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"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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STEM'S ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION

*Join Us for a Presentation by Cynthia Quinton,
Executive Director of Our Shared Ground*

Sunday, March 23, 2014 from 1:30 to 4:00 pm

Moorestown Community House Club Room, 16 East Main Street

ADMISSION IS FREE

With the resurgence of local, organic, and artisan ideals, Cynthia Quinton has founded a non-profit organization that incorporates all three. At 2 p.m., after the annual election, Cynthia will share the story of how Our Shared Ground (OSG) operates its unique artisan bread baking social enterprise to support its sustainable teaching farm at the Burlington County Community Agriculture Center in Moorestown, NJ. The OSG farm honors organic best practices and provides healthy food education programs and the sharing of fresh produce to needy children and their families throughout Burlington and Camden Counties on a regular basis. Our Shared Ground also participates in Food 4 All with Moorestown Public Schools, providing regular stock for its three local food pantries.

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



Calendar of Upcoming STEM Events

Wednesday, March 19
STEM Steering Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 23
STEM Annual Meeting
Moorestown Community House
1:30-4 p.m.

Saturday, April 12
NAC Conservation Project
Pompeston Park Upstream
of New Albany Road
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 16
STEM Steering Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23
NAC Conservation Project
Waterworks Woods
Kings Highway@Waterworks
1:30-3:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 10
NAC Conservation Project
Wigmore Acres, Westfield Road
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 21
STEM Steering Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

At the time I am writing this, it is a beautiful "balmy" day in the 30's—thank heavens no snow—wonderful to have some sunshine. This past winter makes me appreciate the time we can spend outdoors on warmer days. Next month we begin our Natural Area Care (NAC) activities and we hope you can join us for some quality outdoor time. A schedule of NAC events is on page 4 of the newsletter.

We are lucky to have preserved open space in our town. The need to establish long-term funding on a state level for present and future generations is at a critical point. The 2009 bond referendum is now depleted and we need a more permanent source of funding. Moorestown has been able to benefit from the state program in the past when purchasing land for preservation. This past summer, the NJ Senate voted on and approved legislation that would ask voters to support a sustainable long-term source of funding for preservation across the state. Unfortunately, the Assembly did not act to put the question on the ballot this fall.

The proposed \$200 million annual dedication is less than 1 percent of the state budget and is about the same amount the state annually spent on preservation programs in each of the past 15 years. If both houses of the Legislature vote in favor this year, the question will be placed on the November 2014 ballot. Please encourage our legislators to put this on the ballot. Think spring!

—Kathy Huffman

Meet Our Presenter—Cynthia Quinton

Cynthia Quinton is an executive with nearly 20 years' experience in enhancing non-profit organizations through philanthropic cultivation, creative fundraising, organizational design, strategic planning and financial stewardship.

Currently, Ms. Quinton is the executive director and founder of Our Shared Ground, an organization dedicated to benefitting children throughout the region who are living in insecure nutritional environments. Our Shared Ground is a collaboration of renowned chefs, educators, architects, master timber framers and landscape designers dedicated to creative and innovative experiential agricultural and culinary learning programs.

Prior to this endeavor, Ms. Quinton was the vice president for development and board relations at Symphony in C in Camden, NJ. She was the student center capital campaign director for Urban Promise in Camden, NJ and has also served as director of development for Haddonfield Friends School.

Ms. Quinton's numerous board appointments and committee work include LEAP Academy University Charter School in Camden, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, South Jersey Chapter, the African American Growth Strategy Workgroup, and more than 15 other positions. She currently serves on the Virtua Diversity Sub-Committee of the Virtua Board of Trustees.

Ms. Quinton attended Rutgers University, University of Pennsylvania and Chatham College in Pittsburgh, PA. A longtime Moorestown resident, she shares four wonderful, grown children and four grandchildren with her husband, Dr. Keith Quinton.

Our Shared Ground, 215 High Street, Moorestown, NJ 08057 (mailing address only). Contact Cynthia Quinton at cquinton@oursharedground.org or 856-229-3282.

Moorestown Gets the Bronze!

