



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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STEM'S 39TH ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 31 AT 7:30 P.M.
IN THE **D'OLIER ROOM OF MOORESTOWN FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE**
118 EAST MAIN STREET, MOORESTOWN

Vote for the 2011-12 Slate of STEM Officers
Join the discussion about Sustainable New Jersey Communities
View Bill Kirkos' thought-provoking film, TRASHED

STEM President Betsy Schnorr will lead the 39TH Annual Meeting. After a brief review of business, which will include an annual report and the election of officers (see page 2), Chet Dawson, STEM treasurer and chairman of Moorestown's Environmental Advisory Committee will briefly explain the ideas and goals of the **SUSTAINABLE JERSEY™** certification program. Launched in February of 2009 for municipalities in New Jersey that want to "go green," save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life, the program is the first of its kind nationally. Chet will suggest ways that STEM can help Moorestown through the certification process and allow the Township to take advantage of the fully resourced program of technical support and training. STEM's Steering Committee has identified this initiative as a focus for the organization during the coming year.



Photo from <http://www.trashedmovie.com>

To add to the sustainability discussion, we will show a portion of Bill Kirkos' highly acclaimed documentary film,

"Trashed." The film investigates one of the fastest growing businesses in North America—the garbage business—and focuses on the effects that the near half-billion tons of waste we produce annually have on our already strained natural resources. Mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend. For more details contact Kathy Carswell at (856)722-9495 or tothealps@verizon.net. See page two for additional information.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

"Should I or shouldn't I?" You may be wondering what is the question. Well, it is all about gasoline prices at the pump. As we know, gas prices are now over \$3.00 a gallon. Once again I ask myself, "Am I ready to buy a hybrid car that consumes half the gas of a conventional car?" Over the years, what has stopped many people in their tracks are thoughts of the expense and frequency in replacing a hybrid car battery. *Consumer Reports*, in its February 2011 issue, analyzed a nine-year-old Prius with 206,000 miles on the odometer. The results were that the 2009 Prius acted like a youngster. They also found that its expensive battery had not worn out! The answer to my question is, "Yes, I should."

—Betsy Schnorr

The ability of each society to preserve and protect its natural systems for the next generation is a measure of its strength and vitality. STEM's mission statement exemplifies this idea. As human impact has stressed the ability of the earth to maintain itself, our conversation turns to ways we can achieve a healthy, sustainable planet for the next generation and beyond.

Sustainable Jersey™—A Model for the Nation

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY™ is a certification program for municipalities in New Jersey that want to go green, save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term.

Sustainable Jersey:

- Identifies concrete actions that municipalities can implement to become “certified” and be considered leaders on the path to sustainable communities
- Provides clear “how to” guidance and tools to enable communities to make progress on each action
- Provides access to grants, and identifies existing and new funding opportunities for municipalities to make progress toward the actions
- Encompasses the three equal, interrelated components of sustainability:
 - 1) Prosperity—support your local economy and use community resources
 - 2) Planet—practice responsible environmental management and conservation
 - 3) People—embrace social equity and fairness

New Jersey is the first state in the nation to have a comprehensive sustainability program for communities that links certification with strong state and private financial incentives, and a fully resourced program of technical support and training. Sustainable Jersey has streamlined, incentivized, and guided the process.

The program was started in 2006, to foster environmental progress throughout New Jersey. The certification criteria and tools that became the basis for the Sustainable Jersey program were developed by the associated efforts of the NJ League of Municipalities (NJLM), the NJLM Mayors' Committee for a Green Future (MCGF), the New Jersey Sustainable State Institute at Rutgers University (NJSSI), and the Municipal Land Use Center at the College of New Jersey (MLUC@TCNJ) along with early support from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Office of Smart Growth, and the Rutgers Center for Green Building.



After more than a year of intensive work, the Sustainable Jersey program took final form and was launched in February of 2009. Sustainable Jersey's mission strives for a better tomorrow one community at a time.

