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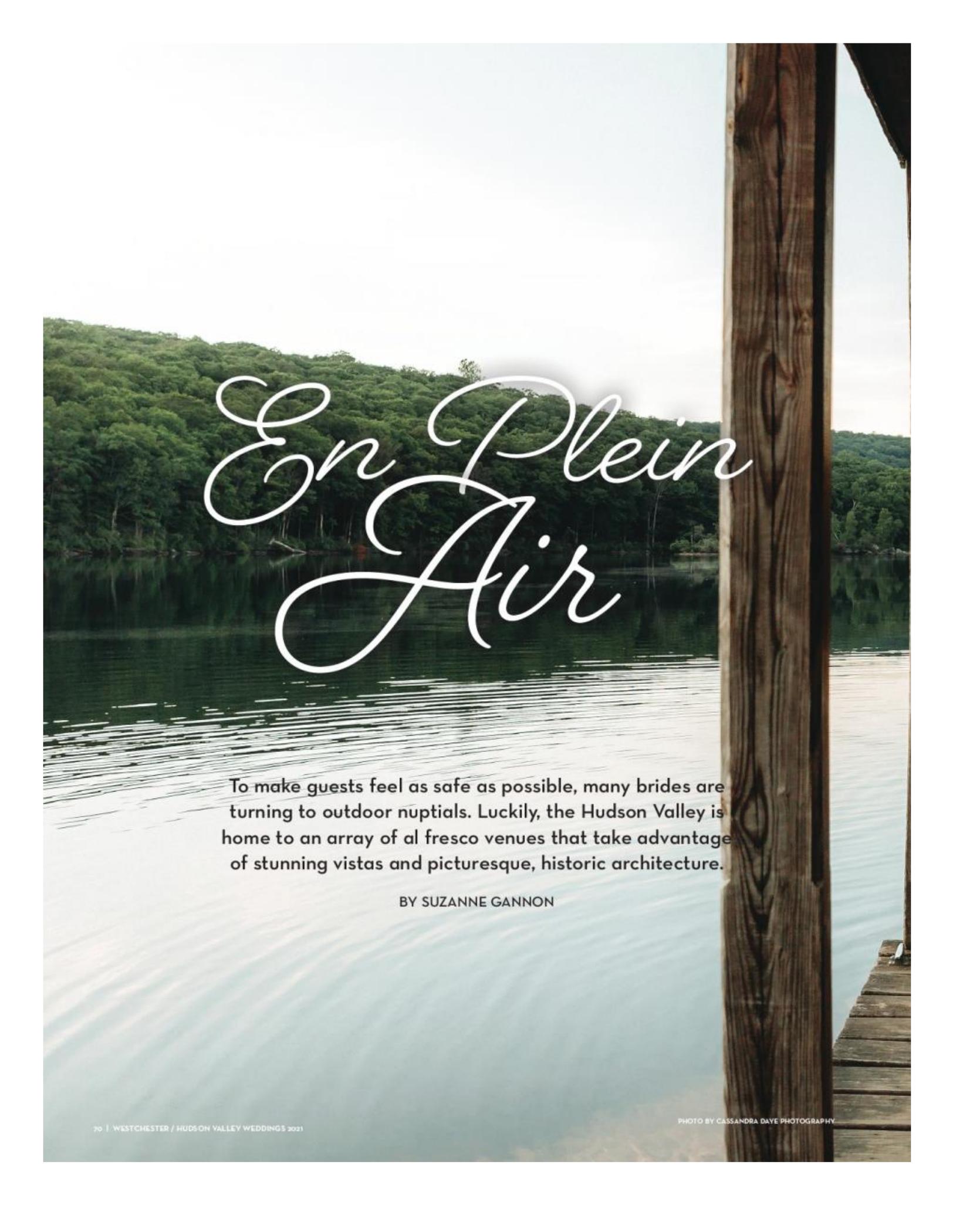
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En Plein Air

To make guests feel as safe as possible, many brides are turning to outdoor nuptials. Luckily, the Hudson Valley is home to an array of al fresco venues that take advantage of stunning vistas and picturesque, historic architecture.

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VALLEY ROCK *Inn & Mountain Club*

SLOATSBURG

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Who needs a wedding planner when the meticulously conceived Valley Rock Inn & Mountain Club is the destination? The latest labor of love of Michael Bruno, the serial entrepreneur who gave antiques life on the Internet with 1stdibs.com, the Sloatsburg resort is a one-stop venue likely to inspire the happy duo and their guests to linger.

Bruno acquired a set of buildings and land parcels built in the early 20th century in the quiet hamlet of Sloatsburg. Hidden behind the storefronts of the main drag, Valley Rock respects the quiet of its host village with a refined style that maximizes its programmatic capacity while complementing the area's humble scale.

