

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!*

Gerald Liddelow

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in San Fernando, Trinidad. At age twenty-five, I accepted a job with a Caterpillar Dealership in Miami Fl. and migrated to the US. A few years later I moved to NY, and I now live in Poughkeepsie.

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

I am a Volunteer Photographer for the Preserve and cover their events and programs, as well as take photos of people enjoying the land. I also hike and take images of the beauty of the Preserve itself. I then submit these images for use by the Preserve.

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

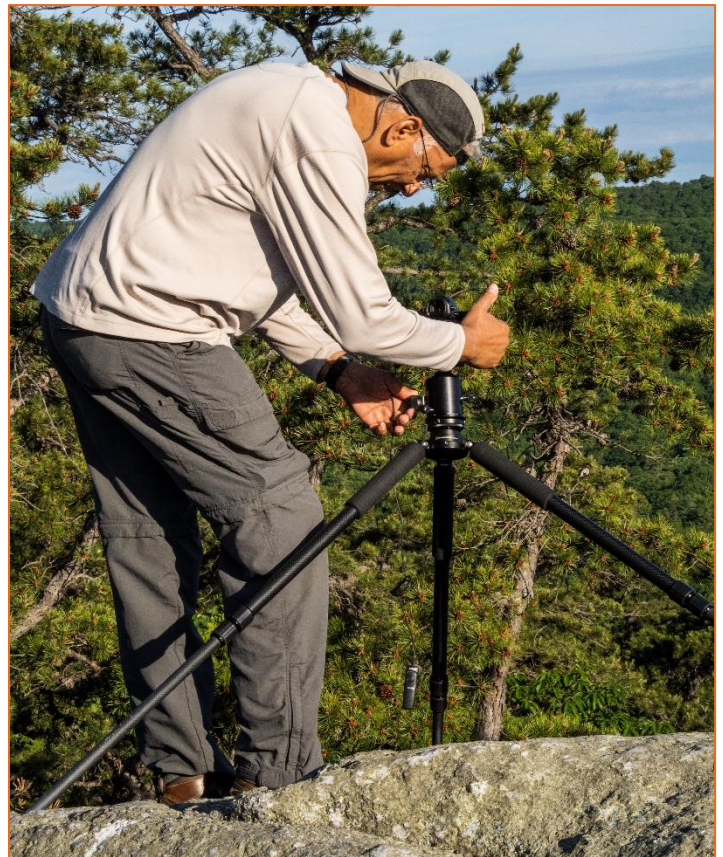
Becoming a volunteer has given me an opportunity to use my love for photography and nature to contribute to the preservation of a piece of our natural world through Mohonk Preserve. I also get to cover the programs and events which broaden the scope of my photography.

What is a volunteer accomplishment you are really proud of?

That would be having my image chosen to be on the cover of the Mohonk Preserve calendar. I have always thought that getting your picture into a calendar is quite an accomplishment for any photographer.

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

My favorite place for both taking pictures and simply hiking is the blue trail up and along Millbrook Ridge. The views are amazing, and the trail takes you from open ridge views to under the tree canopy and back to open views with numerous photo opportunities.



*Gerald Liddelow capturing nature photos at the Preserve
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