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*A Peak Ahead*

# Taconic and Catskills Cataclysms

OUR WINTER/SPRING 2022 ISSUE OF *APPALACHIA* BRINGS STORIES ABOUT two mountain ranges that define eastern New York state: the Catskills and the Taconics.

The Catskills, home to famous landmarks like the cliffs of the Shawangunks and Kaaterskill Falls, are also a “land of little rivers” that is “meant for those who would look twice,” travel writer T. Morris Longstreth wrote a century ago. In that spirit, writers look closer. Artist Hovey Brock writes about the flood waters of the Neversink River, which are ushering in a new climate age. Tracy Raczek honors Catskills locals who know the land intricately.

John Seward tells about the geologists who fought over whether the Taconics—which span New York’s border with Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont and include Mounts Greylock and Everett—formed right there or rode in on cataclysms from elsewhere.

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