

**Volunteer Vibes** - *Volunteers play many crucial roles at the Preserve. They maintain trails, welcome visitors, conduct research, educate youth groups, support special events, beautify our gardens, capture breathtaking photography, and much more, contributing their time, talents, and thousands of volunteer hours annually. We will be regularly featuring our volunteers in Talus Talk so that we can all learn who they are and why they do what they do for the Preserve. Let's meet our volunteers!*

## **Anka Angrist**

### ***Where did you grow up?***

I was born in Holland and raised, from the age of 7, in Cleveland. I moved to NYC after college and to the Gunks full-time after retiring.

### ***What is your volunteer role(s) here at Mohonk Preserve?***

I currently participate in Conservation Science with Phenology and occasionally in Peregrine Watch and at special events.

### ***Why did you decide to volunteer your time and talents at Mohonk Preserve?***

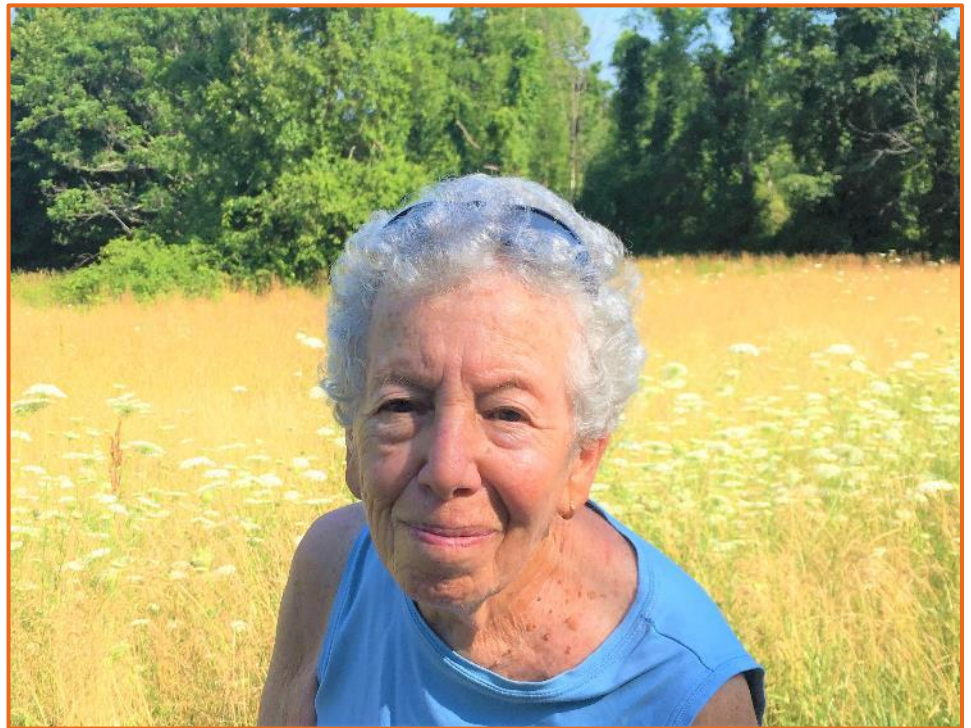
Volunteering offered a direct way to express my love for and contribute to the mission of the Mohonk Preserve.

### ***What is a volunteer accomplishment you are really proud of?***

Rather than a particular accomplishment, I am pleased that my observations benefit important research and preservation programs.

### ***Where is your favorite place/trail on the Preserve and why is it your favorite?***

I don't have one. I choose a particular trail on a particular day to suit my mood, the weather and other factors.



*Anka Angrist on a nature walk  
Photo by Diane Sadowy*