



Update for March 2023

Economic Development Committee

The SCVA is continuously and strategically seeking advanced marketing initiatives that reach new markets and creatively reintroduces our brand to existing markets. As spring is upon us and fishing and outdoor activities are being promoted, May, brings major events to the Sullivan Catskills. Catskill Cuisine a first-time food festival is selling out for May 13th. Following that we will once again host Tap NY and the Shad Festival. SCVA is exposing our local produce and spirits to new consumers driving new traveler dollars to our Sullivan Catskills. SCVA will aggressively and innovatively compete in the tourism marketplace to ensure that our destination is at the forefront of the traveler's mind.



FAST FACTS FOR MARCH

- Over 50,000 of the 2023 Sullivan Catskills Travel Guides distributed through bulk outlets and individual requests.
- > Facebook followers have reached over 54K with average engagement rate of 4.8% (industry standard .19%)
- Instagram followers have over 22.5K, 11% increase with engagement rate of 2.6% (Industry standard)
- Influencer Program has increased impressions, followers, and profile visits to Instagram exponentially.
- ➤ Google analytics show over 82,000 page views since the first of the year.









Highlights:

- Restaurant Week Kick-off Press event held at Catskill Fly Fishing Center
- Member Meet-Up at Callicoon Hills Conover Club-60 members attending with a waiting list.
- Spring OTT and cable commercials have started and will continue through May with a focus on hiking and biking, fly fishing and other outdoor activities.
- Host the County DMV the last Tuesdays of each month. This service optimizes the visitor centers community space.
- Spring Restaurant Week is in full swing with participating restaurants stating their numbers are up. 17 members are participating. With assistance from the SCVA, participating restaurants pay a fraction of the marketing costs.
- Discussions with Coach USA and participating stops will be ready for the summer run again stopping at major points in the County.
- New Website Update: framing is almost complete and will be ready for our spring visitors.
- New Website for Catskill Cuisine Catskill Cuisine (catskill-cuisine.com)
- Continue working with a videographer/storyteller/tour guide to build our video library.
- Final touches on new romance map of the Sullivan Catskills and excited to unveil listing our over 600 members.
- Continue work on redeveloping Beyond the Big Apple marketing initiative for international travelers.
 New developments will be ready for this year's IPW and new emerging markets seeking upstate NY experiences. America As You Like it and other international tour operators have purchased this itinerary.
- Collaborating with members on the Catskill Film Commission web site and is moving along nicely.
- Continued discussion on innovative marketing initiatives grants through NYS and sharing the process with members who may qualify.
- Working with several communities to team and promote their events.

Meetings

- New York State Destination Marketing Organization Meeting and Albany advocacy meeting
- Regional Catskill Association Tourism Promotion Agency Meeting
- Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance Meeting
- SCVA Marketing Meeting
- Social Educational Seminar for members
- New York State Director of Sales and Destination Marketing Organization meetings









Social Media & E-News

- Continue to utilize videos produced with our members to create short vignettes and Tik Tok placements to use on our social channels. Tik Tok and Instagram reels are seeing a lot of likes and
- SCVA continues to work with our social media group Awestruck and Fisher Mears Associates to create and implement targeted marketing to the drive traffic within two hundred miles of the Sullivan Catskills

PR Outreach:

• Working with ILNY PR Firm, Core Creative, and Awestruck Agency to continue with story ideas for social media influencers and renowned writers now and in the future.

Attachments: Advertising and social marketing highlights

TOURISM BY THE NUMBERS 2022 VISITOR SPENDING: \$710 MILLION

TOURISM LABOR: 16% ALL JOBS \$235 MILLION IN LABOR INCOME

LOCAL TAXES GENERATED \$43.2 MILLION

SAVINGS PER HOUSEHOLD: \$2,943

For every Dollar invested in tourism there is a 40:1 Return on Investment







Guiding paid advertising across print and digital advertising placements, SullivanCatskills.com and collateral material.

