



NEWSLETTER

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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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Calendar of Upcoming STEM Events

Wednesday, March 20
STEM Steering Committee Mtg.
7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 23
Annual Meeting
Moorestown Library & Little Woods
12:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 13
NAC Conservation Project
Pompeston Park Upstream
of New Albany Road
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 17
STEM Steering Committee Mtg.
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24
NAC Conservation Project
Waterworks Woods
Kings Highway@Waterworks
1:30-3:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, May 15
STEM Steering Committee Mtg.
7:00 p.m.

STEM'S ANNUAL MEETING—Saturday, March 23, 2013 **Library Presentation and** **Election of Steering Directors and Officers**

at 201 West Second Street, Main Library Meeting Room at 12 noon
and

Interpretive Nature Hike at Little Woods on the Rancocas **& the Susan Stevens Halbe Preserve at 2 p.m.**

Meet On-site at the Halbe Preserve's Trailhead on Creek Road at 2pm

ADMISSION IS FREE

STEM's Annual Meeting for 2013 will be a two-parter. At noon, a short public presentation of Moorestown's Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) followed by STEM President Kathy Huffman's synopsis of the past year and introduction of the Steering Committee slate for 2013-14 will be in the Moorestown Library's first floor meeting room. Then at 2 p.m., attendees will carpool or drive individually to the Susan Stevens Halbe Preserve on Creek Road for a guided hike through that open space and the adjoining site north of Creek Road, Little Woods.



Above, late winter view of the Rancocas Creek from Little Woods loop trail. Photo by Susan Buffalino.

The afternoon will be a great way to jumpstart the spring season. Bring binoculars and cameras to capture highlights of the walk. With STEM's "Nature in Moorestown" Photo Contest just around the corner, this may be your opportunity to take an award-winning image.

Light refreshments will be served after the library portion of the program. For more details contact Kathy Huffman at 856-778-2201 or kajer3@comcast.net.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

There is a lot happening on the environmental front right now. STEM is very active as always. We held a Joint Meeting with MIA, PCWA, and the Moorestown Garden Club in January and the speaker was Maya K. van Rossum of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network. She discussed various aspects of their mission and the impact that area fracking and the proposed pipeline will have on our state.

Some of us are getting ready to attend the National Land Trust Rally hosted by NJ Conservation Foundation. This will be the first year I will attend, and I am looking forward to it. To think that when I moved to Moorestown in 1998 I was unaware of any of these groups. STEM has opened my eyes in many ways. We will be holding our Annual Meeting on March 23. You will learn a few things about our wonderful town environment, and we promise to keep it brief, as we all hate long meetings! Hope to see you there.
—Kathy Huffman

Vote at the Annual Meeting
Saturday, March 23, 2013

STEM STEERING COMMITTEE
2013-2014 PROPOSED SLATE

President: Kathy Huffman 2-year term
Vice-president: Mark Pensiero 2-year term

Directors: 1-year terms

Claire Rollin Adair

Elizabeth Endres Hines

Margo Foster

Jean Fox

Joe Ponessa

Betsy Schnorr

Paolo Trinchieri

Kayla Rini (MHSEC Representative)

2013-14 Nominating Committee:

Elizabeth Endres Hines (Steering Committee Member)

Claire Rollin Adair (Steering Committee Member)

Barb Rich (Non-Steering Committee Member)

*Submitted by 2012-13 Nominating Committee:
Claire Rollin Adair, Nanci Clem, and Barb Rich*

**Moorestown's Environmental
Resource Inventory (ERI) Explained**

Periodically, townships are called upon to assess and inventory the biotic and abiotic components of the area within their boundaries. Over the years, STEM has worked with Moorestown to help with compiling this critical information. This process is currently underway and a draft document is ready to share with the public.

The purpose of an Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) is to identify and describe the natural resources of a community. A community's natural resources—its soil, water, air, forests, fields, and waterways—are fundamental to its character. The protection and wise use of those resources is essential to the public health, safety, and welfare of current and future residents.