The program is a consensus oriented, science based, politically relevant effort to align the interests

and resources of actors from state and local, public and private, for the common purpose of achieving a sustainable New Jersey and world.* To date, more than 50% of NJ municipalities have applied for certification. For in-depth information about this program, visit: <http://www.sustainablejersey.com>

*Portions of this article courtesy of the “Sustainable Jersey™” website.

Vote at the Annual Meeting

STEM STEERING COMMITTEE 2011-2012 PROPOSED SLATE

President: Betsy Schnorr 2-year term
Vice-President: Kathy Huffman 2-year term

Directors: 1-year terms

Claire Rollin Adair

Nanci Clem

Jean Fox

Elizabeth Endres Hines

Mark Pensiero

Walt Trommelen

2012 Nominating Committee:

Nanci Clem (Steering Committee Member)

Claire Rollin Adair (Steering Committee Member)

Margo Foster (Non-Steering Committee Member)

*Submitted by 2011 Nominating Committee:
Nanci Clem, Kathy Huffman, and Margo Foster*

Acclaimed Documentary, “Trashed” Champions Sustainability

There is much “buzz” surrounding the concept of sustainability. STEM thinks this is an important issue and has made it the topic of this year's Annual Meeting presentation. In addition to a brief presentation by Chet Dawson, chairman of the Moorestown Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC), on the progress of Moorestown's application to the Sustainable Jersey™ program, meeting participants will view segments of producer Bill Kirkos' thought-provoking documentary film, “Trashed.”

The film is a provocative investigation of one of the fastest growing industries in North America—the garbage business. It examines a fundamental element of modern American culture, the disposal of what our society defines as “waste.” It is an issue influenced by every American, most of whom never consider the consequences nor, it seems, the implications for our biosphere. At times humorous, but deeply poignant, “Trashed” examines the American waste stream fast approaching a half-billion tons annually. What are the effects all this waste will have on already strained natural resources? Why is so much of it produced? While every American creates almost 5 pounds of it every day, who is affected most? And who wants America to make more?

The film analyzes the causes and effects of the seemingly innocuous act of “taking out the garbage” while showcasing the individuals, activists, corporate and advocacy groups working to effect change and reform the current model. “Trashed” is an informative and enlightening film everyone interested in the future of sustainability should see.*

—Kathy Carswell

To learn more about Bill Kirkos' film, visit www.trashedmovie.com.

*Portions of this article, courtesy of their website.

Springtime Birding Bonanza Close to Home

Spring is just around the corner and with it comes some of the best birding of the year. The spring brings a myriad of brightly colored, neo-tropical birds high tailing it up to their breeding grounds. The good news for us is that it is a long way from their wintering grounds to their breeding grounds, and they need places to “crash” during their long travels. We live very close to some great spring birding locations,

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locations that attract birds because they offer a place to catch some grub and some shuteye before their next round of travel.

One of the keys to spring birding is getting an early start. If you are not an early riser, you are not going to have as much “success” as you would if you can get started at first light. Songbirds migrate at night, and they are looking to find a spot to eat and rest as soon as the sun begins to rise. Here are some of my favorite local spring birding spots. What is so great about them is that it takes no more than twenty minutes to get any of these locations from my house.

Palmyra Cove Nature Center

A great spot for spring migrants. Look for days immediately after a warm front. On a good day, it is possible that over 20 species of warblers are seen at Palmyra Cove. I think my personal best day was 15 species. One of the best things about Palmyra is that I can get in a couple of hours of birding and still have plenty of time left in the day to get in my spring chores. During the height of migration it is not uncommon for me to get to Palmyra on both Saturday and Sunday.

Taylor’s Refuge (Cinnaminson)

Another great spot for seasonal migrants. Taylor’s also has a large, fresh water tidal marsh, so it can be a very good spot for ducks.

