the Gazebo on Partition Street.



The conversations with individuals and groups were enlightening! There was much interest in the wide variety of actions that are possible to create a more sustainable and resilient Saugerties, Ulster County, Hudson Valley, and New York State.



"Endless Pressure, Endlessly Applied" – was Jeremy Cherson's (RiverKeeper – Government Affairs) call to action at the Tuesday night kick-off at the Orpheum. We can move our representatives to restore and continue funding, regulations, critical data storage, collection, visibility and education. Katie Cokinos (Upstate Films) "is excited to start an eco-film series at the Orpheum.... and to host next year's Earth Day Week kick-off event."



Dorion Sagan inspired the audience Friday night at the Jane Street Gallery. He has a unique perspective about mother earth and humanities place in it. Suzanne Bennet (Shout Out) was "impressed by the insightful questions that led to deeper conversations during the Q&A". Jen Hicks is now planning a "special exhibit for next year's Earth Week at the Gallery entitled TRASH". Calling all eco-artists!

Wendy Brawer, director of Green Map System, intrigued us with the possibility of creating different maps to describe our village, town, and beyond – highlighting ecological, social, recreational, and other characteristics using their iconography and tools (all free). It was a great time with mocktails, music, muses and small bites down at the Waterside Spa Café courtesy of Jane Struzzieri.

We want to make Every Day Earth Day. Some projects springing from the week's events: Composting in the Village; Chamber of Commerce Green Practices and Green Mapping; Expanding Pollinator Projects; Bi-valves for water filtration; Green Roofs for Saving Energy; Village Paving Material Regulation Review, and more. To get involved, please email SaugertiesEarthWeek@gmail.com

For a full calendar of the weeks' events, sponsors, venues, pics and videos explore www.saugertiesearthdayweek.org.

Sponsors: Sawyer Motors, The Village of Saugerties: Tree Commission; Village Beach; Transfer Station, Saugerties Chamber of Commerce, Saugerties Public Library, Arm-of-the-Sea Tidewater Center, Shout Out, Miss Lucy's, The Perfect Blend, Jane St. Art Center, Bina's Café, Catskill Art Supply, Saugertails, Montano's, Adams Fairacre Farms, Price Chopper, Upstate Films, Diamond Mills, Inquiring Minds, Speedy Mart, Anchorage Farm, Esopus Creek Conservancy,