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About Town began in the Summer of 1984 as *The Guide To New Paltz*.

Liz Weisz, seated; and standing left to right, Elena Erber, Karen Thompson, and yours truly.

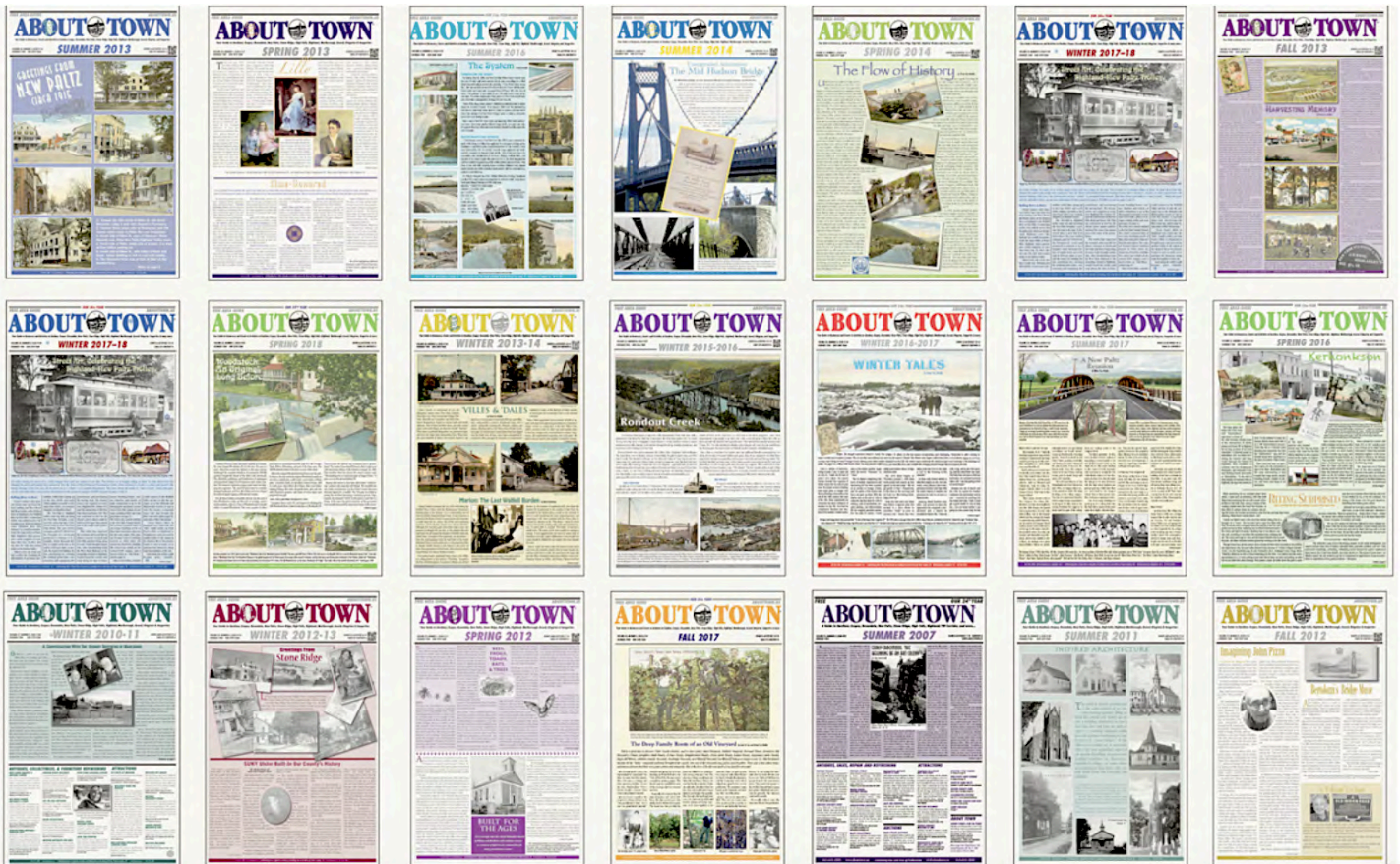


By 1988, the publication had grown to incorporate other Ulster County towns. To accommodate the expanded area, we changed its

name to *About Town (AT)*. Within a few years, three of the partners left to pursue other careers and I continued the publication. Today, *About Town's* objective remains unchanged—to be a guide to appreciating, visiting, shopping, and living in the area.

Shown here are a few of the more than 160 issue front pages. Almost all stories in the guide are based in Ulster's history, with a few articles about natural history. More than 150 of those articles are available at AboutTown.us. To commemorate the 40th, here is an updated article from thirty years ago, titled a "Solid Heritage," concerning the cement industry in Rosendale.

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Articles are illustrated (online and in print) with images from antique postcards from the collection of the author. Many are in Marist College's Hudson River Valley Institute collection at www.hudsonrivervalley.org and can be reviewed at the organization's site. Unless cited, the stories are by Vivian Yess Wadlin. Titles below are from the last 20 years.