Sustainable Jersey has awarded Moorestown Township the Bronze Certification for its sustainability efforts in 2013. The Bronze Certification indicates that Moorestown has made a commitment to sustainability and succeeded in implementing related programs and community outreach.

This certification was made possible through the efforts of Sustainable Moorestown, established in 2012.

"Our organization is proud to have attained the Bronze Certification through *Sustainable Jersey*," said Cathy Ward, Chair of Sustainable Moorestown. "This recognition is a result of the dedicated efforts of our individual team members, as well as the group's collaboration with other organizations in the community. Our team's goal is to engage with a diverse group of Township stakeholders through a variety of projects in order to promote the growth, health, and vitality of Moorestown while protecting and enhancing the Township environment for today's

and future generations. We look forward to using this achievement to energize new initiatives in the coming year."

Sustainable Moorestown works within the community to promote, educate, and engage Township residents and small businesses, and to provide leadership on sustainability opportunities. In addition, Sustainable Moorestown offers educational resources on current sustainability issues on its website, www.sustainablemoorestown.org and at a variety of town events. The group recently worked with the Township to conduct an energy audit of the Moorestown Recreation Building, and to secure a grant for storm water management at the new Moorestown Municipal Building.

Throughout the year, Sustainable Moorestown also hosts events, such as movie nights, environmentally-focused activities, and educational campaigns to provide an opportunity for town residents to learn about some

Vote at the Annual Meeting Sunday, March 23, 2014

STEM STEERING COMMITTEE 2014-2015 PROPOSED SLATE

Vice-president: Joe Ponessa 1-year term
Treasurer: Mark Pensiero 2-year term
Secretary: Susan Buffalino 2-year term

Directors: 1-year terms
Claire Rollin Adair
Chet Dawson
Elizabeth Endres-Hines
Margo Foster
Jean Fox
Paula Horton
Betsy Schnorr
MHSEC Representative

2014-15 Nominating Committee:
Elizabeth Endres-Hines
(Steering Committee Member)
Claire Rollin Adair (Steering Committee Member)
Barb Rich (Non-Steering Committee Member)

*Submitted by 2013-14 Nominating Committee:
Claire Rollin Adair, Elizabeth Endres Hines, and Barb Rich*

of the small but important ways they can incorporate sustainability in their everyday lives.

Mayor Stacey Jordan was excited to hear the news and proud of the volunteers whose hard work enabled Moorestown to receive the Bronze Certification, adding "The hard work by this dedicated and passionate group of volunteers is greatly appreciated by the entire Town Council. It is people like the members of Sustainable Moorestown that make our community the special place that it is."

Township Manager Scott Carew echoed the Mayor's sentiment. "This is a great achievement for Moorestown that the whole town should be proud of," Carew said. "I want to thank every member of Sustainable Moorestown for their efforts."

—Article provided by
Sustainable Moorestown

Morning Bird Walk at Boundary Creek



Photo above, "Boundary Bunny," was taken by Betsy Schnorr & Bill Creekmore. It won 1st prize for the Adult Category in the 2010 STEM Nature in Morestown Photo Contest.

Celebrate Earth Day!

Please join local birder and STEM Director Mark Pensiero on Saturday April 19 as he combs the beautiful Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area in search of spring migrants, local inhabitants, and visiting breeders. This beautiful county park can be a terrific spot for bird watching, particularly in spring.

The park offers an easily traversed, hard packed trail running the perimeter of the park. Additionally there are several boardwalks that meander into the tidal marshlands of the Rancocas Creek offering great

vistas up and down the creek.

The park is located on Creek Road in Moorestown, near the Delran border. On last year's walk we saw some great birds including Eastern Towhee, Eastern Phoebe, Tree Swallows and Palm Warbler. We also had nice looks at two Bald Eagles, as well as an Osprey.

We will meet at the parking lot at 8 a.m., and will wrap up by 11 a.m. Please bring along a pair of binoculars if you have them. No experience required. Only a hard rain will cancel the trip. Hope to see you there.

—Mark Pensiero

STEM Annual Appeal Ongoing!

The STEM organization has sent an annual appeal letter to its membership this spring. Your financial support over the years has enabled STEM to be checkbook-ready during those times when it is necessary to take a stand, support a cause, or donate to a preservation effort.

