

**JOHN BURROUGHS LECTURE BY JODY  
PRIMOFF AT ERPF GALLERY  
September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm**

You are cordially invited to a lecture by Jody Primoff entitled “Jody Primoff, John Burroughs, and Woodchuck Lodge” at the Catskill Center Erpf Gallery on Main St. Arkville, **September 26th at 2:00 pm.**

Jody Primoff’s relationship with Woodchuck Lodge actually began long before she was born. Her great-aunt Clara Barrus, a remarkable woman who became a doctor in the 1880’s, greatly admired the writings of John Burroughs, an American naturalist important in the evolution of the U.S. conservation movement. Clara Barrus corresponded with him and over time became his editor and physician. Burroughs was born in 1837 on the family’s homestead in Roxbury. His 27 books of nature and philosophical essays have influenced millions of readers.

Highlights of the lecture will be Burroughs’ relationship to Primoff’s family, the Shatravs; quotes and letters written by John Burroughs to President Roosevelt and other friends; his thoughts about religion and how issues of nature informed his literary career leading him to become a pioneer of the conservation movement. Additionally, Joe Farleigh, a member of the Board of Trustees at Woodchuck Lodge Inc., will provide a brief update of Woodchuck Lodge programs and activities.

This lecture is designed to complement Jody Primoff’s 25 paintings, drawings and collages of Woodchuck Lodge and John Burroughs currently on exhibit at the Erpf Gallery. Jody Primoff says, “I have been painting my whole life. Some of my happiest childhood memories are of sitting on the porch of Woodchuck Lodge recording the landscape in front of me.”

Ms. Primoff graduated from Syracuse University and moved to Manhattan where she attended the Art Students’ League studying with Reginal Marsh. Landscape is her primary painting subject.

She moves comfortably between different mediums and materials, painting in watercolor, acrylic and pastel, combining them with pen and ink and collage in mixed media pieces.

The lecture will be open to the public free of charge. The Erpf Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9-5, and Saturday from 12-4. Please visit our website at: [www.catskillcenter.org](http://www.catskillcenter.org).

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