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Working Since 1972 to Save the Environment of Moorestown

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
— Margaret Mead

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7:30 p.m.

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Moorestown Friends Meetinghouse
Main Street, Moorestown
7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 14

NAC Conservation Project
Wigmore Acres
Westfield Road
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 18

STEM Steering Committee Mtg.
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25

NAC Conservation Project
Waterworks Woods
Kings Highway @ Waterworks
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 12

NAC Conservation Project
Pompeston Park Upstream
of New Albany Road
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 16

STEM Steering Committee Mtg.
7:30 p.m.

STEM'S 40TH ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 AT 7:00 P.M.

FREE
ADMISSION

IN THE MOORESTOWN FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, MFS

118 EAST MAIN STREET, MOORESTOWN

VIRTUAL TOUR OF MOORESTOWN'S OPEN SPACES & Election of Steering Committee Slate

This is a special year for STEM as it celebrates its 40th year as an environmental organization in Moorestown. Immediately following the Annual Meeting report and election of STEM's Steering Committee slate of candidates for treasurer, secretary, and directors (see page 2 for complete slate details), the meeting will feature a "Virtual Tour of Moorestown's Open Spaces." The video highlights a number of local sites and includes an informative background on each.

In the four decades from 1972 to 2012, STEM has been at the forefront of land preservation efforts and was the main participant in Moorestown's Environmental Resource Inventory in the 1970's. Since that time 13 Moorestown sites have been preserved, and through the ongoing efforts of Natural Area Care volunteers, many of the open spaces feature maintained trails for all to use. Become familiar with their locations and points of interest by attending this event.

Light refreshments will be served. For more details contact Kathy Huffman at 856-778-2201 or kajer3@comcast.net.

A sampling of the banners created to commemorate Open Space site preservation are on display in the Moorestown Library.



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We need you! Do you have a little extra time that you can devote to making our town better? If you do, become a STEM volunteer! We have many areas where you can make a difference and contribute a lasting, natural legacy. One position, for example, is in Natural Area Care. For many years Kay Smith has led in the monthly care of preserved open spaces in town. She has done a wonderful job! And now she is stepping down. If you have an interest in leading NAC or participating in our 40th Annual Celebration, contact me at 609-235-6348 or betsybj@sao.com. We really need your help!
—Betsy Schnorr

Vote at the Annual Meeting

STEM STEERING COMMITTEE 2012-2013 PROPOSED SLATE

Treasurer: Chet Dawson 2-year term
Secretary: Susan Buffalino 2-year term
Directors: 1-year terms



Claire Rollin Adair
Nanci Clem
Margo Foster
Jean Fox
Elizabeth Endres Hines
Mark Pensiero
Walt Trommelen

2012-13 Nominating Committee:
Nanci Clem (Steering Committee Member)
Claire Rollin Adair (Steering Committee Member)
Barb Rich (Non-Steering Committee Member)

*Submitted by 2011-12 Nominating Committee:
Nanci Clem, Kathy Huffman, and Barb Rich*

Sustainable Moorestown

We are off to a great start with the Sustainable Moorestown program, a New Jersey "green" certification process for municipalities. The March 8th Open House was the official kick off event. Our first formal action is to seek Matching Grant funding from ANJEC to update the Township's Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI). Our current one goes back to 1989 and much has happened since then. The Delaware Valley River Planning Commission (DVRPC) will be working with STEM, The Sustainable Moorestown Green Team, and the Moorestown Environmental Advisory Committee to draft a new ERI. If you remember, the DVRPC helped us with the Conservation Design Element Ordinance. Soon after the March 8 Open House, a Green Team will be selected to lead Sustainable Moorestown.