Renewing your membership annually and contributing to the organization provide STEM with the resources it needs to be a vital and active part of our environmental community.

Join the spring drive and renew your STEM membership today!

Contributions and dues can be paid thru PayPal on the STEM website.

A Thank You to Paolo Trinchieri

The STEM organization and its Steering Committee would like to thank Paolo Trinchieri for his role as a Director during the 2013-2014 year. STEM directors serve one-year terms and are elected annually.

At February's Steering Committee meeting, Paolo informed the Nominating Committee that he was not able to serve as a director going forward.

Paolo is a familiar face at the annual STEM Steps Out event in October. He can usually be found at the display table featuring the bird house activity. In the photo on the right, taken at the SSO event in 2012, Paolo guides two young participants through the bird house building process.

Thank you, Paolo for your contributions to STEM.

MHS ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

We have been busy here at the high school! Our school has installed a water filter in a water fountain and we hope to get more filters installed soon. With it, we have used over 3,000 fewer plastic water bottles!

Also, styrofoam trays in our cafeteria have been replaced with reusable, washable, plastic trays, and that new adjustment has been well received with both students and teachers.

Recently, MHSEC Vice President Sophia Rosati and I were recognized at a School Board Meeting for our achievements. The Environmental Club is proud of our accomplishments.

A few weeks ago, we raised money from a bake sale that will be donated to the World Wildlife Fund. We are also in the process of receiving new recycling bins and promoting recycling awareness throughout our school.

Coming up, we plan to show the movie "Bag It" after school for those students interested. We are excited for the warmer weather because our club has plans for litter clean-ups and hikes.

Any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to email: environmentalclub.mhs.08057@gmail.com

—Kayla Rini,

President of the Environmental Club

Photo below by Bill Creekmore



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

NATURAL AREA CARE —Caring for the Environment



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

STEM Invites You to Join Us!

The Open Space story in Moorestown began with the preservation of the first site, Stokes Hill, and continues with the annual care of most of the preserves. Keeping open spaces healthy requires ongoing attention and STEM's Natural Area Care (NAC) Committee has taken on this stewardship challenge.

Second Saturday and weekday NAC projects have been planned for 2014—see the calendar on the right. These sessions provide the opportunity for volunteers who enjoy working outdoors to contribute to the community as they care for, explore, and enjoy Moorestown's open spaces. No experience is necessary. Site leaders and co-leaders are knowledgeable and direct all activities.

Volunteers tackle jobs such as trail blazing and maintenance, invasive plant control, stream clean-ups, and litter collection. Occasionally, new trees and shrubs are planted. Although the work sessions are scheduled for two-hour time blocks, volunteers are welcome to contribute as much or as little time as they can.

Light refreshments, maintenance supplies, and equipment are provided. Please contact NAC Chairperson Jean Fox 856-642-7864 or foxjean62@gmail.com for details or additional information.

Upcoming Opportunities to Volunteer

Saturday, March 15, 9:30-11:30 am, Strawbridge Lake Buffer, Route 38

As its name implies, the "Buffer" is the preserved parcel on Route 38 that runs from Church Street west and acts as a buffer to Strawbridge Lake. This time last year, it was the site of an Arbor Day planting, so part of Saturday's maintenance session will include evaluating the condition of these young trees. Join volunteers at the site and spruce it up for the upcoming spring season. Parking is available on Route 38 near the NAC signage.

Saturday, April 12, 9:30-11:30 am, Pompeston Park Upstream of New Albany Rd.

This section of the 80-acre park parallels Pompeston Creek and begins behind Baker School. Used frequently by neighbors young and old, the area often needs maintenance of its trails and removal of invasive vegetation that inhibits the growth of the trees and shrubs used by wildlife. Parking is available on Iron Post Road.

Wednesday, April 23, 1:30-3:30 pm, Waterworks Woods, Kings Hwy@Waterworks

This open space borders Strawbridge Lake and is the site of an old picnic area and swimming hole. Its mature woodland is crisscrossed with loop trails along the lake and up a steep slope. Volunteers working to clear trails can watch for herons and other wildlife along the shoreline. Park along Haines Drive.



