

# Plan a Stop in Stillwater on Your Next Champlain Canal Visit



Woodland Scenic Treasures has something for everyone, all year long. This photo, taken at Christmastime, shows their creativity and ability to “upcycle” (creatively re-use) old furniture and nick-nacks into amazing household décor!

Dominic Bucciero (right) and son Joe (behind the counter) join the author in savoring a fresh, hand tossed pizza during their Thursday night specials. This multi-generational family business is a great example of the kinds of entrepreneurs awaiting you on your next upstate New York visit!

It takes a little extra effort to get into downtown Stillwater from the Hudson River/Champlain Canal, and that means most boaters miss out. Here’s some advice on how to plan a stopover! The best access is from Lock C-4, where you can request a tie up from the Lockmaster. It’s a bit of a walk across the bridge to the western shore, where a small Stewart’s Shop is right across the street from the intersection. Turn left and walk down the street, and you are among several small shops and a nearby park with some green space and a reconstructed 18th Century military blockhouse. If you’re hungry, stop in and say hi to the four generations of the Bucciero Family at Bucciero’s Pizzeria (739 Hudson Ave, (518) 665-0500, [buccierospizzeria.wixsite.com/buccierospizzeria](http://buccierospizzeria.wixsite.com/buccierospizzeria)). Dominic Bucciero and son, Joe, provide service with a friendly smile. The food is authentic Italian fare, and they pride themselves on hand tossed pizza specials every Thursday night. “We know if you try our pizza once, you’ll be back!” says Dominic. “We love this community and are proud to have our business here.”





Right next door is a small gift, upcycled antiques and home furnishing shop called Woodland Treasures and Décor (741 Hudson Ave, (518) 396-8430). Owner Cindy D'Alberto is proud of the great selection of interesting items available at the store and online. They do great upcycling work, and the furniture pieces are quite impressive. The displays at the store are seasonally-oriented, so depending on what time of year you visit you will find something different and unique.

Nearby is the Stillwater Blockhouse, built in 1927 with timbers from Revolutionary War era structures. These were common in this part of the state during the 1700s. The Blockhouse stands in a small, scenic park, and is also a museum and visitors center. Benches and picnic tables are available in the park. Call the Town Clerk's office at (518) 664-6148 x 2 for more information.

There is a farmer's market each Tuesday from 3 to 6pm from June through October, on the site of the Stillwater Public Library (662 Hudson Ave). Led by a team of volunteers organized by Autumn Carpenter of Carpenter Landscaping and Farm, the market offers produce, meat, baked goods, crafts, books, dog treats and other items.

This village is worth a visit. And some people may wish to stay a lot longer! Under mayor Judy Wood-Shaw, the Stillwater Experience committee works to promote visitor activities and also business opportunities to those who might wish to invest. Land and building space in this beautiful, quaint village is plentiful and relatively low priced, taxes are quite reasonable and there is a talented employee base nearby.

For more information on the Village of Stillwater or other Canalside communities in New York's Capital Region, please visit [www.capitalregionchamber.com](http://www.capitalregionchamber.com) or stop by the Clifton Park Visitor Center on the I-87 Northway just north of Exit 9.

*left, above:* Two ladies named Judy: Village of Stillwater Deputy Mayor Judy Wood-Zeno emphatically gestures to make a point, while Mayor Judy Wood-Shaw (purple shirt) and the rest of the Stillwater Experience committee looks on. This small-but-vibrant village is working to reimagine itself as an attraction for locals and transients to enjoy, any time of the year.

*left:* Local reporter Lauren Halligan (left) interviews Autumn Carpenter, coordinator of the Stillwater Farmer's Market (Tuesdays, 3 - 6PM). Those fresh vegetables in the background look delicious!



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