

New member added to OCCA staff

Darla M. Youngs joined the Otsego County Conservation Association staff as Administrative Director in October of 2008, coming to the organization from Otsego 2000, where she was associate director.

“Darla brings much-needed talents to OCCA,” said executive director Erik Miller. “We are counting on her strong organizational skills to stream line office operations, and her experience in graphic design will enhance our newsletter and other informational pieces put out by OCCA.”

Youngs also brings bookkeeping, management, public relations and journalism experience to the table. From 2000 to 2006, she was general manager of Templeton Publishing Company, including its flagship publication “The Freeman’s Journal.”

“I’m looking forward to being a part of the OCCA team,” Youngs said. “This is a very dedicated and busy group, and I think I will fit in well here.”

In recent years, Youngs has directed the Cooperstown Farmers’ Market and has worked on the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce Area Guide. She serves on the Otsego Lake Festival Executive Committee, the Earth Festival Steering Committee and is secretary of the Otsego County Water Quality Coordinating Committee.