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**Overlook Mountain Center Turns Ten;
Announces New Board of Directors and Officers**
Nonprofit Expands Efforts in the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains

Woodstock, NY - As it turns ten, the Woodstock, NY nonprofit Overlook Mountain Center (OMC) has expanded both its focus and its board. The organization, known for its guided hikes to indigenous ceremonial stone landscape (CSL) sites in the Catskill Mountains and Hudson Valley, has expanded its efforts to put greater emphasis on relationships with local indigenous tribes as well as on creating partnerships to research these sites, complementing local indigenous knowledge with scientific research. The expanded board, along with an Advisory Council, includes two members of the Ramapough Lenape Nation and one from the Narragansett, as well as an archeologist, a nonprofit fundraiser, a nurse, a local realtor, former media executive and an assistant district attorney, among others.

The Overlook Mountain Center board officers are:

- Glenn Kreisberg, Chair, OMC Co-Founder, author, researcher, guide
- Jonathan Vaughn, Vice Chair, Executive Director of Development, SUNY New Paltz
- Rob Saffer, Treasurer, OMC Co-Founder, former media/communications professional
- Cayenne Fusco, Secretary, Nurse/Doula

The OMC board of directors are:

- Geoff Baer, videographer, drone pilot
- Doug Harris, retired Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (Narragansett)
- Dave Holden, NYS Guide and Author
- Michaeline Picaro Mann, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Ramapough Lenape Nation
- Felicia Raphael, Assistant District Attorney, Ulster County
- Susan Winchell-Sweeney, Archeologist, New York State Museum
- Fred Waring, Hudson Valley realtor, musician

The OMC Advisory Council is:

- David Johnson, archeological researcher, educator
- Vincent Mann, Chief of the Turtle Clan, Ramapough Lenape Nation

- Robyn Pollins, philanthropist
- Ed Sanders, author, activist
- Shari Therian, web designer

“This is a pivotal moment for OMC,” said Glenn Kreisberg. “After spending a decade securing and researching the critical Lewis Hollow site, Rob and I took a step back to see where the organization would go in its next decade and expanding the board as we increase our activities made sense. We’re thrilled such a talented and experienced team is on board. And, having members of Indigenous communities provides local Indigenous knowledge to help inform all we do, from site identification and research to outreach and education.”

In addition to leading tours, OMC recently received results of research that dated one of the stone cairns in Lewis Hollow to 1590 CE, possibly making it the oldest stone structure in Ulster County. The findings were made using optically stimulated luminescence (OSL) methodology conducted by Dr. James Feathers of the University of Washington and geophysicist Dr. Marine Florin from SUNY Stony Brook. More detailed information will be released when the results are finalized this Spring.

In 2022, OMC plans over a dozen educational/interpretive hikes, campouts and workshops on archaeoastronomy and landscape archaeology, including:

- Sun. 3/20 – Lewis Hollow Vernal Equinox Hike
- Sun. 4/24 – Mysteries of Mink Hollow: cairns and walls
- Sun. 5/22 – Spruceton Valley – Camping with the Cairns
- Sat. 6/18 – Summer Solstice Sunset at Spruceton Valley: cairns, walls, effigies
- Sun. 7/17 – Lewis Hollow: cairns, walls and effigies
- Sun. 8/21 – Mysteries of Mink Hollow: cairns and walls
- Sun. 9/18 – Autumnal Equinox Hike – *Location TBD*
- Sun. 10/16 – Spruceton Valley – Camping with the Cairns
- Sun. 11/20 – Lewis Hollow: cairns, walls and effigies
- Sun. 12/18 – Winter Solstice Sunrise [Event](#)

Overlook Mountain Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit formed in 2013, promotes awareness and understanding of the relationship between Overlook Mountain and the human populations that have encountered it throughout time. OMC creates programs and conducts research to educate, experience and celebrate all aspects of Overlook Mountain and its ecosystems. More info: www.overlookmountain.org.

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