Bear Swamp (Medford)

This is a great spot for both migrant and breeding warblers. Bear Swamp hosts a large population of breeding Prothonotary Warblers, which are at the northern edge of their range here in New Jersey. It is also a prime area for Hooded and Kentucky Warblers.

Pompeston Woods (Moorestown)

This preserved land can be a very good spot for migrants. I have had my best luck at the western edge of the park near Georgian Drive along the creek. I’ll never forget the May day a few years back when I tallied five male Scarlet Tanagers in a matter of minutes—the most I have ever seen in a single location.

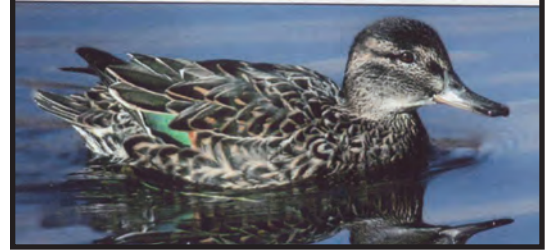
If you have more time, a drive down to Cape May is always worth the trip. This is a world-renowned birding destination, and there are dozens of great sites to bird in Cape May and the nearby environs.

Spring is a great time for birding. After a long season of looking at Dark-eyed Juncos and White-throated Sparrows, I am eagerly awaiting the flash of male warblers cloaked in their spring finery. Can you say, Blackburnian Warbler?

—Mark Pensiero



Green-winged Teal, male, above; female, below*



Blackburnian Warbler, above



Prothonotary Warbler, above; Scarlet Tanager, below



Yellow Warbler, above



Photos courtesy of Stokes Field Guide to Birds, Eastern Region, Stokes, D. & L.; National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Birds, Eastern Region, Bull and Farrand, Jr.; and Birding, Forshaw, Howell, Lindsey, and Stallcup.

*Please note: The Winter Newsletter’s ID of this species as Mallard was incorrect. The images are of the male and female Green-winged Teal.

NATURAL AREA CARE

—Caring for the Environment



For additional information regarding specific conservation projects, please contact the site leader listed in the 2011 NAC calendar on pages 4 & 5.

Buds are fattening, bulbs are popping, and grass is greening. STEM's Natural Area Care is up and running with lots of springtime opportunities for Natural Area Care volunteers. Six—count them, six—projects are planned this spring in Moorestown's open spaces. Besides our regular Second Saturday projects (from March through November), there are an Earth Day and two weekday projects scheduled.

New participants and leaders are always welcome to join in these activities. We work together for two hours to accomplish various tasks outlined by the site leaders. Often, refreshments are provided. —Kay Smith

UPCOMING CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Volunteers of all ages are always welcome!

Pompeston Park on New Albany Road, Sat., April 9, 8:30-10:30 am
Volunteers, under the leadership of Site Leaders David Bicking and Kay Smith, will continue working on wisteria control in the area upstream of New Albany Road. The woods is recovering nicely from the strangling effects of these persistent vines. Routine maintenance is essential for the protection of the trees in this park. Pompeston Park forms a buffer between residential and industrial zones. Volunteers should park near the end of Iron Post Road and walk to the STEM signs.

**Earth Day Event at South Valley Woods at South Valley School
Saturday, April 16, 8:30-10:30 am**

Join Nancy Fife and Elaine Young as they focus on blazing and mulching a new entrance to South Valley Woods. This new route will make it possible to walk the Yellow Trail behind Oldershaw Avenue without having to negotiate crossing the ever-changing, sometimes perilous, Hooten Run tributary. While we are always able to admire the fruits of our efforts, the results of this project—the new entrance—will be particularly exciting to see.

Waterworks Woods on Kings Highway, Wed., April 27, 9:00-11:00 am

Site co-leaders Walt Trommelen and Louisa Khanlian and NAC volunteers will work in the Waterworks Woods section of Strawbridge Lake Park to freshen up the trails in this scenic open space. Workers will clear fallen branches, trim encroaching vegetation, collect trash, and remove invasive plants. Volunteers should park on Haines Drive and walk along Kings Highway to the trail entrance signage.

