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**The Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail Gets a Spooky Surprise**

Sullivan County, NY – July 24, 2023 – The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA) is excited to announce the 67<sup>th</sup> Dove on the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail will be unveiled at Burn Brae Mansion. An unveiling ceremony will be held on Sunday, July 30 at noon on the front lawn of Burn Brae Mansion, 573 High Road, Glen Spey, NY.

Burn Brae Mansion was built in 1908 by Margaret MacKenzie Elkin as part of the estate of George Ross MacKenzie, third president of the Singer Sewing Machine company, who made his fortune as confidant and advisor to Isaac Merritt Singer, the company's founder.

Rich in history, Burn Brae Mansion was purchased by Mike and Pat Fraysse in 1993 to convert into a cycling training center. After years of reported paranormal activity, Burn Brae now primarily operates as a haunted bed & breakfast, open for overnight stays and group ghost investigations, as well as special events such as Murder Mystery dinners and a Halloween Fright Trail.

The newest Dove on the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail depicts the mansion with a spooky façade and plenty of nods to its storied past. It was painted by local artist Tracie Hickman of Glen Spey, and features her signature mosaic glass work, in another homage to the mansion's elaborate stained glass windows.

Join the SCVA at the unveiling ceremony, which will be held in conjunction with Mike's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, and include free hot dogs and refreshments, remarks from Sullivan County Historian John Conway, artist Tracie Hickman, and special guests.

"We are so excited to be part of the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail and celebrate both the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of owning Burn Brae Mansion and Mike's milestone birthday in such a memorable and meaningful way," said Andy Russ, president of Dark Forest Creations and co-proprietor of Burn Brae Mansion.

The Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail, established in 2019 as a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Woodstock festival, has rapidly gained popularity as a distinctive cultural and artistic experience with support from community partner Sullivan 180. Comprising a series of dove sculptures strategically placed throughout the picturesque landscapes, the trail will grow to 70 Doves by the end of this summer.





"We are thrilled to unveil the newest member of the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail family," said Roberta Byron-Lockwood, President/CEO of the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association. "Burn Brae Mansion has been a part of our community for many years, and we're pleased to see them get a Dove and add another fascinating stop for our visitors and residents alike."

The Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail warmly welcomes everyone to embark on a journey of discovery, exploring the scenic countryside and encountering the breathtaking art installations along the way. Visitors can immerse themselves in the rich culture and natural splendor of the Sullivan Catskills region while enjoying the transformative power of art.

For more information about the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail, including a map of the trail, please visit [www.sullivancatskills.com](http://www.sullivancatskills.com) or call 845-747-4449. Follow @SullivanCatskills for the latest updates and to share your own experiences using the hashtag #SullivanCatskillsDoveTrail.

For more information about Burn Brae Mansion, call (845) 856-3335 or visit [www.burnbraemansion.com](http://www.burnbraemansion.com).

**About Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail:** The Dove Trail was created to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the 1969 Woodstock Festival and tell the story of our communities that is uniquely the Sullivan Catskills. The SCVA will continue the Dove Trail as a legacy project to bring global awareness of the Sullivan Catskills and to continue the economic impact it has brought to the county.

