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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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9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Sat., June 11**
NAC Conservation Project
Esther Yanai Preserve
Garwood Road
8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
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STEM Steering Committee Mtg.
7:30 p.m.
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STEM Annual Picnic
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
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NAC Conservation Project
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of New Albany Road
8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
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7:30 p.m.
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NAC Conservation Project
Little Woods & S. S. Halbe Preserve
Creek Road
8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

STEM's ANNUAL PLANT SALE on Moorestown Day Saturday, June 4th

You finally have a chance to relax in your favorite chair, and as you look out into your backyard you see some common wildlife, but little else. Squirrels' antics and the glorious red of male cardinals can be entertaining, but the excitement of diversity is missing from your yard.

Let STEM's Annual Plant Sale come to the rescue. Plenty of wildlife-friendly perennials and shrubs will be available during the Moorestown Day event. Stop by STEM's colorful booth and purchase just what you need to attract a diversity of wildlife to your yard. Knowledgeable volunteers can help with your selection and offer other gardening advice.

Look for the STEM display in front of the Baptist Church near Carl's Shoes on Main Street. This year's plant selection will include a nice variety of affordable natives from the Pinelands Nursery such as winterberry, chokeberry, and Eastern Red Cedar. By request, an assortment of potted herbs will also be available. While you are making your selection, make sure your children or grandchildren have a chance to plant a sunflower seedling to take home. Many species of birds are attracted to the seeds sunflowers produce, so in addition to the bright yellow flowers, colorful wildlife will visit your yard.

The Plant Sale is STEM's only fundraising event of the year, so don't overlook the assortment of hardy, donated varieties. If you have cuttings to share, please contact Nanci Clem at 856-866-0065 or nclem91397@comcast.net. All proceeds from the Plant Sale go toward the STEM mission. Contact Betsy Schnorr at (856) 235-6348 or betsyBJS@aol.com for more details.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Call To Action!! As many of you know, on April 11, 2011, Town Council voted 3-2 (Stacy Jordan and Chris Chiacchio voted no) and passed a resolution to use Open Space funds for bidding expenses for The K.I.D.S. Initiative Phase I Improvements to Wesley Bishop Park and Pryor Park. As president of STEM, I urge you to join the Moorestown Save Open Space (MSOS) movement initiated by Mark Hines and Elizabeth-Endres Hines. Let us show Town Council that we object to **any money** being taken from the Open Space Fund! The intent of the Open Space ordinance is clear. Please contact MoorestownSOS@gmail.com and show your support (see article on page 2).

—Betsy Schnorr



Betsy Schnorr, Kathy Carswell, and Nanci Clem prepare for the STEM Plant Sale. Photo below is of Black Chokeberry from <http://www.about-garden.com>.



Presenting and Learning at the 2011 Schuylkill Watershed Congress

On Saturday, March 12, Chet Dawson and I attended the 2011 Schuylkill Watershed Congress at Montgomery County Community College in Pottstown, PA. It was announced at the beginning of the program that over 300 people registered for this conference including faculty, environmental consultants, concerned citizens, teachers, members of watershed conservancies, native plant nurseries, and lawyers. There were groups from Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey, so the meeting had a regional flavor and a broad representation of many disciplines and interests. We came back with numerous handouts, brochures, several DVDs on storm water management, and lots of new knowledge and contacts.

We represented the Twin & Walker Creeks Watershed Conservancy (TWCWC) as well as STEM at this meeting. The Conservancy had a display with brochures and newsletters as handouts, and I co-presented with Kirk Mackey who oversees the water quality monitoring program for the Conservancy. Our 1-hour presentation, "Volunteer Monitoring: Health Indicators for Twin & Walker Lakes, Pennsylvania," gave a brief overview of the three lakes, their location, geography, and characteristics. The presentation discussed the mission and organization of the Conservancy and focused mainly on the procedures and equipment used in taking water samples for determining Chlorophyll a (amount of photosynthesis), phosphate levels (nutrients entering lakes), and secchi disk readings (clarity of lakes). These readings are converted by FX Browne into a number that indicates the health of the lakes. After attending other sessions that discussed monitoring activities, it became apparent that Twin & Walker Creeks Watershed Conservancy has more advanced equipment and is collecting far more data than the others groups. (Article by Pat Dawson continued on page 6)