Little Woods/Susan Stevens Halbe Preserve on Creek Road

Tuesday, May 17, 9:00-11:00 am

Site Leader Renee Boulis will lead the blazing of a trail connecting Little Woods on the Rancocas with the Susan Stevens Halbe Preserve. Although trail walkers will need to cross Creek Road to follow the trail, the rest of the trail is a pleasant, wooded path. Connecting the loop trails in these two open spaces will result in an even more enjoyable outdoor experience for hikers. NAC volunteers will be the first to try this one out! Park along Creek Road where you see the STEM NAC banner. —Kay Smith



Photo on left: Waterworks Woods spring crocuses. Image courtesy of STEM archives.

2011 NAC Calendar

Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated

Second Saturday and Weekday Events

**Sat., March 12, 8:30-10:30 am
Strawbridge Lake Buffer**

Site Co-Leader: Kay Smith
Kksmith4@verizon.net

**Sat., April 9, 8:30-10:30 am
Pompeston Park Upstream
of New Albany Road**

Site Co-Leader: David Bicking
dbickin@yahoo.com
Site Co-Leader: Kay Smith
Kksmith4@verizon.net

**Sat., April 16, 8:30-10:30 am
South Valley Woods**

next to South Valley School
Site Co-Leader: Elaine Young
Youngsters1@verizon.net
Site Co-Leader: Nancy Fife
kdfife@comcast.net

**Wed., April 27, 9:00-11:00 am
Waterworks Woods**

Kings Highway@Waterworks
Site Co-Leader: Walt Trommelen
littera@comcast.net
Site Co-Leader: Louisa Khanlian
LKhanlian@msn.com

**Sat., May 14, 8:30-10:30 am
Wigmore Acres**

Westfield Road
Site Co-Leader: Jean Fox
Wjf3@verizon.net
Site Co-Leader: Kathy Huffman
Kajer3@comcast.net

**Tues., May 17, 9:00-11:00 am
Little Woods/Susan Stevens
Halbe Preserve**

Creek Road
Site Leader: Renee Boulis
rboulis@yahoo.com

**Sat., June 11, 8:30-10:30 am
Esther Yanai Preserve**

Garwood Road@Swede Run
Site Leader: Dick Nelson
kcidnelson@comcast.net

**Sat., July 9, 8:30-10:30 am
Pompeston Park Downstream
of New Albany Road**

Site Leader: Debbie Lord
dglord@aol.com

**Second Saturday and
Weekday Events (cont'd)**

**Sat., Aug. 13, 8:30-10:30 am
Little Woods & Susan
Stevens Halbe Preserve
Creek Road@Laurel Creek Blvd.**

Site Co-Leader: Susan Buffalino
sbuff4@aol.com

Site Co-Leader: Lonnie Tait
lonniet@yahoo.com

**Sat., Sept. 10, 8:30-10:30 am
Waterworks Woods**

Kings Highway@Waterworks
Site Co-Leader: Walt Trommelen
littera@comcast.net

Site Co-Leader: Louisa Khanlian
Lkhanlian@msn.com

**Tues., Sept. 20, 9:00-11:00 am
South Valley Woods**

next to South Valley School
Site Co-Leader: Elaine Young
Youngsters1@verizon.net

Site Co-Leader: Nancy Fife
kdfife@comcast.net

**Sat., Oct. 8, 8:30-10:30 am
Pompeston Park Downstream
of Fernwood Avenue**

Site Leader: Tom Hottenstein
thottenstein@comcast.net

**Sat., Nov. 12, 8:30-10:30 am
Pompeston Park Upstream
of New Albany Road**

Site Leader: Kay Smith
Kksmith4@verizon.net

****Visit us online at www.stemonline.org.**

Stay up-to-date with STEM activities with our e-mail alerts. Receive reminders about outdoor events, Natural Area Care, and family-friendly activities. E-mail Sue Lindeboom at slindeboom@comcast.net Susan Buffalino at sbuff4@aol.com. or please call Kay Smith at 235-2986.