The resort is divided into discrete, manicured vignettes, each with its own theme: A shade garden is planted with slender maple trees trimmed to a level of leafiness that permits conversation as servers circulate with cocktails; an open-topped outdoor dining room, enclosed in rustic walls, can be set just as easily with four-tops as it can with long trestle tables of 12 or more. Another casual outdoor restaurant features tables under a corrugated portico rests on the trunks of cedar trees, stripped and glossed, that dissolve gracefully into a bed of gravel. The main lawn is studded with hanging firepits, suspended from tripods that recall the campfires of Colonial times.



On-site lodging is available for 34 guests, all but one of whom can enjoy their own bathroom, thanks to a row of clapboard farmhouses, renovated and appointed with simple yet tasteful décor that is Bruno's signature. There in an intimate garden, where many a ceremony has taken place. There is a pool on the property, and just 10 minutes away, guests can enjoy an assortment of recreational pursuits, including hiking and biking at Harriman State Park and Sterling Forest.

WHERE TO WED

VENUE	MAXIMUM SEATED CAPACITY	IN-HOUSE CATERING REQUIRED		APPROX COST PER PERSON		WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
				INDOOR/OUTDOOR AREA		
BANQUET HALLS						
Anthony's Pier 9 2975 US Rte 9W, New Windsor 845.565.3390 www.piernine.com	1,000	Y*	\$85-\$100	Y/Y		Two private dining rooms, valet parking, personal maitre d' service, and private bridal suites; majestic Cinderella carriage; shuttle service provided to offsite hotels.
Colden Manor at Spruce Lodge 619 NY-17K, Montgomery 845.564.1830 www.coldenmanoratsprucelodge.com	216	Y	Package deals will be starting at \$100	Y/Y		A family tradition in catering of exquisite cuisine and impeccable service for 67 years.
Glen Island Harbour Club 1 Glen Island Park, New Rochelle 914.576.3300 www.gi-hc.com	500	N	\$90-\$80	Y/Y		Cross the drawbridge to the island; surrounded by water views and New York City bridges; storybook chapel.
The Grandview 176 Rinaldi Blvd, Poughkeepsie 845.486.4700 www.grandviewevents.com	500	Y	\$95-\$155+	Y/Y		Luxurious venue with panoramic views of the Hudson River and the Mid-Hudson Bridge; spectacular outdoor ceremony locations and marina.
Mulder Chapel at The Warwick Conference Center The Warwick Conference Center, PO Box 349, Warwick 845.986.1164 www.warwickconferencecenter.org	150	Y	Facility usage fees only	Y/Y		The elegant and affordable event space features a hilltop chapel and intimate banquet room with seating capacity for 150 guests; both spaces have breathtaking panoramic views of the Warwick Valley and Shawangunk Mountains.
Mulino's at Lake Isle 660 White Plains Rd, Eastchester 914.961.7800 www.mulinoslakeisle.com	500	N	\$80-\$280	Y/Y		Opened in 2014, the venue, which overlooks manicured greens, offers sophisticated interiors with state-of-the-art A/V effects.
The Riverview 1 Warburton Ave Hastings-on-Hudson 914.965.7220 www.rv-ny.com	200	Y (unless outside caterer is licensed)	\$80-\$120	Y/Y		At night, you can see the lights of the Maria Cuomo Bridge and George Washington Bridge.
Villa Barone Hilltop Manor 466 Rte 6, Mahopac 845.628.6600 www.hilltopmanorevents.com	500	Y	\$95+	Y/Y		Brand-new 40-foot waterfall, fountains, and Roman-style landscape gardens with statues.
Villa Borghese 79 Widmer Rd, Wappinger Falls 845.297.8207 www.thevillaborghese.com	700	Y	\$90+	Y/Y		Surrounded by sweeping lawns and meticulous gardens, you can choose from a ballroom or garden for your ceremony; bridal suites available; a variety of cuisines is offered.
Vittoria'Z On the Lake 489 E Main St, Jefferson Valley 914.245.0630 www.vittoriaz.com	350	Y	Varies	Y/Y		Exclusive banquet rooms; lakeside garden.
BARNs, WINERIES & FARMS						
The Barn at Liberty Farms 60 Ostrander Rd, Ghent 917.539.9283 www.thebamlibertyfarms.com	175	N	Varies	Y/Y		Once a stallion stable, converted into an upmarket space; former stable stalls are available for use as bars, photobooths, and lounges.
Brotherhood Winery 100 Brotherhood Plaza Dr Washingtonville 845.496.3661 www.brotherhood-winery.com	224	Y (choice of five)	Varies	Y/Y		Early-19th-century historic stone building within America's oldest winery; the Grand Salon features wooden floors, exposed wooden beams, and antique wrought-iron chandelier.
Buttermilk Falls Inn + Spa 220 North Rd, Milton 845.795.1310 www.buttermilkfallsinn.com	200 (patio)	Y	\$250 (barn); \$400 (patio)	Y/Y		An 18th-century country inn; 75-acre grounds feature streams and waterfalls; several catering options are available, including Henry's farm-to-table restaurant; antiques-filled guest rooms with fireplaces.
Circa 1799 Barn 105 Simmons Rd Ancramdale www.circa1799.com	200 (tented)	N	Varies	Y/Y		The impressive maple-shaded Dutch Colonial structure lies on a dirt road in full view of the Berkshire Hills; the historic barn hosts just four unique weddings a year.