The Green Team will consist of three advisors and ten regular committee members. The three advisors will be Jake Der-Hagopian, Chair of the Economic Development Advisory Committee; Chet Dawson, Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee; and Tom Ford, Director, Department of Community Development. The ten regular members will be a diverse group of Township leaders representing the diversity of the 16 elements of Sustainable Jersey. We are seeking nominations for the Green Team from community organizations such as STEM. Nominations should be sent to Tom Ford at tford@moorestown.nj.us or Chet Dawson at cwd9@cornell.edu.

—Chet Dawson

*Save The Environment of Moorestown, P.O. Box 704,
Moorestown, NJ 08057. Visit us online at
www.stemonline.org. Our newsletter looks great in color!*

Remembering a Founding Member

Elizabeth Eugenia Robertson Smith (Betsy)

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of STEM Founding Member Betsy Smith. She will be sorely missed. Her charming smile and gentle manner have joined her willing hands in support of innumerable STEM as well as Moorestown Community and church events throughout the years. Our deepest condolences to her husband Steve and family. Her obituary appears below.

Elizabeth R. Smith died suddenly on February 28 as a result of an automobile accident. Born April 17, 1930, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, she was the daughter of Dr. Robert C. and Frankie C. Robertson. She attended the Bright School and Girls Preparatory School in Chattanooga, and graduated from Swarthmore College in 1951 with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Psychology. She then attended the Pennsylvania School of Occupational Therapy of the University of Pennsylvania, receiving her certificate in Occupational Therapy in 1953. She went on to work in her chosen field, employed by the former Holy Ghost Hospital, now Youville Hospital in Cambridge, Massachusetts. After moving to Moorestown in 1955, she was employed by Moss Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia and later Camden County General Hospital in Blackwood, New Jersey.

Married in 1953 to Stephen T. Smith of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, in Chattanooga, she retired in 1958 from Occupational Therapy to raise her family, become a full time homemaker and active community member. Betsy was a founding member of Save the Environment in Moorestown (STEM) and was recognized for over 50 years service to The League of Women Voters. Her community involvement included active membership in the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, where she served on the Music Committee, played in the Hand Bell Choir, and served as a Deacon.

She loved to travel with family and friends, enjoyed horseback riding and attending theater and Philadelphia Orchestra concerts.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Steve, sons Robert (Kathryn) of Marlton, Brian (Debra) of Tolland, Connecticut, and Stephen, Jr. (Suzanne) of Tabernacle, and seven grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Louise Hodgson, of North Hills, Pennsylvania, several cousins, nieces and nephews, and her beloved horse, Motorman.

A viewing was held on Monday, March 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, 101 Bridgeboro Road in Moorestown. Services were held on Tuesday March 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the church. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Save the Environment in Moorestown (STEM), P.O. Box 704, Moorestown, NJ 08057. A photo of Betsy and her husband Steve appears below.



Hawks Sighted

One minute your backyard is full of actively feeding birds—Dark-eyed Juncos “scratching” around in the leaf litter looking for seeds and other morsels, a Red-bellied Woodpecker happily tearing apart a suet cake, a White-breasted Nuthatch queued up on a nearby tree waiting his turn, and a group of Mourning Doves feeding on seeds that you had recently scattered on the ground. Into this idyllic scene, there is the flash of a grey bird as it swoops through your yard. The birds that had, only seconds before, appeared without a care in the world, are now taking actions that may determine their fate. Some scatter, zig-zagging their way into the nearest cover, others seem to freeze in place, trying to make themselves invisible to the quickly moving intruder.

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The interloper was most likely either a Sharp-shinned or a Cooper’s Hawk. Both are in the Accipiter genus, and songbirds form a large portion of their diets. They look almost identical—just scaled differently. As a result, they can be very hard to tell apart. As is typical in raptors, the females are significantly larger than the males. The male Sharp-shinned is the smallest of the genus, with the female Sharp-shinned running about the same size as a male Cooper’s Hawk. The female Cooper’s is close in size to the male Northern Goshawk.