**Kendles Run Acres,
aka "Farrago Farm"**

Moorestown's newest Open Space site, officially named Kendles Run Acres, is located on the west side of Borton Landing Road near Creek Road. The Giffen family, who sold the development rights to Moorestown in 2008 for use as an Open Space site, prefer the name "Farrago Farm." A "farrago"—pronounced *fu h rah'go*—is defined as an assortment, a medley, or a conglomeration. Perhaps a visit to the spot will show you the reason for the name.

—Margo Foster

Wigmore Acres Butterfly Garden Update

On Saturday, May 14 we will actually be putting butterfly-attracting plants into the ground in accordance with the planting design developed by Nancy Ciampa. The Butterfly Garden at Wigmore Acres on Westfield Road was built as an Eagle Scout Project under the leadership of Kevin Poaletti. He mobilized workers, prepared the soil, researched materials, raised funds to acquire the fencing, bench, and other items needed for the project. He and his volunteers also installed a fence needed to protect the plants from deer browsing. Many of the plants will be donated by STEM members from the abundance of their gardens. A list of desired plant donations is available on the STEM website. Many thanks to Wigmore Acres Site Co-leaders, Jean Fox and Kathy Huffman, for coordinating this project.

—Kay Smith



2010 Photo Contest winners above, Adult 2nd Place, "Looking for Dinner," by Chet Dawson; on right, Adult 1st Place, "Boundary Bunny," by Bill Creekmore & Betsy Schnorr

**Bring Your Camera Along the Next Time You
Enjoy a Moorestown Open Space**

The groundhog reports the snow is gone so please join STEM's annual rite of spring—The Annual Nature in Moorestown Photo Contest. It's time to locate and share that great Moorestown nature shot that you took last month or last year. Can't find it? No problem. Start enjoying camera-in-hand strolls and you'll find you're taking a fresh look at nature in your back yard, your neighborhood, or one of Moorestown's open spaces. Bill Creekmore and Betsy Schnorr won first place when Boundary Bunny hopped into their path at Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area last year—a fitting transition since this is my last year as Photo Contest Chairman and Bill has volunteered to take the reins.

—Sam Carswell

**STEM's 12th Annual Nature in
Moorestown Photo Contest**

The rules are easy:

The photos must be taken in Moorestown (after June 2010), and the subjects should be predominantly natural as opposed to man-made. Submit small color panoramas or prints up to 5" X 7." Digital edit and adjustment is acceptable, but please no photo montages. Mail entries to STEM, P.O. Box 704, Moorestown, NJ 08057 by June 1, 2011 or bring to the STEM Annual Picnic on June 18. 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 or they will be disqualified:

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.

Earth Day 2011: A Billion Acts of Green®

In recognition of the power of millions of individual actions, Earth Day 2011 will be organized around A Billion Acts of Green®: Personal, organizational and corporate pledges to live and act sustainably. At over 45 million actions to date, A Billion Acts of Green® campaign—the largest environmental service campaign in the world—is steadily building commitments by individuals, corporations, and governments in honor of Earth Day. A Billion Acts of Green® inspires and rewards both simple individual acts and larger organizational initiatives that further the goal of measurably reducing carbon emissions and supporting sustainability. The goal is to register one billion actions in advance of the Earth Summit in Rio in 2012. A Billion Acts of Green® website quantifies acts of green through an easy-to-use online registration tool. A Billion Acts of Green® demonstrates the kind of environmental impact that can be made when millions of people, corporations and organizations make commitments, both small and large, to better their environment.