STEM STEERING COMMITTEE for 2011-2012

President: Betsy Schnorr
Vice President: Kathy Huffman
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Claire Rollin Adair
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Jean Fox
Mark Pensiero
Walt Trommelen

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

*Everybody needs beauty as well as bread,
places to play in and pray in,
where nature may heal and
give strength to body and soul.*
—John Muir

Photos on page 3 courtesy of Stokes Field Guide to Birds, Eastern Region, Stokes, D. & L. and National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Birds, Eastern Region, Bull and Farrand, Jr.

Moorestown Save Open Space

As Betsy Schnorr said in her President's message, our Town Council voted 3 - 2 to use Open Space funds to initiate planning, design, and engineering for improvements to several athletic fields in Moorestown. These improvements are known as the "K.I.D.S. Initiative," which is intended to improve the condition of the Wesley Bishop and Salem/Pryor baseball fields. A significant portion of the initiative's total cost is for artificial turf fields, scoreboards, lighting, and paving of the parking lot at Wesley Bishop.

My husband, Mark Hines, and I, along with quite a few other concerned people in Moorestown, oppose this use of Open Space funds. Please note that we are not against the K.I.D.S. Initiative, but rather the use of Open Space funds to fund any portion of this. Our own children have used these fields, and continue to use these fields, so we are familiar with them.



We believe that the intended use of Open Space funds has always been for acquisition and maintenance of natural, undeveloped land, or "open spaces." When we voted for that referendum in 1998, 2007, and 2009, we sincerely thought that the funds were going to open space that would further conserve our precious natural resources. We never would have conceived that these funds would be used for artificial turf, scoreboards, or artificial lights.

The interpretative statement of the 2007 ballot initiative read: "The fund will continue to be used exclusively for the acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes; development and maintenance of such lands; acquisition of farmland for farmland preservation purposes; historic property preservation or acquisition; and/or payment of debt service on indebtedness issued or incurred by the municipality for any of the aforesaid purposes." (Article by Elizabeth Endres-Hines continued on page 6)

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.

Bird Quest 2011

Burlington County Bird Quest is a low key competition designed to provide birders of all levels the chance to get outside and enjoy some of the great birding locations we have in Burlington County. The participants have six hours to travel around the county with the goal of seeing as many bird species as possible. Teams are free to travel wherever they want within the county's borders, and Burlington County covers a lot of area. The teams were required to be back at Palmyra Cove for the wrap-up.

This



year we hit two of our favorite spots, Bear Swamp and Chairville School, prior to heading over to Palmyra Cove. We had some good breeding migrants at Bear Swamp, including Prothonotary Warbler, Blue-winged Warbler, and Ovenbird, but we missed a couple of "specialties" — Kentucky and Hooded Warbler — that the location is known for. We then made a brief stop at Chairville School, where there is a multi-acre farm adjacent to the school property. We recorded a couple of Eastern Bluebirds on the school property, and Bobolink out in the fields behind the school. Unfortunately we didn't see any Eastern Meadowlarks, one of the target species at Chairville. Through early May, this year's migration has been slow, largely a result of weather patterns that have been mostly devoid of strong warm fronts.

After Chairville and an unsuccessful search for shorebirds, we headed over to Palmyra to pull in as many new species as we could in the remaining hour and fifteen minutes that we had left. We saw a couple of shorebirds in the "big pit," and tallied a couple of

additional warblers along with a very cooperative Swainson's Thrush.