The Goshawk is the largest accipiter in North America and is only an occasional visitor to our region. If one of them shows up in your yard, please make sure to give me a call. These birds are very well-adapted for hunting and catching birds. Compared to the Red-tailed Hawk, the large hawk that we often see perched in local trees or soaring overhead, the Accipiters have narrower wings and longer tails. These long tails give them phenomenal maneuverability, the kind of maneuverability that you need if you are going to pursue and catch other birds. I have seen Sharp-shinneds chase other birds full speed into what ap-

Courtesy of *A Field Guide to the Birds* by Roger Tory Peterson
A Visual Comparison of the Accipiter Species



pears to be an impassable thicket, and fly through thick forest at break-neck speed.

Most times the hawks fail to catch their prey. The balance of nature would have it no other way. A pile of feathers is usually the only sign that a hawk was successful in his pursuit. I understand that there is no chance that hawks are switching to vegan diets anytime soon, but I still feel a tad of sadness whenever I see the remains of a successful hunt—particularly

when it is a “good” bird, i.e a Northern Flicker or a mockingbird. I rationalize that even though my backyard is prime hunting ground, I am fairly certain that the food I provide increases the survival rate of the wintering birds more than enough to offset the birds that are lost to predators. If you want to increase the odds of the hunted, make sure that your feeders are located in locations that provide quick access to cover. At least some of your feathered friends will thank you.

—Mark Pensiero

NATURAL AREA CARE

— Caring for the Environment



See new start times for
Spring 2012 NAC Projects

UPCOMING CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Volunteers are needed for all events—families & groups are always welcome!
Second Saturday and Weekday Events

Look for the New Start Time for Spring NAC Projects!

The season's first work party on Saturday, March 10 initiated a new start-time for the NAC Conservation Projects. Except for summer sessions during June, July, and August when the weather could be uncomfortably hot, the sessions will start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. Hopefully, a few extra winks will make it easier for wider participation in trail maintenance, clean-ups, and general open space stewardship activities. General questions regarding STEM's NAC should be directed to Kay Smith at kksmith4@verizon.net or 856-235-2986.

Saturday, April 14, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. @ Wigmore Acres

WIGMORE ACRES is located on Westfield Road opposite the Moorestown High School ballfield. After devoting all of our energy last year on the creation of the Butterfly Garden, the rest of the 12.5-acre site is in great need of our stewardship. We will be working on trail creation and maintenance as well as the constant problem of trash accumulation. Butterfly Garden maintenance will be scheduled separately further into the growing season. Parking is available on site. For more information contact site leaders Jean Fox (wjf3@verizon.net) or Kathy Huffman (kajer3@comcast.net).

Wednesday, April 25, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. @ Waterworks Woods

WATERWORKS WOODS is the 20-acre woodland on the west side of Straw-bridge Lake between Kings Highway and Nixon Drive. Volunteers will be refurbishing the trail system, collecting trash, and removing invasive plants to keep this well-used open space in good shape. To park, participants should drive onto the Waterworks site at the location of the STEM signs. Site Leader Walt Trommelen (littera@comcast.net) should be contacted for more information.

Saturday, May 12, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. @ Pompeston Park Upstream

POMPESTON PARK UPSTREAM OF NEW ALBANY ROAD is the portion of the 83-acre stream corridor park that runs from Baker School to New Albany Road.

Wigmore Acres' Swede Run is home to salamanders and other amphibians whose presence is considered to be an indicator of water quality.



The morning activity will be to remove the oriental wisteria that escaped many years ago from private gardens into these woods. We will also be gathering trash from the creek, and along the trail and roadway. Parking is on Iron Post Road at New Albany Road (volunteers walk along New Albany Road to the STEM signs). Please contact site leaders David Bicking (dbickin@yahoo.com) or Kay Smith (kksmith4@verizon.net) for more information.

