

## Cap Region Creatives in Quarantine: Hassan Eminyawi



This week, we feature the Owner of [Urban Aftermath Books](#), located in downtown Albany. Hassan Eminyawi has transitioned his store to function completely online in the midst of the quarantine.

He says, "I am reminded of one of the greatest rules of small business ownership: Innovate or Perish."

[Read more here!](#)

## Times Union: Creatives in Quarantine Gallery



[Cap Region Creatives in Quarantine Gallery](#) is a collection of photos and works developed by people across the Capital Region during the COVID crisis.

Amy Biancolli, Arts Writer & Columnist from [The Times Union](#) highlighted our online showcase of local artwork in a new article.

[Click here to read the Times Union article!](#)

## No Health Insurance? NYS Opens Up Enrollment Through May 15th



Have you lost your job, your health insurance, or some of your income due to COVID-19? **You can apply for no-, low- or reduced-price insurance through New York State of Health through May 15th.**

Apply at [NYStateofHealth.com](#), call NY State of Health Customer Service at 1-855-355-5777, or [click here](#) to get enrollment help.

## Cap Region Road Trip -- Lake George



ACE's Rachel Dunn took headed north to enjoy the fresh air and blue skies of Lake George in Warren County. From history to stunning landscapes to homemade wine and liquor, you'll see why Lake George is consistently voted one of the most beautiful lakes in the country.

Follow these [COVID-19 guidelines](#) for visiting parks and other recreation areas.

[Read more here!](#)

## Cap Region Cooks in Quarantine



ACE asked Amy Koren-Roth, founder of **Taste of Troy Food Tours**, for her favorite go-to meals, and she sent us some great recipes for vegetarian salads and pasta dishes that the ACE Test Kitchen *highly* recommends!

[Click here for recipes](#)

## APPLY for Unemployment and Business Relief

**The CARES Act** allows freelancers -- yes, freelancers! -- and all other affected workers to collect unemployment benefits, plus there's now a \$600/week supplement through July 31st. If you've experienced job loss or reduced income, start the application process as soon as you're able.

**he NYS DOL has updated the unemployment application so New Yorkers can apply for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance without having to apply for traditional unemployment insurance first and get denied. This means they will process claims more efficiently and get you benefits faster. [Click here for more information.](#)**

If you already applied for traditional UI but may be eligible for PUA, they will contact you. If you have previously filed for UI and filled out a standalone PUA application, they are processing your application and will be in touch if they need to speak with you for more information.

**Congress has approved a second round of funding for the Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) and small business emergency funding. [Find more information here.](#)** You can also check the status of your [EIDL application here](#). We've (finally) heard of friends getting EIDL payments last week -- all seemed to receive \$1,000, regardless of how much they applied for.





## Cap Region News and Inspiration!



From the Daily Gazette  
**Scotia Woman's Social  
Media Response to  
Pandemic Goes Global**



From the Times Union  
**Cap Region Performing  
Arts Organizations  
Navigate Stimulus  
Programs**



From the Times Union  
**Guide to Virtual Arts,  
Music, & Cultural  
Events Across the  
Capital Region**



From WMHT  
**WMHT "Art in  
Residence" Series: Artist  
Tom Myott**

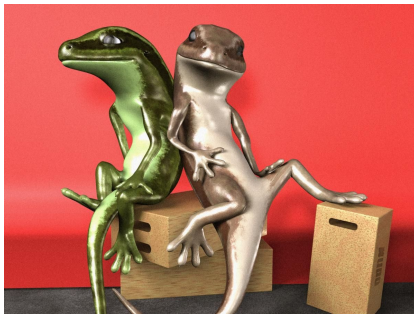


From the Daily Gazette  
**Schenectady Urban  
Farm Expanding its  
Reach Due to COVID-19  
Crisis**

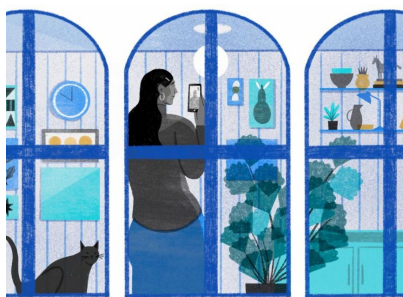


From the Times Union  
**Give Your Zoom Call  
Backgrounds Some Cap  
Region Flair**

## National Stories and Quick Clicks



From The New York Times  
**Instagram's "Two  
Lizards" Videos Capture  
the Heart and Heartbreak  
of the Crisis**



From The Washington Post  
**Six Stories of Women  
Living Alone During  
Quarantine**



From Life Hacker  
**No Garden or Green  
Thumb? Grow  
Vegetables from Kitchen  
Scraps**

## Job and Volunteer Leads



**Center for Economic Growth (CEG)** has job listings for a wide range of Capital Region companies. **[Click here for more information.](#)**



**Fusco Personnel Inc.** has leads on positions in the Capital Region. You can reach them at 1-800-34-FUSCO or **[jobs@fusco personnel.net](mailto:jobs@fusco personnel.net)**.



United Way of  
the Capital Region

**United Way of the Greater Capital Region** has in-person and virtual opportunities to volunteer with local agencies in need of support. **[Please sign up via this link.](#)**



**DeCrescente** has open job positions. **[Please visit their site to apply.](#)**



**NYS Department of Labor Job Board** has job openings in Albany. **[Click here for more.](#)**



**Spectrum** is currently hiring over 200 Customer Service Representative Positions in their Rotterdam office. **[Click here to apply.](#)**



**Blue Shield of NENY** is now hiring seasonal Medicare Sales Consultants. **[Click here to apply.](#)**



**DAIM Logistics Inc.** has career openings for Professional Class A Truck Drivers and all levels of office personnel in the Capital Region. **[Click here to learn more and apply.](#)**



**CDTA** is currently hiring for multiple positions. **[Click here to learn more and apply.](#)**

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