The ERI provides the basis for the development of methods and steps to preserve, conserve, and utilize those resources, although it does not include specific recommendations to those ends. It is, instead, a compendium of all the existing information that can be found about a township's natural resources, presented in a form that is useful to a broad audience.

The public is encouraged to learn more about the ERI at a public meeting to be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at the Moorestown Library beginning at 12:00 p.m. A short presentation will be given by Amy Miller of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), followed by time for questions and feedback from the public.

For more details contact Kathy Huffman at 856-778-2201 or kajer3@comcast.net.
—Amy Miller



MHS ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

We had a successful winter with our Candy Cane Sale and Terra Cycle program as well as other bake sales. The Environmental Club is looking forward to springtime! We have plans for fundraiser activities and educational events for the great outdoors as soon as it gets warmer outside! Coming up soon, we are having a bake sale with the money raised going to the Rancocas Nature Center, in an effort to help save the center. With spring just around the corner, we are excited to head outside and hear and see all the wonders of nature that come alive again in the spring!

Any comments, questions or ideas, feel free to contact the Moorestown High School Environmental Club at: environmentalclub.mhs.08057@gmail.com.

For information about the effort to save Rancocas Nature Center from closing, visit the Friends of Rancocas Nature Center website at www.saverancocasnaturecenter.com.

—Kayla Rini, MHS Environmental Club Project Coordinator



Photos above and on left show examples of STEM's contributions to the environment of Moorestown. Above, Walt Trommelen, clears a trail at the Susan Stevens Halbe Preserve. Walt, who served as STEM president in 2006-7, recently retired from his position as a steering committee director. He will remain site leader for Waterworks Woods during 2013. *Photo above taken by Kay Smith, and on left, by Sam Carswell.*

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!

Historic Renovation Moves Toward Completion With the Help of a STEM Donation

In December, 2012 STEM donated \$3,000 toward the renovation of the historic, picturesque barn at Swede Run Fields on Westfield Road. The building, saved from demolition by the fundraising efforts of project coordinator Julie Maravich and the Historical Society of Moorestown, still needs \$7,000 to finish up details of the job. With warmer weather on the horizon this spring, watch for the installation of new doors. A pre-renovation photo of the barn appears below, courtesy of STEM archives. Contact Julie at mongeys@aol.com if you'd like to help.

—Margo Foster



Photo above of a Marsh Wren, courtesy of National Audubon Society Field Guide to N. American Birds, Bull & Farrand, Jr.

Is Celebrating Earth Day For the Birds?

Find out on Saturday, April 20.

Please join Mark Pensiero, a local birder and STEM director, who will lead a birding walk at the Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area on Creek Road. This beautiful county park was designed to be both wildlife and people-friendly. It has beautiful trails that run through an old peach orchard, as well as numerous viewing platforms and blinds that look out over tidal marshland and the Rancocas Creek.

In the spring, marsh marigold blooms along the marsh edges. This site can be very good for spring bird migration with several species of warblers, vireos, flycatchers, Baltimore and Orchard Orioles, and Yellow-billed Cuckoo possible. The marsh can be great for resident Swamp Sparrows and Marsh Wrens. Keep your eyes open for Bald Eagles. While the focus is on birds, we'll keep our eyes open for beaver, muskrat, and the occasional River Otter.

We'll meet at the pavilion at 8:00 a.m. and will finish up by 11:00 a.m.. Please bring binoculars. You may also want to pack a lunch—it's a great spot for a picnic. Only a hard rain will cancel the event.

—Mark Pensiero



Photo above of the historic structure/barn in Swede Run Fields prior to its recent renovations taken by Susan Buffalino.