As we were preparing to head back to the wrap-up at the park headquarters, my wife Molly called out to me to see if I had seen "this big bird" that was standing at the edge of a pond. I had been moving ahead of the group trying frantically to find anything that we could add to our tally and had walked right past it. This



"big bird" turned out to be a Yellow-crowned Night-Heron. As we searched our pre-printed "Birds of Burlington County" list in order to add it to our list, we quickly saw that there was no Yellow-crowned on the list. Black-crowned, yes, but no Yellow-crowned. Was this simply an oversight or perhaps something more interesting? I called Tom Bailey, a local birder who I'd seen when we first pulled into the Cove parking lot to let him know of our sighting.

"This was quickly turning into a big deal—at least a big deal to the local birding community!"

Tom is widely considered among the birding community as one of the top birders in the state, and the unofficial "Father of Palmyra Cove." Tom told me that a Yellow-crowned Night-Heron had never before been seen at Palmyra Cove, and in fact may not have been recorded in the county. Tom asked for the location of the bird and was quickly off in hot pursuit. Ten minutes later Tom called back and confirmed our sighting. This was quickly turning

into a big deal—at least a big deal to the local birding community!

Palmyra Cove is one of the most widely birded locations in the Philadelphia region. It is a well-known migrant trap and draws dozens, if not hundreds of birders on any given spring weekend. Palmyra Cove has been drawing birders over the past twenty years, and a Yellow-crowned Night Heron has never been recorded there. Our Yellow-crowned was now officially a bird of record at Palmyra Cove—officially credited to Molly Pensiero. Even with the Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, the Moorestown Merlins weren't able to repeat last year's victory. Our 63 species was topped by a group from Burlington who tallied 64 species. In one of the great ironies of birding, we did not see a single Blue Jay or White-breasted Nuthatch. A Blue Jay would have tied it, with a nuthatch sealing the win. On further consideration, I'm more than happy with second place and the Yellow-crowned Night-Heron.

—Mark Pensiero

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.

Can you believe that the first six of STEM's 2011 Natural Area Care projects are already completed? That includes four "Second Saturday" and two weekday events. There are always opportunities for new participants to join in on these projects. And there is a need for people who want to lead or plan natural area care activities or assist with organizational aspects. Does your group need a community service project? For more information about natural area care please contact Kay Smith at kksmith4@verizon.net.
—Kay Smith

UPCOMING CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Volunteers of all ages are always welcome!

Esther Yanai Preserve on Garwood Rd., Sat., June 11, 8:30-10:30 am

Under the leadership of Dick Nelson, workers will complete the loop trail at the Esther Yanai Preserve. Clearing fallen branches and generally refurbishing the previously blazed portion of the trail and collecting litter along Garwood Road will round out the day's activities. Parking is along Albury Drive. Walk down Garwood to the STEM signs for access. For info contact Dick at kcidnelson@comcast.net

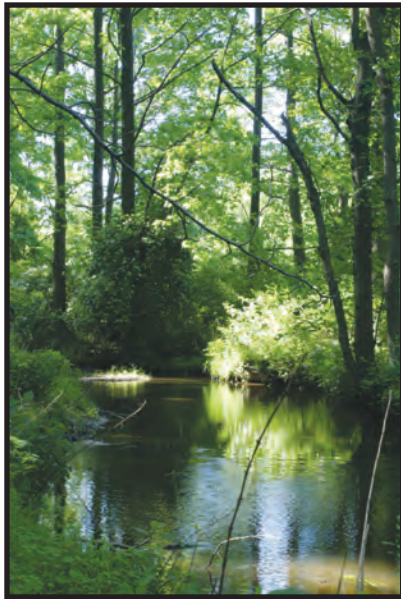


Photo above by Susan Buffalino captures a serene reflection in Swede Run of vegetation at the Esther Yanai Preserve on Garwood Road.

Pompeston Park Downstream of New Albany Road

Sat., July 9, 8:30-10:30 am
Debbie Lord will direct the day's work project as volunteers work together to remove some of the invasive plants that are competing with the natural vegetation of the park. This is the portion of Pompeston Park between New Albany Road and Fernwood Drive. Watch for up-to-date information on which area we will be working on and where to park. Contact Debbie Lord at dglord@aol.com.