**Schools, groups,
scouts, and organiza-
tions are always
welcome! Hours
volunteered can be
used for community
service credits.**

Photo on the left, taken ten years ago in 2004, shows volunteers at a NAC project in Pompeston Park. From left, Dave Bicking, Cheri Hathaway, Tom Hottenstein, Sam & Kathy Carswell, Kay Smith, Elaine Young, Barb Rich, & Leslie Smalley.

2014 NAC Calendar

*Volunteers are always
welcome and appreciated*

Saturday, March 15

9:30-11:30 am
Strawbridge Lake Buffer
Route 38

Saturday, April 12

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

Wednesday, April 23

1:30-3:30 pm
Waterworks Woods
Kings Highway@Waterworks

Saturday, May 3

9:30-11:30 am
Esther Yanai Preserve
Garwood Road@Swede Run

Tuesday, May 20

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

Saturday, June 14

9:30-11:30 am
Wigmore Acres
Westfield Road

Saturday, July 12

8:30-10:30 am
Pompeston Park Downstream
of New Albany Road

Saturday, August 9

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

Saturday, September 13

9:30-11:30 am
Waterworks Woods
Kings Highway@Waterworks

Tuesday, September 23

9:30-11:30 am
South Valley Woods
Behind South Valley School

Saturday, October 11

9:30-11:30 am
Pompeston Park Downstream
of Fernwood Drive

Saturday, November 8

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

Celebrate the 44th Earth Day in 2014 by Making the Earth a Better Place for People and Wildlife

- **Plant milkweed**

This past year has been labeled “The Year Monarchs Didn’t Appear” by the New York Times. Monarch butterflies lay their eggs on the milkweed plant; the resulting caterpillars consume its leaves, then form jeweled chrysalids. Last year’s wet growing season devastated the milkweed crop and impacted the Monarch population. Plant milkweed in your yard and give the returning Monarchs another chance.

- **Add a birdfeeder to your yard**

As long as your neighborhood is not Black Bear habitat, you can hang a birdfeeder to attract the birds. Not only will you be helping our feathered friends meet their nutritional needs during periods of nesting, migration, and inclement weather, you’ll be treated to the beauty of this diverse animal group.

- **Dig up some of your lawn and plant a few native shrubs**

One of the quickest ways to decrease the cost of lawncare is to decrease the size of your lawn. In its place, create planting beds and fill them with native plants and shrubs. Native vegetation requires less water and care.

- **Learn about your watershed**

There are five watersheds in Moorestown. Find out which is yours and commit to protecting it by reducing (or eliminating) the amount of chemicals you apply to the vegetation in your yard. Rainfall carries these surface chemicals (and pet waste, too) directly into the nearest stream.

- **Donate your time and participate in an environmental project.**

Whether it’s a state, local, or municipal sponsored event, or a project coordinated by a non-profit organization like STEM, your volunteer hours make a big difference in the community.

Strawbridge Lake Project

The “Jewel of Moorestown” is losing its shine. Concern for the lake’s health has mandated that information on the current condition of the lake is needed and an updated management plan is overdue.

In January 2014, Moorestown Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC)

members Chet Dawson, Barb Rich, and Kay Smith met with a representative from an environmental firm to determine how to proceed. A list of proposed tasks was put together and presented to Township Manager Scott Carew and Public Works Acting Director Ken Ewers. A few tasks were added to the list and the amended proposal was presented to Township Council on January 22, 2014. A resolution to adopt the plan will be voted on by Township Council soon.

The Strawbridge Lake project, if adopted, will utilize Open Space funds and will include a review of existing

Wellness & Nature

The idea isn’t new, but a recent policy statement by the American Public Health Association (APHA) and a National Parks Service (NPS) program “Park Prescription” both look to tie physical activity and health.

This is nothing new to outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers, who have known that a walk through a park is the best medicine for an array of ills.