—Kay Smith

2012 NAC Calendar

Volunteers are always
welcome and appreciated

Saturday, March 10

9:30-11:30 am

Strawbridge Lake Buffer
Route 38

Saturday, April 14

9:30-11:30 am

Wigmore Acres
Westfield Road

Wednesday, April 25

9:30-11:30 am

Waterworks Woods
Kings Highway@Waterworks

Saturday, May 12

9:30-11:30 am

Pompeston Park Upstream
of New Albany Road

Tuesday, May 22

9:30-11:30 am

Little Woods on the Rancocas
Creek Road@Laurel Creek Blvd.

Saturday, June 9

8:30-10:30 am

Esther Yanai Preserve
Garwood Road@Swede Run

Saturday, July 14

8:30-10:30 am

Pompeston Park Downstream
of New Albany Road

Saturday, August 11

8:30-10:30 am

Little Woods & Susan
Stevens Halbe Preserve
Creek Road@Laurel Creek Blvd.

Saturday, September 8

9:30-11:30 am

Waterworks Woods
Kings Highway@Waterworks

Tuesday, September 18

9:30-11:30 am

South Valley Woods
Behind South Valley School

Saturday, October 6

9:30-11:30 am

Pompeston Park Downstream
of Fernwood Drive

Saturday, November 10

9:30-11:30 am

Pompeston Park Upstream
of New Albany Road

Pompeston Woods Easement Remains in its Natural State...

On Saturday, November 19, 2011, our stalwart Pompeston Easement crew ventured into the Easement on our annual Monitoring Mission. This year we found that on the industrial park side some litter had blown into the easement and that some trash, old chairs and a mattress had been placed there. On the residential side, some beer bottles and plastic bottles were identified, and worse, deposits of grass, leaves, brush, and wood cuttings were found in a few locations. We will report these violations of the agreement to the industrial park owners and residents and follow up with them to assure the problems are rectified.

We need to emphasize that dumping in the easement is detrimental to the natural area. Piles of landscaping re-

fuse will smother the natural plants on the forest floor, and chemicals and/or pesticides from the lawn clippings can infect the easement and groundwater. Any invasive weeds among the grass, leaves, or brush will quickly and easily take over the easement. We are happy to report that the interior of the Easement remains in an ecologically sound natural state.

As we enjoyed the walk in the woods, recognizing both the growth of smaller trees over the years and the fall of old monarchs, we are reminded that having this natural buffer between the industrial park and the North Riding residential neighborhood is an incredible blessing to our township. An undeveloped natural area such as this adds value to our properties, filters water, cleans the air, and provides scenic beauty.

—Claire Rollin Adair



At left: Steve Fink and Tom Finley at work during a late fall 2011 Pompeston Easement monitoring. Photo by Claire Rollin Adair



Photo above, energetic young scouts assist with a clean-up in Pompeston Park.

STEM Natural Area Care on March 10—Thank You

STEM's kick-off of the 2012 Natural Area Care season was a successful event with nine volunteers helping out at Strawbridge Lake Buffer. The new start time, 9:30 a.m. worked well and will be continued into May.

Working along the Route 38 side of Strawbridge Lake Park between Pleasant Valley Avenue and the Pumping Station before Nixon Drive, the group tackled the invasive honeysuckle and bittersweet vines on trees and shrubs, and collected litter with our handy-dandy grabbers. They also planted a few Red Cedar and American Holly seedlings in an effort to fill in some of the area ravaged by beavers.

The camaraderie of helping to maintain one of Moorestown's most visible open space areas always makes the morning enjoyable and productive. Don't lament if you were unable to volunteer in March, there will be NAC projects happening every month. See the NAC schedule on page 4 for more details and contact information.

—Kay Smith

New Chairperson Needed for the Natural Area Care Committee

Kay Smith, a STEM founding member and long-time chairperson for the Natural Area Care Committee (NAC) has announced that she will step down as its chairperson at the end of the year. As the stewardship arm of Moorestown's first environmental organization, NAC has taken on the challenge of routinely maintaining nine Township open space sites—saving the Township taxpayer dollars—and it organizes varied conservation projects in these preserves. If you are interested in chairing this committee please contact Kay or one of the other site leaders. Contact information appears in the NAC article on page four.