Little Woods/Susan Stevens Halbe Preserve on Creek Road

Sat., August 13, 8:30-10:30 am
This day's work will be divided between the two open spaces. The priority project is the newly created direct connection between the two open spaces that eliminated walking along Creek Road. Besides that, workers will freshen up the trails in both areas. The leaders are Susan Buffalino and Lonnie Tait. For further information contact Sbuff4@aol.com or LonnieT@yahoo.com.
—Kay Smith



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
Thanks for your help!

Sat., April 9, 8:30-10:30 am Pompeston Park Downstream

Site Co-Leader: Kay Smith
kksmith4@verizon.net
Thanks for your help!

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

Site Co-Leader: Nancy Fife
kdfife@comcast.net
Thanks for your help!

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

Site Co-Leader: Louisa Khanlian
LKhanlian@msn.com
Thanks for your help!

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

Site Co-Leader: Kathy Huffman
Kajer3@comcast.net
Thanks for your help!

Tues., May 17, 9:00-11:00 am Little Woods

Site Co-Leader: Renee Boulis
rboulis@yahoo.com
Thanks for your help!

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
kdife@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



Wigmore Acres Update

The Butterfly Garden was planted on May 14. Nick Poallett's Eagle Scout project was to erect the deer fence enclosing the garden. Photos page 4 by Sue Poaletti: left, Nick & Steve Poaletti; right, Wigmore painted picket fence. Photos page 5 by Moorestown Patch: above, young helper; right, planting the garden.

Let's Go for a Walk

Now there are more choices for walkers in Moorestown. New places are being added to local well-trodden routes. Given its popularity, it feels as if Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area has been in town for years. And the new running path around Swede Run Fields is attracting more and more people—both runners and walkers. The newest walking route, blazed recently during a Natural Area Care project, is the trail connecting Susan Stevens Halbe Preserve to Little Woods on the Rancocas.

The Halbe Preserve entrance is marked by a sign on Creek Road, and parking is available along the unpaved driveway. Motorized vehicles are not permitted in the interior, especially across the vulnerable earthen dam. The site has a loop trail that leads through a scenic woodland and encircles a small lake.

From the Susan Stevens Halbe Preserve, walkers can easily connect to Little Woods on the Rancocas by crossing Creek Road at the end of the unpaved driveway. Although there is presently no entry signage, the Little Woods on the Rancocas loop trail is blazed and easy to follow. It leads to the Rancocas Creek, where there is a bench overlooking the water. Walkers can circle back to the Susan Stevens parking area or, alternatively, to Creek Road next to the Township composting facility across from Laurel Creek Boulevard.

—Kay Smith

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

This time of the year, Moorestown is blessed with an abundance of natural beauty from its plants and wild life. Photography is the best means of capturing and sharing it with our family and friends. Here is your chance to show off your community and your photographic skills.

The rules:

The photos must be taken in Moorestown after June 2010 of nature subjects such as plants, insects, birds and animals. Submit 5x7 inch prints (color or black and white). Entries must have the following info written on the back of the photo to qualify: 1) Title of picture; 2) Name and address of the photographer; 3) Designate Adult or Children's division (18 or younger); 4) Location of photo; 5) Month and year of photo and 6) An arrow pointing to the top of the picture.

Some tips:

Take early morning shots when lighting is softer; keep your back to the sun but also consider flowers and shrubs illuminated from behind; look for special effects from fog or after a rain; get down on the level of your subject for better perspective.

Digital editing and adjustments are accepted, but not photo montages. Mail entries to STEM, P.O. Box 704, Moorestown, NJ 08057 by June 8, 2011 or bring to STEM's Annual Picnic on June 18. A maximum of four entries per person will be accepted. You do not need to be present to win. 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.

—Bill Creekmore



"Good Morning World," by Maria Pensiero, 2nd Place Children's, STEM Annual Photo Contest 2007

STEM Annual Meeting Report

If you joined STEM at the Annual Meeting on March 31, 2011, you learned that 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. Moorestown Environmental Advisory Committee Chairperson Chet Dawson informed meeting participants about the role his committee seeks to play in the certification process. Also, STEM's Steering Committee has identified this certification as a focus for its organization during the coming year. Once Moorestown is certified it can take advantage of the fully resourced program of technical support and training.