Work performed:

- o Bi-weekly Zoom meetings with SCVA, Awestruck, and Core Creative
- Writing and designing weekly Consumer E-Blast every Monday for Wednesday release
- o Final Edit and Distribution to on-air cable and OTT Vendors of Spring TV ad:
 - DOWNLOAD LINK:

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/ha6xo24ym5w3etsahvr7h/h?dl=0 &rlkey=aff73h5tmonpgrrh0wb83bvrx

- Catskill Cuisine Creative Assets:
 - Logo Design
 - Sponsorship Dec
 - 3 versions of a Landing Page
 - Billboards (teasers, general promotion, individual chefs)
 - Social Post Graphics
 - Digital ad
 - Graphics for Bethel Woods Event Gallery
 - Concept Development including script and storyboard for TV ad
- Website Home Page Updates for Spring (including Restaurant Week and Catskill Cuisine)

Print and Digital Ads and Advertorials Completed and Released:

- Happenings April Print Ad
- o NY Life Spring Print Ad
- USA Today Summer Travel Guide Ad
- USA Today GO Escape NE
- Valley Table Eblast
- o Chronogram April Digital Ads
- o Edible Manhattan Print Ad
- o Chronogram April Print Ad

In Progress:

- Catskill Cuisine TV ad
- o May and June Chronogram Print ads
- Mass Republican Q1 ad Q2 print, editorial and digital ads
- VisitorFun.com Map Ad
- Print ads for ByWays Magazine for April, June, October, December and (February 2024)
- o USA Today Ads: Pride Month, National Parks, Hunt and Fish Guide, Winter, Modern Woman
- Catskills Confidential Ads May-November
- o SC Democrat, Summer, Fall, Winter, Hunting Ads
- SC Chamber of Commerce Ad Back Page (member pitch)













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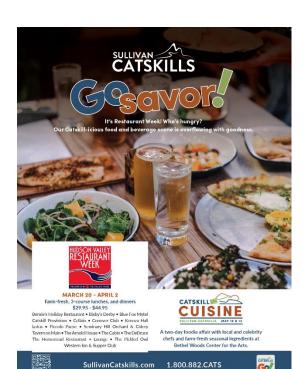
We'll make it extraordinary- large or small, formal or casual, traditional or contemporary. Say "I do," high on a hillside. Celebrate in a restored 19th-century barn, on the banks of a famous fly-fishing river, or in a grand ballroom. The food is farm fresh. The cocktails are handcrafted. Your love is forever.



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Wet your whistle and bring your appetite to New York's Sullivan Catskills

pring may be the time of plans and projects, but in New York's Sullivan Catskills, it's the time to feast. The first annual Catskills Cuisine happens on Mother's Day Weekend, May 12-13. This twoday food and beverage festival will celebrate the area's heritage with locally sourced provisions prepared by celebrity and local chefs. It will be held at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts—the historic site of the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair.

This area, just 90 minutes from Manhattan, has been a popular getaway destination since the early 19th century when it built a legendary reputation for hospitality that still exists. Today, across nearly 1,000 square miles, there are full-service resorts, charming inns, and abundant outdoor pursuits. The area is full of modern-day makers and artisans and exudes a low-key vibe and small-town charm.



Hurleyville Rail Trail









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Facebook Pages - Sullivan Catskills

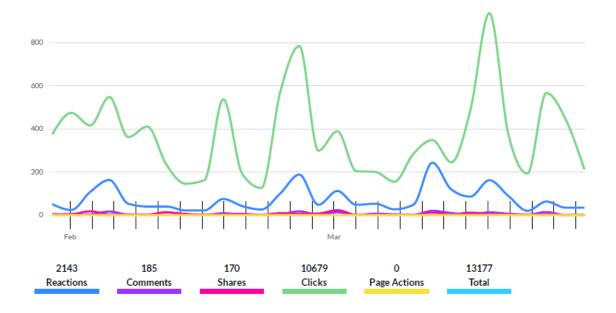
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Overview