STEM Thanks Walt Trommelen and Nanci Clem For Their Many Years of Service

With the 2013-14 year, STEM's Steering Committee Directors Nanci Clem and Walt Trommelen will be resigning from their positions. Both have contributed much of their time and energy to the organization, and their expertise will be missed.

Walt served as STEM President in 2006-07, as a director, and has coordinated the Natural Area Care (NAC) activities at Waterworks Woods as site leader for more than a decade. Waterworks Woods is the companion site to the Strawbridge Lake lawn area used each year for the fall SSO event and Walt oversees two conservation projects annually to ensure the site is ready to receive visitors. Walt has also contributed in many ways that are essential to the

organization's operation including handling equipment, signage, and an involvement in all STEM activities and events.

As a STEM director for many years, Nanci provided input at many steering meetings, co-chaired the annual Plant Sale on Moorestown Day, and each year recruited officers and directors for STEM's Steering Committee as a member of the Nominating Committee. Along with her husband Durwood, she manned the STEM food table at SSO and contributed to the success of that event.

NATURAL AREA CARE —Caring for the Environment



*Looking forward to
seeing you at one of the
NAC Projects*

NAC: It Takes a Village

Kay Smith, a STEM founding member and long-time chairperson for the Natural Area Care (NAC) Committee, announced last year that she was stepping down from that role. It is taking about five people to fill her leadership shoes! They are thankful that Kay has provided a detailed list of the many facets of the job that she did—seemingly effortlessly—for those who follow.

NAC, the stewardship arm of Moorestown's first environmental organization, has long accepted the challenge of routinely maintaining nine Township Open Space sites (and saving taxpayer dollars) with the work that STEM and other volunteers accomplish. Please contact NAC Chairperson Jean Fox 856-642-7864 or wjf3@verizon.net for details if you are willing and able to spend a few enjoyable hours working outdoors with other like-minded folks who want to help out in our community—as Kay did for so many years.

—Margo Foster

Natural Area Care Activities Planned For 2013!

Moorestonians are lucky to live in a town that has had the foresight to value open space for decades. With the help of STEM and the Environmental Commission, acres of sensitive land have been preserved over the years for all to enjoy.

Preservation is only the first step, and continued maintenance of these properties is crucial if they are to be utilized throughout the year by hikers and visitors. Since its inception, STEM's NAC committee has taken responsibility for this task which includes maintenance of trails, addressing water quality issues, controlling invasives, collecting litter, and other site-specific activities. These efforts are coordinated by site leaders and co-leaders and occur from March to November each year.

The current schedule for 2013 appears on the right. Add these dates to your calendar and recruit your neighbors and friends. Participating in these events is a great way to familiarize yourself with the trails. For images and interesting facts about each preserved area, visit the STEM website at www.stemonline.org.

Please direct NAC questions and concerns to Jean Fox at wjf3@verizon.net or 856-642-7864.

Below: STEM members at a 2008 Waterworks Woods NAC conservation project. From left, Barb Rich, Kathy & Sam Car-swell, Walt Trommelen, Louisa Khanlian, & Kay Smith.



**Volunteers
needed for all
NAC sessions—
groups, scouts, and
organizations are
always welcome!
Hours volunteered
can be used for
community service
credits.**

2013 NAC Calendar

*Volunteers are always
welcome and appreciated*

Saturday, March 9
9:30-11:30 am
Strawbridge Lake Buffer
Route 38

Saturday, April 13
9:30-11:30 am
Pompeston Park Upstream
of New Albany Road

Wednesday, April 24
1:30-3:30 pm
Waterworks Woods
Kings Highway@Waterworks

Saturday, May 11
9:30-11:30 am
Wigmore Acres
Westfield Road

Tuesday, May 21
9:30-11:30 am
Little Woods on the Rancocas
Creek Road@Laurel Creek Blvd.