After Chet spoke, Bill Kirkos' highly acclaimed documentary film, "Trashed" was shown. The film illuminates many aspects of the fast-growing garbage business in North America. Understanding the effects that the near half-billion tons of waste we produce annually has on our already strained natural resources is an important concept as we move forward with the sustainability discussion. Thank you to all who attended the meeting, voted on the Steering slate, and viewed this eye-opener of a film.

Schuylkill Watershed Congress (Continued from page 2)

Other presentations offered valuable information. "Return on Environment: the Economic Value of Protected Open Space in Southeastern Pennsylvania" was presented by four speakers. One of them discussed the economic impact of parks and open space on home values. He presented the data from the perspective of an economist, a viewpoint not usually heard at an environmental conference. One of the other keynote speakers was Patty Elkins, who worked with STEM on the Moorestown Ordinance for Conservation Design.

Delaware Riverkeeper Network is working closely with the Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring at Dickinson College to train volunteers to monitor streams near natural gas drilling activities. They showed an instrument for measuring total dissolved solids and conductivity that was reasonably priced at about \$94, and may be useful for monitoring streams in Moorestown. We also learned that water samples are being taken and stored for future analysis in case other chemicals are discovered in natural gas drilling waste water. Two signature chemicals extracted during drilling of the Marcellus Shale are barium and strontium, both heavy metals, and it may be helpful to test for these metals at the three lakes TWCWC is monitoring in Pike County.

The Schuylkill Watershed has developed a volunteer training program and manual. The manual is available on their website, www.dickinson.edu/uploadedFiles/about/sustainability/allarm/content/Marcellus%20Shale%20Volunteer%20Monitoring%20Manual%201.3.p-df, and contains details on testing equipment such as the LaMotte Tracer pocket monitor. The training program is considered valid by the Pennsylvania DEP, and if unusually high levels of total dissolved solids are detected in streams they will follow up with additional monitoring.

—Pat Dawson

Join the NAC team at the Esther Yanai Preserve on June 11.

Photo on right from STEM's archives. Walt Trommelen, Barb Rich, Kay Smith, Don Williams, Steve Yanai, and site leader Dick Nelson participated in a conservation project at the site. Check the NAC schedule for details on this year's maintenance.

Renew Your STEM Membership Today!



Moorestown Save Open Space (Continued from page 2)

There are two key words:

1. "and" implies that conservation is expected to go along with recreation, and
2. "such" which clearly says that the lands maintained by open space funds must be also lands purchased by open space funds. If a broader definition of recreation was the intent, I would expect the phrase to be "recreation and/or conservation," not "recreation and conservation."

In light of Council's decision, we have started a group with other citizens, called Moorestown Save Open Space (MSOS), and are placing signs on lawns to show support. Our mission is to convince Council not to use Open Space funds to further fund the K.I.D.S., but encourage them to find more appropriate funding sources. It is expected that the initial study will come back in mid summer, with a recommendation to spend approximately an additional \$2.5 million, for Phase 1 alone, and we firmly believe that Open Space funds should not be the source of that financing.

There are several actions we are taking. We have started an online petition, which is non-binding, but is a potent show of force. In one week, 130 people have signed, some of them with very passionate comments. Please consider signing.

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/moorestown-save-open-space/>

Also, we have started a Moorestown Save Open Space Facebook page and will be launching a website soon at www.moorestownsaveopenspace.org

If you're interested in supporting this effort, by putting up a yard sign, making a contribution, or whatever you can do, please email us at moorestownSOS@gmail.com. For an article on the subject visit <http://moorestown.patch.com>.

—Elizabeth Endres-Hines

Welcome New STEM Members!