Key performance metrics

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Page Engagements

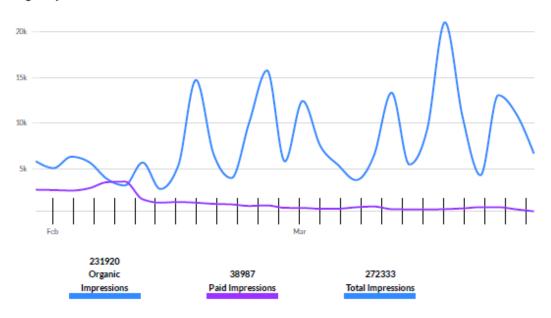




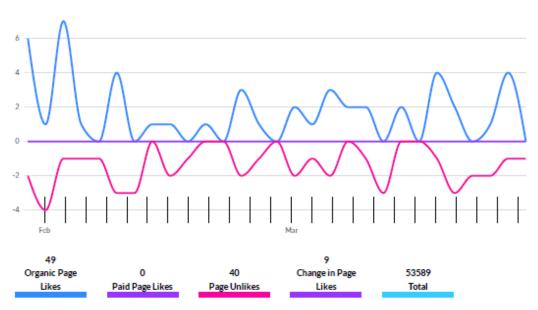




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Page Likes











Post Performance























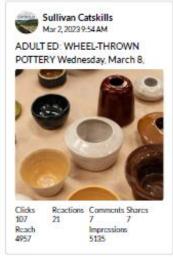






























Instagram Business - Sullivan Catskills

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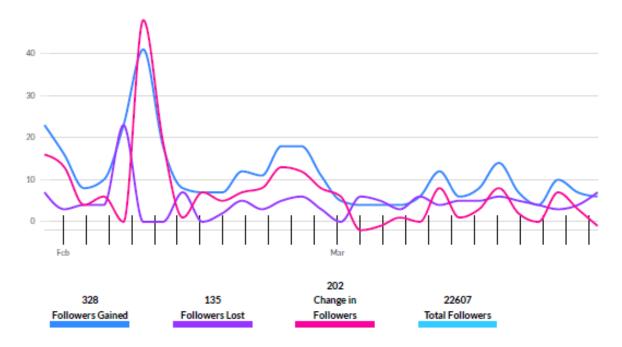
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Engagement Rate 1.6%

Story Impressions 53035

Change in Followers 202

Net Follower Growth Graph is in the Pacific Time (PT) time zone



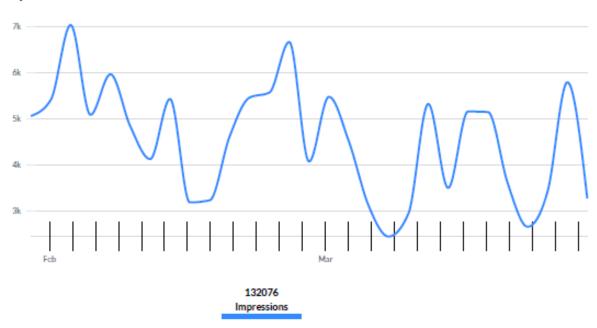




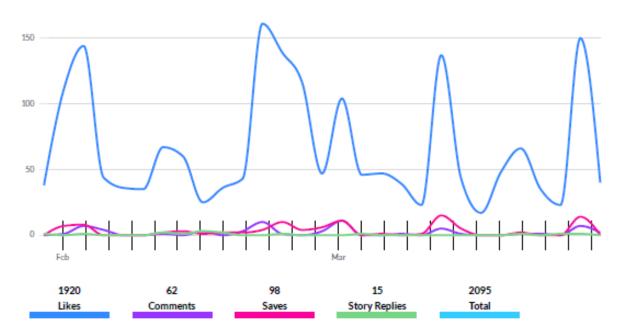




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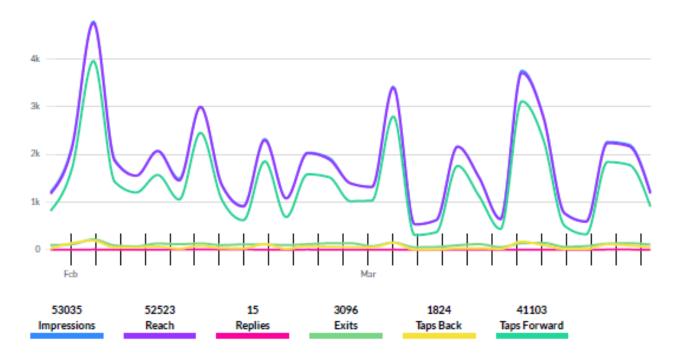


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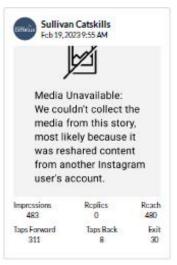
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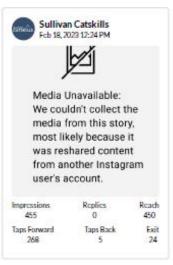


























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