Saturday, June 8
9:30-11:30 am
Esther Yanai Preserve
Garwood Road@Swede Run

Saturday, July 13
8:30-10:30 am
Pompeston Park Downstream
of New Albany Road

Saturday, August 10
8:30-10:30 am
Little Woods & Susan
Stevens Halbe Preserve
Creek Road@Laurel Creek Blvd.

Saturday, September 14
9:30-11:30 am
Waterworks Woods
Kings Highway@Waterworks

Tuesday, September 24
9:30-11:30 am
South Valley Woods
Behind South Valley School

Saturday, October 5
9:30-11:30 am
Pompeston Park Downstream
of Fernwood Drive

Saturday, November 9
9:30-11:30 am
Pompeston Park Upstream
of New Albany Road

Pompeston Woods Easement Committee: The Annual Monitoring Report

Three STEM members, Sue Poaletti, Tom Finley, and Claire Rollin Adair, the latter acting as leader, conducted the Committee's annual Pompeston Woods Easement monitoring on the afternoon of December 3, 2012. The trio comprised the last remnants of an original troop of a dozen or more volunteers led by the indomitable Esther Yanai who surveyed, staked, and photographed the Easement over a decade ago. The goal of the group remains the same: to insure that the Easement is kept in its natural state, free from human encroachments.

This year, the team took approximately two hours to inspect all of the fifty-six site points, and then composed a report to distribute to both North Riding Drive residents whose properties abut the Easement, and the two Moorestown West Corporate Center owners whose properties comprise the Easement. The report was divided into three areas, the Easement interior, the North Riding residents' border, and the Corporate Center border. A summary follows.



Above: A female beaver tends to her young offspring. Image, courtesy of STEM archives.

Plastic Recycling

Before you toss your plastic bottles with a recycling number higher than 2 into the regular trash, note that they can be recycled at the County Recycling Center in Florence. If you would like to drop them off at a closer venue, try Whole Foods in Marlton.

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.

EASEMENT INTERIOR:

The interior was generally free from litter and signs of human activity. Several trees had been blown down by Hurricane Sandy, but the flora and fauna seemed intact.

N. RIDING RESIDENTS' BORDER:

There was a small amount of litter consisting of bottles and plastic bags on some edges of the Easement, and some residents had deposited grass and wood clippings on Easement peripheries, but generally the residents respected the Easement area's restrictions. The post-monitoring letter sent to the neighbors noted their responsibilities and detailed the few violations of the restrictions.

MOORESTOWN WEST CORPORATE CENTER BORDER:

As has been the case in the past, a large amount of litter in the form of plastic, styrofoam, and paper permeated both the berm just outside the Easement and the Easement itself downhill from the berm. Most of that litter had blown from the dumpsters outside the rear of the buildings. These violations were quickly corrected due to the prompt action of Cort Company's Transporta-

tion Manager, Jerry Herrmann and his staff. The Pompeston Woods Easement Committee spoke to him personally the same day of the monitoring about the litter issue, and he promptly conducted a cleanup of the area. When the Committee reinspected the area one week later, they found both the berm and Easement area free from litter. In addition, Mr. Herrmann stated that he would insure that the violations would not continue in the future.

Next year the Committee hopes to have new members to help with the monitoring task in late November or early December of 2013.

— Tom Finley

Below: Pompeston Woods Easement property during the fall 2012 monitoring. Image courtesy of the Committee



Celebrate the 43rd Earth Day in 2013

- **Learn about rain gardens**
Redirecting rainfall by diverting runoff to a garden bed is a great way to recycle one of nature's limited resources, and it saves time and money spent on watering the flowers and shrubs.
- **Volunteer at a weekday or weekend NAC event**
The Natural Area Care arm of STEM is always in need of an extra pair of hands. There's no better way to celebrate Mother Earth than by getting a little soil on your jeans.
- **Follow the three "R's"**
Reduce, reuse, and recycle. Purchase as many items as you can without packaging, cut off old jeans for a new pair of shorts, and make sure all recyclables make it to the curb.
- **Take your child or grandchild to a preserved site**
Share the beauty of the outdoors, get some exercise, and enjoy a hands-on environmental experience through sight, smell, and touch.
- **Get engaged with an area environmental group**
There are any number of local organizations, including STEM, that look to preserve and protect habitat for all of Earth's species. Learn about the good work they do and support their activities.