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- Where There's Smoke...
- Perrine's Bridge: Celebrating 200 Years by Ron Knapp
- The Draining and Refilling of the Swartekill Swamp
- New D&H Canal Museum to Open
- America's Pedestrian & Ulster County's Man of Mystery
- The Era of Oscar of New Paltz
- Poughkeepsie's Woodcliff Pleasure Park
- It's Snow Time
- Jean Vanderlyn Unvarnished
- Fireside Reads
- New Paltz Village: Then & Now
- Opening the Gates to Wellness
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- Postal Roots
- The Life and Death of the Kingston Post Office Karen Berelowitz and Stephen Blauweiss'
- Early Ulster County Post Offices Appearing in Postcards
- Owney, World Traveling Post Office Dog
- The Shoe Magnate of Marlboro
- Roebling's Gifts
- Five Locks Walk, High Falls
- A Ferry Tale
- Other Ferry Tales
- A Magical Spot by Ann Marie Meisel
- Patrons of Husbandry
- Schools of Thought
- Levi Calhoun
- Racing Hearts
- What Might Have Been
- Woodstock: An Original Long Before...
- Street Art: Celebrating the Highland-New Paltz Trolley
- The Deep Family Roots of an Old Vineyard by Louis R. Yess and Vivian Yess Wadlin
- Where's Waldo?
- A New Paltz Reunion
- Recasting Recreation
- Winter Tales
- 275 of History: Going, Going... by Casparus Westervelt House, Tim Harnett
- The Elverhoj Art Colony And Its Kindred Spirits
- October – A Murmuration by Ann Guenther
- John Burroughs: A Lasting Source of Wisdom
- The System (Reservoirs)
- Caboose Gallery by Donna Deepprose
- Kerhonkson
- Beeing Surprised
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- Jeanne Wiley: HRSB Student Nurse by Jeanne Wiley
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- Unsuspended Admiration: The Mid Hudson Bridge
- The Flow of History
- Mason Bee Update
- Beers Atlas of 1875
- 'Villes & 'Dales
- Renovate or Raze?
- Marion: The Last Wallkill Borden by Adam Schenkman
- Local History Books
- Spans of Time
- Harvesting Memory
- Greetings from New Paltz circa 1915
- Gomez Mill House
- Local History Books Reviewed
- Bertolozzi's Bridge Music
- Time Honored
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- Lilly (Martin Spencer)
- Greetings from Stone Ridge
- Collecting Postcards
- SUNY Ulster Built-In Our County's History
- Imagining John Pizzo
- A Tribute to Sam (Quimby)
- Perfect Picnic Places by Lindsay Pietroluongo
- Somewhere Between Here and Kingston by Eric Larsen
- Practically Paradise
- Wilson's Other Stories by Wilson Tinney
- 12 Plattekill Avenue, New Paltz
- Bees, Frogs, Toads, Bats, & Trees
- Built for the Ages
- Three New Local History Books Plus One Not So New
- Winter Hikes by Lindsay Pietroluongo
- The Civil War's Ulster Guard by Lindsay Pietroluongo
- Feats of Clay
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- Inspired Architecture
- Loyd — Centerville: Reflections of a Forgotten Hamlet
- Walkway To The Hamlet of Highland's History
- Esopus Turns 200
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- Winter Tales: Esopus Ice Houses by Wilson Tinney
- Fordyce Post's Strong Home Town
- Winter Tale: The Horse Shoe
- Span of Time, Walkway Grand Opening Celebration Oct 2–4, 2009
- Lake Minnewaska Mountain Houses by Sam Lewit
- Promised Land: Father Divine's Interracial Communities in Ulster County, NY by Carleton Mabee
- The Riordon School
- Main Streets
- The Rise and Fall of Cedar Glen Ruins in Reese Preserve—The last remains of a sad family by Ethan P. Jackman
- Hudson Valley Seed Library Fall Workshops by Doug Muller
- Honey Bee
- Swamps, Trails, and Other Things
- Milton Training Days, 125 Year Old Station is Rescued, Will Be Rehabilitated, and Reused
- Joseph Tubby Retrospective, Friends Of Historic Kingston
- Esopus Meadow Light House Lights Up by Ed Weber
- Walkway Over The Hudson
- Orchard Mason Bees to the Rescue
- World Class Athlete, Super Star, and Local "Mystery Man," Edward Payson Weston
- Putting Down Roots: Concetta Alessi McIntosh
- Land Escapes, by Kathleen Oldrey
- Special Delivery
- The New Paltz Normal School by Bruce McKinney
- Walter Williams, Host and Historian, Williams Lake Hotel, Part One by Walter Williams
- Walter Williams, Host and Historian, Williams Lake Hotel, Part Two by Walter Williams
- Early Cragmoor: The Beginning of an Art Colony by Maureen Radl
- Dublin, Ireland: Letter About Esopus, circa 1817
- Dashville on the Wallkill
- Some Things I Saw This Winter
- To Think Of Time by Peter Fairweather
- Gardiner Scenes From Around
- Plutarch Lives!
- The Ruoff Family of the Mountain Brauhaus Restaurant
- Stone Ridge Orchards, How Does Your Garden Grow?
- Turkey Nuggets
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- The American Chestnut
- Gomez Mill House, Marlboro, NY
- Black Bear Trading Post, Esopus, NY
- Timeless Toys At Vintage Village, Highland, NY
- Klyne Esopus Museum, Ulster Park, NY
- Geographic Information Systems
- The Shaupeneak and Black Creek Trails
- The Story of Sky Top: A Towering Achievement, by Ben Matteson
- Snake Shots, Missing Puppies, Raccoon Noses, And A Career As A Veterinarian by Dr. Andre Ross
- Skunks and Snakes, by Peter Harp, John Kaiser, and Vivian Wadlin
- New Paltz Landing, Highland, NY
- Favorite Haunts
- Birdland, Revisited
- The Community of Levi Calhoun
- Rosendale's Reusable Resource
- Through Time: Perrine's Bridge
- Celebrating Our 40th Year