

RECLAIM YOUR WEEKEND

When you first purchased your home in the country, you surely had a vision of rural leisure in mind. Then you found that the chores involved in running a second home were substantial enough to cut deeply into the relaxation you sought.

The purpose of Valentine & Curio is to give you back your leisure time and help you savor a rural lifestyle on your precious weekends.

The principals of Valentine & Curio are two families, the Youngs and the Rubels, who moved out of New York City during the 1990s to raise their children in the bucolic setting of Columbia County. David and Julia Rubel moved their book production company, Agincourt Press, from Lafayette Street in SoHo to Main Street in Chatham in 1996. A year later, Kenneth Young Design Services, a home and interior design company, took the office upstairs.

As most neighbors will, we began exchanging information and opinions about our new lives upstate. Eventually, it occurred to us that others might benefit from our accumulated local knowledge. The result is Valentine & Curio.

When we bought our house several years ago, the realtor handed us the keys, and that was it. We were on our own.

No problems at first, but as time went on, a faucet began to drip, an ice dam caused our roof to leak, and we couldn't find any reliable help. Nobody would return our calls, and arranging for repairs became unpleasantly stressful.

This needn't be your experience.

Having once been part-time residents ourselves, we at Valentine & Curio know what second-home owners need, what you want, and how you like to do business—promptly, efficiently, and with a minimum of fuss. Let us put our local knowledge to work for you.

For more information,
visit our website at
valentineandcurio.com
or simply ring Julia at
518 392 2866

Second-home owner?
Much to do—so little time.
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HOUSE DOCTOR

You purchased a home in the country to relax, not to be bothered with clogged gutters or a flooded basement. House Doctor can relieve you of these and other worries.

The reality is that in Columbia County tracking down an electrician or a plumber when you need one is nearly impossible. That's why we've put together a team of reliable professionals to be on call for you.

When trouble arises, whether you're upstate or down, House Doctor can be your first and only call. Maybe your window is broken, or your toilet is malfunctioning, or perhaps you're simply worried that you've left your oven turned on. House Doctor will take your call and then take care of your problem.

House Doctor also works to ensure that your home stays trouble free with an initial property review and quarterly checkups.

HOW IT WORKS

House Doctor is a subscription service. You pay an initial review fee, a monthly retainer, and applicable per-visit charges. In return, you get peace of mind.

Through Emergency House Calls, you may contact us any time, day or night. Using our private network of responders, we'll make sure the right person gets to you right away.

WELCOME HOME

After a busy workweek and a long drive upstate, what could be better than arriving home to find a warm hearth and an expertly prepared meal waiting for you? Welcome Home can make this happen—and more.

Not simply a catering service, Welcome Home manages all of your kitchen needs, providing the care and attention you'd expect from a first-rate hotel concierge. When you arrive upstate on Friday night, you'll find your heat (or air conditioning) turned on, your table set, and your refrigerator and pantry filled with fresh, locally produced food.

You can order ready-to-eat meals, ready-to-cook meals, or even "dinner parties to go." The menus change each week according to what's available and at the peak of taste.

We'll also shop for you and deliver the food to your home before you arrive. Beyond the staples, we'll introduce you to the best local ingredients, from dairy-fresh milk and cream to free-range eggs to organic meats and vegetables.

HOW IT WORKS

As a Valentine & Curio member, you can order food (either prepared by us or simply the ingredients) through our website or via e-mail. Orders are due by 5 PM on Wednesdays for delivery before 5 PM on Fridays.

Please visit valentineandcurio.com
or contact Julia at 518 392 2866
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MCGREGOR'S GARDEN

As Peter Rabbit knows, few pleasures compare to the bliss of eating freshly harvested fruits and vegetables. From the anticipatory joy of choosing seeds to the delight of tasting perfectly ripe produce, the satisfaction of watching one's own garden grow is hard to match.

The problem (for a second-home owner) is how to maintain a vegetable garden on a part-time basis. The solution is McGregor's Garden. We will take care of the work and the worry so that you simply get the carrots—and the tomatoes and the peas and the raspberries.

McGregor's Garden will renovate existing beds or install a glorious new garden for you. During the winter, we'll help you choose what to grow; in the spring, we'll sow your beds; and during the growing season, we'll tend them. In the fall, we'll replenish the soil and put your garden to sleep for the winter.

We can also preserve your bumper crop as sauces, jams, and chutneys that you can give away as gifts at holiday time.

HOW IT WORKS

For garden design and installation, you pay a one-time fee based on your customized plan. For planting and maintenance, you pay an annual fee based on the size of your garden.