Elements of the 2011 Earth Day campaign include:

Athletes for the Earth: Bringing the voices of Olympic and professional athletes to the environmental movement

Trees for the Earth: Supporting global reforestation

Green Schools: Greening America's Schools within a Generation

Women and Green Economy (WAGE)™: Engaging women leaders in the creation and development of a global green economy

Creating Climate Wealth: Convening 200 of the world's entrepreneurs to solve climate change and create a new green economy

Arts for the Earth: Celebrating the work of environmental artists in all media, and partnering with the American Association of Museums to bring sustainability to museums nationwide

For more information, visit www.earthday.org.

Bald Eagles in New Jersey

This has been a great year for spotting Bald Eagles. A day trip to Salem County earlier this month produced 15 sightings of this magnificent bird species. Their presence in the state is a success story for preservation efforts. In 1985, only one nesting pair were counted in NJ. By 2009, that number had dramatically increased to 84 pairs with 69 active nests, and of those, 56 nests produced 99 young.* A positive scenario, but the species continues to face threats from the encroachment of development and human activity that limits potential nesting sites.

*www.dukefarms.org/Education/Research



Bald Eagle. Photo courtesy of NJ Audubon archives.

Five Ways To Celebrate Earth Day 2011

The first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, but its objectives are still pertinent 41 years later. Be kind to Mother Earth and incorporate one or more of these strategies not just in April, but throughout the year and make an impact both locally and regionally.

- **Take a kid for a walk in a natural area**

Share the beauty of the outdoors, get some exercise, and connect.

- **Make an effort to eat foods found lower on the food chain**

The lightened pressure on the earth and your heart will reap benefits.

- **Support local farmers and businesses.**

It's tough to get a Jersey pineapple, but blueberries, apples, tomatoes and corn abound. And NJ S.A.V.E. black-oil sunflower seed is the best.

- **Create a Backyard Wildlife Habitat for Local and Migrating Species**

Replace grassy areas with low-maintenance native plants to attract wildlife to your yard. Native plants are available at the STEM Plant Sale in June.

- **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.

The Importance of STEM Membership

Becoming a member of STEM or renewing your membership now affirms your interest in and support of our mission of "Saving the Environment of Moorestown" for today's and future generations. New members are welcome and necessary to keep our organization vital. Please spread the word about STEM among your friends and neighbors and encourage their participation.

See www.stemonline.org for a view of the scope of the organization.

Just in Time for Earth Day

Dubbed the "N & P Fertilizer Law," the New Jersey State Legislature enacted Bill A2290 3R, approved January 5, 2011.

The act, concerning the application, sale, and use of fertilizer, amends and supplements earlier legislation. The law targets nitrogen and phosphorus containing fertilizers, and establishes standards for certain fertilizer applications, requires certification of professional fertilizer applicators, and regulates labeling and sale of certain fertilizers. The legislation is aimed at reducing nutrient pollution and maintaining healthy soils. To view the actual legislation, visit www.njleg.state.nj.us/20102011/AL10/112 .HTM

Inter-club Spring Cleaning Scheduled for April 26

Every spring and fall, members of the Moorestown Garden Club spend a few hours in the Municipal Parking Lot behind Peter Pan trimming, weeding, planting, sweeping—all the chores we do in our own gardens—to create some sparkle. STEM members have been joining in and helping out for the past few years, starting with litter pickup and then helping with garden chores there. Hope you can join us on Tuesday, April 26, 9 to 11 a.m. (Rain date: Wednesday, April 27.) Wear gloves, and bring your favorite garden tools. Margo Foster 856-235-5862

STEM Logo Apparel 4 Sale

Now available!



STEM tee shirts for your favorite people. Forest green with STEM logo; 100% pre-shrunk heavy cotton. Sizes from Youth Medium to Adult 3xLarge. Each \$10. Also available, STEM caps, Stokes Hill long-sleeved tee shirts, and STEM tote bags. Call Margo for details: 856-235-5862

www.stemonline.org 6



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.

Save the Dates!