The policy statement adopted by the APHA targets four main areas of focus: prioritizes access to natural areas for



Above: Photo of a milkweed plant growing in a sunny location not far from the Strawbridge Lake dam near Kings Highway. Photo by Susan Buffalino

LITTER DITTY

**The weather’s been warmer—
no longer so bitter;
And snow piles’ve melted,
revealing the LITTER!
It’s safe now for walking—
the walk’s cleared of ice.
You can pick up trash easily
and make neighborhoods nice!**

—By Margo Foster

documents and data, multi-indicator water quality data collection, a volunteer training session, and a review of field and lab data.

all peoples; asks healthcare professionals to raise awareness among the general public about the wellness and nature connection; advocates partnerships among professionals and nature stakeholders; and promotes natural landscaping. The full APHA policy statement can be viewed at www.apha.org/advocacy/policy.

The “Park Prescription” program aims to have healthcare professionals prescribe targeted exercise and tie good health to the great outdoors. More information is available at www.nps.gov.



Above: A warm weather shot of Strawbridge Lake in its better days, taken by Esther Yanai in 2004—from STEM archives.

Jendrzejewski Speaks at January Joint Meeting

“Naturalistic.” “Native.” “Sustainable.” “Organic.” “Diversified.” “Evolving.” Those were among the terms used by speaker Mark Jendrzejewski at the Joint Meeting on January 28 during his evening presentation at the Community House. Mark, a landscaper in Riverton, NJ and president of Pompeston Creek Watershed Association, showed the difference between artificial looking and naturalistic planting plans in suburbia.

As an advocate of sustainable, naturalistic landscapes using diversified, native plantings, Mark pointed out the advantages to the environment as well as to the property owner by following this recommended route. Water percolation, addition of organic matter to the soil, and less time for care are but a few of the advantages realized with a natural plan.

Mark reminded the joint members present from STEM, PCWA, the Moorestown Garden Club, and the Moorestown Improvement Association that it's good to use your leaves to mulch your plants and not rake them to the curb for pickup—and then have to go to the store to buy other mulch!

You can reach Mark at landforms@comcast.net if you want to find out more.

—Margo Foster

Enter STEM's 16th Annual Nature in Moorestown Photo Contest



Photo on left taken by Sam Carswell, is the 2010 STEM Photo Contest 2nd Place winner in the Adult Category. It reminds us that spring is around the corner, and a delightful time to visit a natural area—camera in hand.

The rules:

The photos must be taken in Moorestown (after June 2013), 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, 2014 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.

The History Behind the Inspiration for Percheron Park



The Life of Diligence

When Moorestown native/gentleman farmer Edward Harris II traveled in France in 1839, he admired the sturdy horses pulling the stagecoaches (*diligences*). Harris purchased four of these Percheron horses—two stallions and two mares—at a horse fair in Normandy to introduce to the USA to improve the farm and road horses here.

The three-year-old stallion, later known as Diligence, and the other horses were shipped from Havre to New York on the packet ship *Iowa*, taking about thirty-six days. The horses were then transported by train to Burlington.

Diligence stood at 15 hands (60" at the shoulder), one of the smaller of the Percheron breed noted for their endurance, energy, and ability to keep their condition when other horses would fail from neglect or hard treatment. They were gentle and docile. Harris reported that "any person may pass in security at a fair at the heels of hundreds [of the horses]." It is reported that Diligence sired 400 foals.

However, in 1844, Harris gave up farming and sold his horses. John Bell, the taxidermist who had accompanied Harris and John James Audubon on their 1843 expedition West, acquired Diligence and several of the other

horses. It was during Bell's ownership that the image of Diligence, at left, was captured in oils in 1853 by the French painter Henri DeLattre, who had been staying in the United States for several years.

On May 2, 1856, Bell wrote to Harris to inform him that Diligence had died "from a very heavy cold." Being a taxidermist, he "then skinned him...and put his skin in a barrel of alcohol, and will mount him some day when I have a place to put him...."

It is not known whether Bell ever found a place. But there is a place to put Diligence's life-size bronze replica: Moorestown's Percheron Park. Visit www.percheronpark.org for donation opportunities. Mail checks to Friends of Percheron Park, PO Box 153, Moorestown, NJ 08057. Your contributions will help build the park honoring the horse that helped build America.