What Does NAC Do? See if your skills match an area of need and volunteer.

- planning and leading each work project
- monitoring of open spaces
- equipment and supply acquisition
- storage of equipment and supplies
- record-keeping
- photography
- coordination with the Township (sign permits, trash, notifications)
- connecting with groups and individuals seeking community service projects
- public relations and community outreach for NAC events
- IDing potential projects

STEM Membership: From DOES to DUES

Changing just one letter DOES make a difference! STEM's fiscal year begins April 1; we hope that DOES inspire you to ante up your DUES to help support STEM's work and mission to Save the Environment of Moorestown today and for future generations. An addressed envelope has been included as a reminder and for your convenience. Your dues and/or contributions help to support our organization in these days of pressure on our environment. Spread the word about STEM among your friends, neighbors, and newcomers, and encourage them to participate with you.

Your work with STEM DOES make a difference (along with your DUES)! STEM's website, www.stemonline.org, is full of information, including Moorestown's Open Spaces.

—Margo Foster

Annual Joint Meeting Report

STEM held the Annual Joint Meeting with the Moorestown Improvement Association (MIA), and the Pompeston Creek Watershed Association (PCWA) on Thursday, January 26th at the Moorestown Community House. A delighted crowd of about 70 was in attendance to hear Dr. Emile D. DeVito, Manager of Science and Stewardship at the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, speak about the Pinelands.

Dr. DeVito has a way of engaging the audience through the use of photographs and stories to make one keenly aware of the perils faced by the beloved New Jersey Pine Barrens, AKA "Pinelands." Dr. DeVito was especially animated while describing how the suppression of wildfires and the use of only very low-temperature, cold-season controlled fires, will over time change the composition of Pine Barrens forests (and not for the better). This is occurring today and several species are in danger of becoming extinct—at least in part from the lack of hot fires. Allowing fires to burn is of concern due to the safety of humans and property, however these hot fires are critical to the ecology of the Pinelands.

After Dr. DeVito's presentation, the crowd continued to engage in lively conversation while partaking of an array of nibbles, treats, and beverages. Though it was raining outside the mood in the community house this evening was "sunny and warm."
—Elizabeth Endres

Celebrate the 42nd Earth Day in 2012

- **Learn about rain barrels**

They're easy to make or available to buy, but either way you'll conserve water by recycling the rain.

- **Plant a native tree or shrub in your yard**

The wildlife, local and migrating, will thank you for the extra food supply that native plants produce.

- **Walk to town; support local local businesses**

You moved to Moorestown for its school system and great downtown—so support them with your dollars.

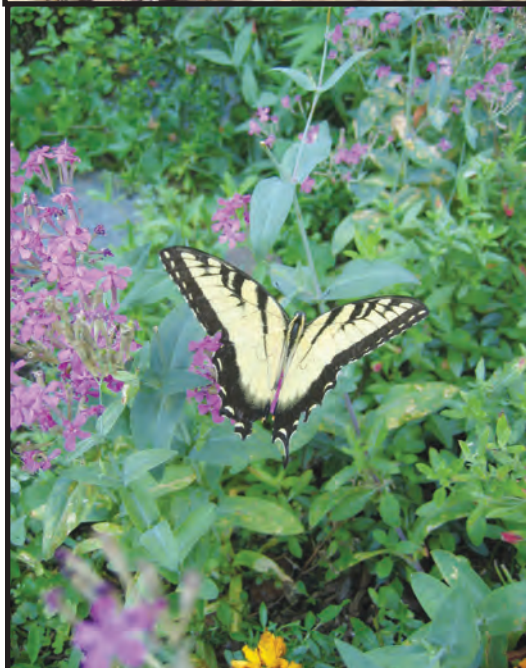
- **Take your child or grandchild to a preserved site**

Share the beauty of the outdoors, get some exercise, and do something that doesn't involve a screen or a sports ball.