Celebrate Arbor Day

Spring is the time for new beginnings. This year, STEM will receive a grant of young, native trees—25 Eastern Red Oak and 25 Buttonbush—from the NJ Tree Foundation. The trees will arrive just in time for planting at Strawbridge Lake on or around Arbor Day.

As STEM will need additional volunteers to help with the project, watch for an upcoming notice on the website, www.stemonline.org, and via email. For additional information, contact Kathy Huffman at 856-778-2201 or kajer3@comcast.net.



The NJ Tree Foundation is a state-wide non-profit organization dedicated to planting trees in NJ's most under-served neighborhoods. Every spring and fall, hundreds of volunteers join forces with the NJ Tree Foundation and our community partners to dig holes, plant trees, lay mulch, and have fun at Camden planting events.

Why not add your name to the list?
<http://www.newjerseytreefoundation.org/>

Percheron Park Update

In 1839, when Moorestown native Edward Harris II introduced the Percheron draft horse to the USA from France, live horsepower was still the main source of energy for farm and hauling work. Railroads and steam-powered sailing ships were in their infancy, and the combustion engine was far in the future. Horses were “it,” and the Percheron horse possessed the characteristics of speed, strength, stamina, spirit, and easy temperament needed to help develop this country. The Percheron outnumbered the other primary draft horse breeds (Belgian, Clydesdale, and Shire) by three to one in America by 1930. The importance of this horse to our country is the reason that Moorestown is naming its newest park in its honor.

Percheron Park is a citizen-inspired-and-led effort and is being funded by private donations. Any amount is appreciated. Checks are payable to Friends of Percheron Park, PO Box 153, Moorestown, NJ 08057. See the website www.percheronpark.org for information on how you can become a part of Moorestown history by contributing and permanently honoring a name(s) of your choice.

Yearly Membership Dues are Due

The STEM Steering Committee sends out a big “Thank You” to all of our members who support STEM by sending in yearly dues (and sometimes a little extra!). Since our fiscal year starts on April 1, this is the time that we remind you to check your address label for the date you last contributed. We’re a very thrifty group, but we do have operating, program, and other miscellaneous expenses to carry out our mission of Saving the Environment of Moorestown—your yearly dues go a long way toward that end. A STEM-addressed envelope is included in this newsletter for your convenience. Encourage your friends to help support this community group, too!

—Margo Foster

STEM Membership...Why Be a Member?

One of the things I LOVE about being a STEM member is the membership newsletter. It keeps me informed of what’s going on in our community. It gives me ideas of how I can get involved in the areas that I am passionate about. It is critical to remember to renew your membership every year. This assures you will continue to get the Newsletter and provides the STEM organization with the resources needed to implement important environmental programs within our community.

So don’t forget to renew your STEM membership today!

—Elizabeth Endres Hines

In Memory of Betsy R. Smith

Last year, a number of friends of Betsy R. Smith, a STEM Founding Member, donated more than \$6,500 to STEM in her name after her tragic death by automobile on her return from Pemberton where she had visited her horse, “Motorman.” Betsy’s husband, Steve, has requested that we use those funds to help build Percheron Park. Betsy’s name will appear etched in stone atop the brick wall in the park—a permanent reminder of her life.

—Margo Foster

SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday, May 14, 5-10 p.m.

You’re invited to a fundraising open house to benefit Percheron Park on the grounds of the Burris Construction Company, LLC at 8 East Main Street, between the Community House and Percheron Park. Admission \$50.