Caterers marked with * indicated to us that they may be able to accommodate certain dietary restrictions, such as kosher meals. Prices and details are subject to change after we have gone to print. Capacity subject to current state regulations.

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		Y	N		
City Winery 23 Factory St, Montgomery 845.424.0222 www.citywinery.com/hudsonvalley	400	Y	\$200	V/Y	A full-production winery and distillery located at the historic Montgomery Mills; the 130-year-old mill has been restored to its original romantic glory, set against a sprawling, bucolic backdrop that encompasses the natural beauty of the Hudson Valley.
Handsome Hollow 5256 County Rd 28, Long Eddy 607.527.0480 www.handsomehollow.com	200	N	Varies	V/Y	Local craftspeople built this cathedral-like barn on a secluded property comprising open fields, meadows, fern forests, and streams; vintage and handmade china, glassware, and tables are available to rent
Meadow Ridge on Hudson 2745 NY 385, Coxaskie 518.303.2488 www.meadowridgeonhudson.com	304	N	Varies	V/Y	A newly restored and renovated barn is the perfect location for your reception, while your ceremony can be held in a wooded clearing overlooking the Hudson River. Have cocktails on the bluestone patio with a boundless view of the property, the Hudson, and the Berkshires.
Milea Estate Vineyard 450 Hollow Road, Staatsburg 845.266.0384 www.mileaestatevineyard.com	100	N	\$75-\$125	V/Y	A new winery in the Hudson River region dedicated to capturing its unique terroir with traditional vine to glass winemaking. The estate is nestled among the beautiful rolling hills to the east of the Hudson River and surrounded by streams, horse pastures, dairies, and orchards.
Millbrook Winery 26 Wing Rd, Millbrook 845.677.8383, ext. 21 www.millbrookwine.com	120-150	N	Varies	V/Y	A former dairy farm, this 130-acre vineyard offers majestic views, grounds, and a barn for weddings.
Mount Gulian Historic Site 145 Sterling St, Beacon 845.831.8172 www.mountgulian.org	135	N	Varies	V/Y	Set atop a hill overlooking the Hudson River, features a 1730s Dutch barn, an 18th-century family homestead, and beautifully restored gardens.
Nostrano Vineyards 14 Gala Ln, Milton 845.795.5473 www.nostranovineyards.com	150 (barn)	N	Varies	V/Y	An elegant yet relaxing venue in the heart of New York's wine country, with onsite orchards and grapevines.
Owls Hoot Barn 386 Bronck Mill Rd West Coxsackie; 518.755.1706 www.owlshootbarn.com	180 (barn); 225 (pavilion)	N	Varies	V/Y	The historic 1800s Dutch barn and complex of smaller barns have retained their rich heritage to provide an unique atmosphere for your event; on-site accommodations for 40+ people.
Oz Farm 280 Malden Turnpike Saugerties 917.816.4333 www.ozfarmny.com	150 (indoor); 1,000 (outdoor)	N	Varies	V/Y	A picturesque equestrian farm owned by The Wizard of Oz director's grandchild, offering a huge outdoor capacity and photo opportunities with horses and ponies.
Red Maple Vineyard 103 Burroughs Dr West Park; 845.384.3057 www.redmaplevineyard.com	300	Y	Varies	Y/Y	Food at this farm-to-table venue is as local as it gets — sourced right from the farm's vegetable gardens and chickens.
The Roxbury Barn 667 County Rd 41, Roxbury www.roxburybamandestate.com	140	Y	\$200	V/Y	A storied estate revitalized as a forward-thinking event space; towering pine groves set the scene for an unique outdoor ceremony; vineyard catering options for elegant hilltop receptions.
Valley Rock Inn & Mountain Club 27 Mill St, Sloatsburg 845.618.9123 www.valleyrockinn.com	140-150 250 tented	Y	All-inclusive wedding packages vary by season	V/Y	Surrounded by 70,000 acres of forever-wild parkland, the property has a village feel with a collection of historic houses and barns that have been converted to luxury guesthouses, cafes, bars, and lounges — all surrounded by lush gardens. Four guesthouses (three more are slated for completion in 2022) can accommodate up to 34 guests.
CASTLES					
Castle Royale 92 Waverly St, Yonkers 914.965.2559 www.castle-royale.com	500	Y	\$45-\$95	V/N	Castle Royale will transport you into an atmosphere of old-fashioned elegance and charm. The space blends contemporary sophistication with traditional elements, resulting in an unique look and feel.
Whitby Castle 330 Boston Post Rd, Rye 914.777.2053 www.lessings.com	250	Y	Varies	V/Y	Restored Gothic Tudor castle with panoramic views of Milton Harbor; in-house catering required, except if it is for religious purposes.