STEM Plant Sale— June 4th **STEM Picnic— June 18th**

Start collecting your extra plants for donation to the STEM Plant Sale. Look for more information about this fundraiser in the next newsletter.

Mark your calendars for the Annual STEM Picnic and Photo Contest. Please note that as of this printing, the date is June 18, which falls on a Saturday. Additional details will be included in the Summer Newsletter.

Questions? Please contact Betsy Schnorr at 856-235-6348 or betsybjs@aol.com.

Keeping up with the News: "Moorestown PATCH"

It's new! It's free! It's online—no paper clutter! Is everyone aware of Moorestown's new online newspaper, *Moorestown Patch*? Just type in the name and click to read all the local news.

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.

Extra Time on Your Hands?

STEM could use your help! The nominating committee is actively seeking members to fill positions on STEM's Steering Committee. In the spring, at our Annual Meeting, we will vote for new Steering Committee members. Other areas to volunteer that may suit your interests include clerical/archivist (filing news clippings, etc.), publicity (press releases), computer & website, and liaison with the Moorestown High School Environmental Club. Interested? Contact Nanci Clem at (856) 866-0065 or nclem91397@comcast.net.

We Love a Parade! Fun on the Fourth

Dave Schill and his committee are working on plans for a July 4 (Monday) parade this year. If enough of you reading this can participate, STEM is planning an entry. Please contact Betsy Schnorr at betsybjs@aol.com or 856-235-6348 if you and any of your family can march or ride with us.



Photo on right: from left, Elaine Young, Walt Trommelen, Rene' Boulis, and Matt Boulis shown in a 2008 photo working on yet another bridge for South Valley Woods. The open space will finally get a new entrance to the site in April. Volunteer to help with this exciting project. See the NAC schedule on page 4.



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 Moorestown Friends Meetinghouse

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- Wednesday, March 23, 2011- Nature Explorers**, 10-11am, NJA Rancocas Nature Center, 794 Rancocas Rd., Westampton, 609-261-2495, repeat program on 3/24
- Saturday, March 26, 2011- 22nd Annual Pinelands Short Course**, 9 am-3pm, Burlington County College, 601 Pemberton Brown Mills Rd., Pemberton, call 609-893-1765 for details
- Saturday, April 9, 2011- Birding Trenton Marsh**, 8am, NJA Rancocas Nature Center, call 609-261-2495
- Monday, April 11, 2011- Past, Present, Future, R. Crossley**, 7:30pm, Audubon Wildlife Society, 771 Haddon Ave., Collingswood
- Wednesday, April 13, 2011- Insects of Franklin Parker Preserve**, 7:30pm, BCNSC, Lumberton Leas Meeting Room, Woodside Dr., Lumberton, www.alibaker.com/tiki_1_9_7/tiki-index.php
- Sunday, April 17, 2011- Stream Sampling**, 1:30-3:30pm, NJAS Rancocas Nature Center, 794 Rancocas Rd., Westampton, call 609-261-2495 for detail
- Saturday, April 23, 2011- Sustainability Fair**, 10am-2pm, Palmyra Cove Nature Center, call 856-829-1900 x267
- Saturday, May 7, 2011- Wildflowers@Bowman's Hill, Karl Anderson**, 9am, NJA Rancocas Nature Center, call 609-261-2495
- Monday, May 9, 2011- Horseshoe Crabs**, 7:30pm, Audubon Wildlife Society, 771 Haddon Ave., Collingswood
- Wednesday, May 11, 2011- Native Plants-Kathy Salisbury**, 7:30pm, BCNSC, Lumberton Leas Meeting Room, Woodside Dr., Lumberton, www.alibaker.com/tiki_1_9_7/tiki-index.php

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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 & nclem91397@comcast.net; Kathy Huffman at 856-778-2201 & kajer3@comcast.net; and Margo Foster at 856-235-5862 & mcmfoster@yahoo.com.