- **Tell a neighbor about STEM's mission**

Participating in activities and NAC events is a great way to learn about your community and issues of the day.

Photos on left, top: 2010 Photo Contest 3rd Place Adult Division Winner, "Supertime" by Sam Carswell. Bottom: courtesy of STEM archives.



Don't be Camera Shy—Enter STEM's 13th Annual Nature in Moorestown Photo Contest

The rules are easy:

The photos must be taken in Moorestown (after June 2011), and the subjects should be predominantly natural as opposed to man-made. Submit small color panoramas or prints up to 5" X 7." Digital editing and adjustment are acceptable, but please no photo montages. Mail entries to STEM, P.O. Box 704, Moorestown, NJ 08057 by June 1, 2012 or bring them to the STEM Annual Picnic (date TBD). A maximum of 4 entries per person will be accepted. Awards will be given in adult (over 16 years) and children's categories.

Entries must have the following information written on the back of the photo for them to be judged:

1) Title of picture; 2) Name and address of photographer; 3) Location of photo; 4) Month and year of photo; 5) Arrow pointing to the top of the picture; 6) Adult or child category.

All prints submitted will become the property of STEM for non-commercial use in educational and promotional materials. For more information, please call Bill Creekmore at 856-461-8717.



Annual STEM Membership Form

Return to:

P.O. Box 704, Moorestown, NJ 08057

Is your membership up-to-date?

(An expiration date appears on the mailing label.)

(Please print)

Name _____ Check HERE for electronic Newsletter

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Memberships: New Renewal

Individual (\$15) \$ _____

Family (\$25) \$ _____

Student (\$10) \$ _____

Donations:

Open Space Fund \$ _____

Ongoing activities \$ _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Dues and donations are tax-deductible

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (please circle your areas of interest)

Communications

- Flyers, brochures, & postcards
- Newsletter
- Public relations

Advocacy

- Attend town meetings
- Letter writing
- Phone calls

Education

- Community education
- Educational materials
- School-based programs

Events

- Children's activities
- Donating plants for Plant Sale
- Plant Sale staffing
- Open Space Festival
- Refreshments

Outdoor Activities

- Conservation projects
- Lead nature walks
- Litter Patrol
- Natural Area Care
- Open space monitoring

Administrative

- Clerical
- Computer related
- Fundraising
- Legal issues

Visual and Creative Arts

- Arts and crafts
- Fine Arts
- Graphic design
- Photography

Other

STEM is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. Information filed with the Attorney General concerning this charitable solicitation may be obtained from the Attorney General of New Jersey by calling (201) 504-6215. Registration with the Attorney General does not imply endorsement.

Spring Municipal Parking Lot Cleanup Wednesday, April 25, 2012, 9-11 a.m.

Volunteers needed! Each spring, members of the Moorestown Garden Club spend several hours tending to the garden plots at the Municipal Parking Lot (behind Peter Pan). STEM's Litter Patrol likes to join in, picking up trash and helping with the garden chores as needed. Bring a friend, put on your gloves, and enjoy the camaraderie of other outdoorsy folks. Meet at 9 a.m. (Rain date: Thursday, April 26) Questions? Call Margo at 856-235-5862

Save the Date! STEM Plant Sale on Moorestown Day, Saturday, June 2, 2012

In addition to planting, spring garden maintenance includes thinning out dense vegetation to allow for healthy growth. No need to toss all that green—donate it to the STEM Plant Sale. This event is STEM's only fundraiser of the year, so please support our efforts. Along with an interesting variety of donated species, look for harty, wildlife-friendly, locally adapted natives, and aromatic herbs.