The event will feature a drawing for a new Fiat (350 tickets @ \$100), silent auction, 50/50 raffle, giant screens to watch the Phillies vs. Indians game, pig roast, ballpark food, wine, and beer. Have fun while helping to fund the development of the park!

We’re hoping that Rock and Rambo, the team of black Percheron geldings who were on display at Candlelight Night last November, will make an appearance. For further information, contact Kim Jordan at 856-439-6666 or Julie Maravich at 856-266-7607.

—Margo Foster



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.

Enter STEM's 15th Annual Nature in Moorestown Photo Contest

The rules are easy:

The photos must be taken in Moorestown (after June 2012), 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, 2013 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.

Dear STEM Members,

A note from Nancy Fife:

Elaine Young asked me to inform you of the passing of her husband, Rich Young, after a long illness and hospital stay. He died this past winter on Friday, January 4, 2013. His funeral was held at the Presbyterian Church in Moorestown on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 2 p.m. Thank you for your expressions of sympathy and condolences.

Save the Date: June 1st STEM Plant Sale on Moorestown Day

With all that planting you will be doing this spring, make sure you save some space in your gardens and planting beds to accommodate some of the native varieties that will be on sale on Saturday, June 1, 2013. Visit the STEM table near the First Baptist Church on Main Street during Moorestown Day and contribute not only to the health of the local and migrating wildlife, but also the strength of STEM's finances. The Plant Sale is the organization's only fundraising event of the year.

Photo below was taken at a prior year STEM Plant Sale and shows, from left, Betsy Schnorr, Kathy Carswell, and Nanci Clem. Nanci, who was a long-time steering committee director, recently retired from her volunteer position.





P. O. Box 704
Moorestown, NJ 08057
www.stemonline.org

SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT
OF MOORESTOWN

**Membership Renewal
Envelope Enclosed**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Saturday, March 23 at 12 noon
2013 STEM ANNUAL MEETING
Learn About Moorestown's Environmental Resource Inventory
Elect the Steering Committee Slate for 2013-14
Join an Interpretive Nature Hike at Little Woods on the Rancocas
Details on Page 1—Admission: FREE

AREA EVENTS OF INTEREST

Sunday, March 17, 2013- Eyes to the Sky Hike, 1:30pm, Woodford Cedar Run WR, 4 Saw Mill Rd., Medford, 856-983-3329

Saturday, March 23, 2013- County Ewaste Recycling & Document Shredding, 9am-1pm, for details visit: www.co.burlington.nj.us

Wednesday, March 27, 2013- Fun w/ Nature for Preschoolers, 10-11am, Rancocas Nature Center, 794 Rancocas Rd., Westampton, 609-261-2495, Preregister

Saturday, April 6, 2013- 24th Annual Pinelands Short Course, 10 am-3pm, Burlington County College, Pemberton Brown Mills Rd., Pemberton, www.nj.gov/pinelands/about/events

Saturday, April 13, 2013- Outdoor Survival Skills, 2-5pm, Smith's Woods, Smithville Park, Eastampton, 609-265-5858, registration required, rain cancels.

Saturday, April 20, 2013- Beginning Birding for Adults, 9am-12pm Palmyra Cove Nature Park, members/free, non-members/\$10, Register at kmerola@bcbridges.org.

Sunday, April 21, 2013- Emerging Plants Nature Walk, 10am, Whitesbog Preservation Trust, Browns Mills, info and registration at 609-893-4646.

Thursday, April 25, 2013- Moonlit Walk, 8:30pm, Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area, Creek Rd., Moorestown, Must register at 609-265-5858, Rain cancels

Friday, April 26 2013- Waggin' Tails & Trails, 4pm, Rancocas State Park, Hainesport, Deacon Rd. entrance, must register, 609-265-5858, Rain cancels.

STEM Steering Committee Members for 2012-2013

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Mark Pensiero, Director; 856-235-0171 & mark.w.pensiero@lmco.com
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