

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!*

Andy Bell

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Beacon and spent my college years in Boston with a work-study stint in Tokyo. Upon graduation, I returned to the Hudson Valley to begin a career with IBM.

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

I've enjoyed working the various Special Events for the Preserve for the past 8 years or so.

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

I wanted the opportunity to spend more time interacting with others who share a passion for the Preserve, especially the staff, and with those who have yet to discover it.

What is a volunteer accomplishment you are really proud of?

Healthy Ulster gives me the opportunity to share my enthusiasm for this very special place, especially with those who may not be familiar with all the Preserve has to offer.

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

For hiking it's Millbrook Mountain Trail with its spectacular 360-degree views in an instant. When biking I always want to include Glory Hill – I love the open fields!



Photo: Andy Bell and Maple Andy's Dog by Michael Dolan