- Linda Nemmers
- Alexandra Papa
- Andrea Pontani Nachsin
- Victoria Schmidt
- Suzanne Lloyd

STEM in Moorestown's Monday, JULY 4 PARADE at Noon

Yes, I (we) want to join in the fun by participating in STEM's entry in the July 4 parade.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____



Questions? Call Margo at 856-235-5862 or email mcmfoster@yahoo.com

* **Return form** to Margo Foster, 129 Somers Avenue, Moorestown, NJ 08057

The Membership Application which usually appears here is available under "Membership" on the STEM website www.stemonline.org

We Love a Parade! Fun on the Fourth

STEM plans to participate in the 2011 July 4 parade being revived this year. You and/or your family are invited to join in the fun!

— We need STEM members —

ADULTS & CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

to walk the parade route, from

Central & Chester Avenues to Main and Church Streets.

You may carry a sign or a Litter Patrol grabber and bag (available at meeting site July 4) or bring a Natural Area Care tool (clippers, loppers, etc.). Wear your STEM shirt (or purchase one if you'd like to).

****Meet at Central/Chester Avenues at 11:30 a.m.**

Please fill out the form above and return ASAP.

Questions? Call or email Margo at 856-235-5862 or mcmfoster@yahoo.com.

Joseph J. McGovern, ESQ

STEM would like to acknowledge the passing of Joseph J. McGovern on March 14, 2011. Joe, an environmental attorney, was a resident of Moorestown and a committed STEM member who volunteered his time and provided legal services and advice to the organization on an as needed basis. He was also a former member of the Moorestown Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC). STEM extends its sincerest condolences to the McGovern family.

STEM Steering Committee Members for 2011-2012

Betsy Schnorr, President; 856-235-6348 & BetsyBJS@aol.com
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Chet Dawson, Treasurer; 856-273-0126 & cwd9@cornell.edu
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Claire Rollin Adair, Director; 856-727-3830 & cerollin@gmail.com
Nanci Clem, Director; 856-866-0065 & nclem91397@comcast.net
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Margo Foster, Director; 856-235-5862 & mcmfoster@yahoo.com
Jean Fox, Director; 856-642-7864 & wjf3@verizon.net
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 & nclem91397@comcast.net
Claire Rollin Adair at 856-727-3830 & cerollin@gmail.com
Barb Rich at 856-235-5862 & brich@moorestown.nj.us

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AREA EVENTS OF INTEREST

Saturday, May 28, 2011- Pine Barrens Natural History Trip, 8 am-1:30pm, NJA Rancocas Nature Center, call 609-261-2495

Monday, May 30, 2011- Memorial Day on the Mullica, 10am, Atsion Ranger Pkng Lot, Outdoor Club of SJ, 856-256-9568

Thursday, June 16, 2011- Dragonflies of the Pine Barrens, 10am-12pm, Pinelands Institute, Brown Mills, 609-893-1765

Saturday, June 18, 2011- Burlington County Earth Fair, 10:30am-4pm, Smithville Park, Eastampton

Sunday, June 19, 2011- Father's Day Frog Fest, 1:30-3:30pm, NJA Rancocas Nature Center, 794 Rancocas Rd., Westampton, call 609-261-2495 to register

Saturday, June 25, 2011- Whitesbog Blueberry Festival, 10am-4pm, Whitesbog, details at 609-893-1763

Monday, June 27, 2011- Summer Day Camp (start date), 9am-3pm, NJA Rancocas Nature Center, 794 Rancocas Rd., Westampton, call 609-261-2495 to register

**VISIT STEM'S BOOTH FOR THE
 2011 ANNUAL PLANT SALE
 ON MOORESTOWN DAY**

**Saturday, June 4, 9 am to 3 pm
 on Main Street in Moorestown**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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*

STEM

You're invited to the
 STEM Annual
 Picnic/Covered Dish
 Dinner

Honoring
 Sam & Kathy
 Carswell

Saturday, June 18, 2011 at 4:00pm
 at the home of Claire Adair
 750 Golf View Road
 Moorestown, NJ

Donation \$10.00
 Annual Photo Contest Judging

RSVP by June 11
 856-235-6348