—Margo Foster



Annual STEM Membership Form

Return to:

P.O. Box 704, Moorestown, NJ 08057

Make checks payable to STEM

(A membership expiration date appears on the mailing label.)

(Please print)

Name _____ Check HERE for electronic Newsletter only

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.

Save the Date: June 7, 2014 STEM Plant Sale on Moorestown Day

If you attended Mark Jendrzewski's presentation on ecological residential landscaping at the Joint Meeting in January, then you are inspired to create a new planting bed in your yard this spring and fill it with native plants.

Moorestown Day is a great venue for STEM to reach out to area residents and share information on ecological landscaping. Now more than ever, it is a good idea to eliminate chemical applications from your landscaping strategies; the environmental impact of not doing this is too high.

Note: A local chapter of the New Jersey Native Plant Society has been formed in Burlington County. The Rancocas Nature Center Chapter meets at the nature center once a month, usually on Mondays. The group has a broad focus and appreciates input from new members.

The monthly meetings usually offer an informative presentation. April's

In addition to the native plants, a variety of herbs will be for sale. Again this year, STEM will be accepting donations from your garden. Bring them to the STEM booth in front of the First Baptist Church on Main Street on the day of the event or contact Nanci Clem at 856-8660065 or nanci2424@yahoo.com to arrange pick-up. The Plant Sale is the organization's only fundraising event of the year so please be supportive.

meeting will occur on Saturday, April 12 from 2-4pm at the Westampton Municipal Building. A larger venue was selected to accommodate a presentation by the Invasive Task Strike Force.

For additional information and upcoming presentations, visit the NJ Native Plant Society website at NJNPS.org or contact Toni Price at toniprice@lavenderfarms.org.



Goldenrod grows abundantly at Strawbridge Lake Park. It takes its name from its richly-colored bright yellow-gold flowers. This wildflower blooms in late summer/fall and attracts a variety of butterflies with its nectar. Photo above by Susan Buffalino.

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!



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SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT
 OF MOORESTOWN

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday, March 23 at 1:30pm
2014 STEM ANNUAL MEETING
 Election of the Steering Committee for 2014-15
 Presentation by Cynthia Quinton of Our Shared Ground
 Details on Page 1—Admission: FREE

AREA EVENTS OF INTEREST

Friday, April 4, 2014- Invasive Plants & Fungi. 6:30pm, BurlCo Lyceum, 307 High St., Mt. Holly, Register-609-265-5858.

Wednesday, April 9, 2014- Reptiles & Amphibians. 7:30pm, BCNSC, Lumberton Leas Community Bldg., Woodside Dr., Lumberton, Presenter: Ned Gilmore, Phila. Academy NS

Saturday, April 12, 2014- Watershed Invasive Species. 2-4pm, sponsored by Rancocas Chapter NJNPS, at Westampton Municipal Bldg., 710 Rancocas Rd., Westampton, www.njnps.org for details

Sunday, April 27, 2014- Arbor Day Festival. Noon-4pm, Rancocas Nature Center, 794 Rancocas Rd., Westampton, 609-261-2495 or www.rancocasnaturecenter.org for details.

Thursday, May 1, 2014- Frog Calls. 6am, Rancocas State Park, Westampton, Must register at 609-265-5858, Rain cancels

Saturday, May 3, 2014- Digital Nature Photography Workshop. 1pm, BurlCo Lyceum, 307 High St., Mt. Holly, Must register at 609-265-5858.

Friday, May 9, 2014- Ranger Bill's Preschoolers Hike. 10-11am, Rancocas Nature Center, 794 Rancocas Rd., Westampton, 609-261-2495, Preregister.

Wednesday, May 14, 2014-Dragonflies, 7:30pm, BCNSC, Lumberton Leas Community Bldg., Woodside Dr., Lumberton.

Friday, May 16 2014- Moonlit Walk, 9pm, Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area, Creek Rd., Moorestown, Must register at 609-265-5858, Rain cancels.

STEM Steering Committee Members for 2013-2014

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 Paolo Trinchieri, Director; 856-996-1008 & trinchierip@yahoo.com
 Kayla Rini, MHSEC Representative

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 Kathy Huffman at 856-778-2201 & kajer3@comcast.net.

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:
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