To donate plants for the sale, you can bring them on the day of the sale to the STEM booth on Main Street by the Baptist Church or you can contact Nanci Clem at 856-866-0065 or nanci2424@yahoo.com to arrange for pick up by a STEM volunteer prior to the event.

No, It's Not the Moorestown Municipal Parking Lot

Courtesy of Google.com.



It's All Relative...

After seeing this photo (above) of a trash and garbage-filled canal in Pakistan, I feel more hopeful about the litter situation in Moorestown! Here, there's only about one plastic shopping bagful per mile. Thanks to all who help to keep Moorestown nearly litter-free.

—Margo Foster

THANK YOU to the many STEM volunteers who contributed to this newsletter, and assisted in its publication by proofreading, mailing the newsletter, and offering numerous suggestions that improved its quality.

40th ANNIVERSARY
1972-2012



SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT
OF MOORESTOWN

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Moorestown, NJ 08057
www.stemonline.org

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.
2012 STEM ANNUAL MEETING
A Virtual tour of Moorestown's Open Spaces
Election of the Steering Committee Slate
Moorestown Meeting House, Moorestown Friends School
Admission: FREE

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

AREA EVENTS OF INTEREST

- Wednesday, March 21, 2012-** Nature Toddlers, 10-11am & 1:30-2:30pm, NJA Rancocas Nature Center, 794 Rancocas Rd., Westampton, 609-261-2495,
- Saturday, March 24, 2012-** 23rd Annual Pinelands Short Course, 9 am-3pm, Burlington County College, 601 Pemberton Brown Mills Rd., Pemberton, call 609-893-1765 for details
- Saturday, March 31, 2012-** County Ewaste Recycling & Document Shredding, 9am-1pm, for details visit: www.co.burlington.nj.us
- Wednesday, April 4, 2012-** Nature Toddlers, 10-11am & 1:30-2:30pm, NJA Rancocas Nature Center, 794 Rancocas Rd., Westampton, 609-261-2495,
- Saturday, April 7, 2012-** Spring Birding at Forsythe NWR, 8am-2pm Rancocas Nature Center, 794 Rancocas Rd., Westampton, 609-261-2495,
- Saturday, April 14, 2012-** Spring Wildflower Walk, 10am-12pm, Smithville Park, Call 609-265-5858 to register.
- Sunday, April 22, 2012-** Earth Day BurlCo Parks, 10am-3pm, Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area, Creek Rd., Moorestown.
- Sunday, April 22, 2012-** PCWA 3rd Annual Walk the Walk, Call for info at 609-760-3223.
- Monday, April 23, 2012-** Spring Flowers in the Pines Walk, 1-3pm, Whitesbog Preservation Trust, call 609-893-1765 to register.

STEM Steering Committee Members for 2011-2012

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Walt Trommelen, Director; 856-234-4721 & littera@comcast.net

STEM's Steering Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month (with a break in December), and it's there that decisions are made about STEM's activities for the year, STEM involvement at public events, directions on environmental advocacy, financial commitments, legal obligations—in short, most aspects of the organization.

Steering Committee members are nominated in late winter and early spring, and their acceptance is voted on at our Annual Meeting in the spring. STEM members are welcome to attend a Steering meeting (though, per our by-laws, not permitted to vote on motions), and any STEM member who is interested in serving on the Steering Committee is encouraged to speak with someone on our Nominating Committee. New views keep the organization dynamic! For information about STEM and its programs, contact Nanci Clem at 856-866-0065.

Join us on the third Wednesday of the month—you'll be surprised how much you'll learn not just about STEM, but about Moorestown in general.

See the calendar on the front page or contact one of our Nominating Committee members:
Nanci Clem at 856-866-0065 & nanci2424@yahoo.com
Claire Rollin Adair at 856-727-3830 & cerollin@gmail.com
Barb Rich at 856-234-2787 & barbrich37ec@gmail.com