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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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Save the Date: STEM's ANNUAL PLANT SALE on Moorestown Day—Saturday, June 1st

Every year STEM takes advantage of the Moorestown Day crowds and mans a booth on Main Street in front of The First Baptist Church (next to Carl's Shoes). The all-day event runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature a wonderful variety of plants, shrubs, and trees at terrific prices! As requested, hard-to-find natives will also be for sale.

Native plants are a wonderful addition to your garden. They are hardy and drought tolerant (see President's note below). Buy a native plant and start your own oasis—local wildlife will be most grateful for your garden. Knowledgeable volunteers will be manning the booth all day and can help with your selection while offering gardening advice.

Stock up at the Plant Sale and support STEM's mission; the Plant Sale is STEM'S only fundraising event of the year. If you have plants to donate, call Nanci Clem at 856-866-0065 or email her at nanci2424@yahoo.com.

STEM's 13th Annual "Nature in Moorestown" Photo Contest

Entry details on page 2.



Solidago rugosa (rough-stemmed goldenrod)

Calendar of Upcoming STEM Events

Tuesday, May 21

NAC Conservation Project
Little Woods on the Rancocas
Creek Road @Laurel Creek Blvd.
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 1

Annual Plant Sale
Moorestown Day-Main Street
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 8

NAC Conservation Project
Esther Yanai Preserve
Garwood Road @ Swede Run
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 19

STEM Steering Committee Mtg.
7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 30

STEM Annual Picnic
Moorestown Community House
16 East Main Street
1:30-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 13

NAC Conservation Project
Pompeston Park Downstream
of New Albany Road
8:30-10:30 a.m.

A Note From the President's Desk

Welcome spring! I hope you are enjoying the beautiful flowering trees, annual and perennial flowers, and more. This time of year is so exciting in our gardens—seeing what is coming up from our past endeavors. And if you are like me, being careful that you don't pull out something good, thinking it is a weed! Pictures help is all I can tell you.

Speaking of spring and all our garden adventures, I want to bring the use of native plants to your attention. Unfortunately, there are many non-natives that become invasive in our gardens and open space areas. One of the worst offenders is multiflora rose; if you have had any first hand experiences, you know what I mean. Other invasives are burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*), Chinese silver grass (*Miscanthus sinensis*), Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*), purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), Japanese wisteria, and butterfly bush (*Buddleja davidii*). Many of these plants are available at local garden centers so BEWARE!

The thoughtful gardener will consider replacing non-natives with attractive alternatives such as arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*), winterberry holly (*Ilex verticillata*), butterfly milkseed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), and beebalm (*Monarda fistulosa*). Some of the perks of natives is that they require little or no fertilizer, they have low water requirements and most importantly they provide a food source and shelter for our birds. If you would like more information, visit NJ Invasive Species Strike Team's website at www.njisst.org.

Just a quick reminder about those water bottles—it takes 450 years to break them down in a landfill, and Americans throw away 25 million plastic bottles a year! **Remember to think about our future generations, and reuse or recycle.** Enjoy the outdoors!
—Kathy Huffman

Sorting Through STEM Archives

When long-time active STEM members Kathy and Sam Carswell moved to California about a year ago, our organization realized we had a dilemma: what to do with the years of STEM material that the Carswells had stored at their home.

We also discovered that other members had numerous documents in their filing cabinets, basements, and attics. We resolved that now is the time to get these things organized.

Several members gathered a few times to sort, discard, and store what they felt was most important in telling the history of STEM. The issue of making these archival materials usable and available in the future led us to Drexel graduate and professional archivist Jill Weiss.

She is currently guiding us in cataloguing years of news clippings, documents, and other memorabilia, and we appreciate her generous donation of time and expertise. Thank you, Jill!

—Margo Foster & Kay Smith

“Famous” Quotes

STEM Litter Patrol coordinator Margo Foster came across this quote attributed to actor Mathew McConaughey and wanted to share:

“There aren’t many things that are universally cool. And it’s cool not to litter. I’d never do it.”

—Matthew McConaughey, actor

STEM’s 13th Annual “Nature in Moorestown” Photo Contest

Moorestown is blessed with an abundance of natural beauty. Each year, STEM sponsors a photo contest and encourages photographers of all ages to capture the beauty of local flora, fauna, and landscapes. Winning entries will have the opportunity to be shared with family, friends, and neighbors through STEM’s displays and website. It’s a snap! Your nature photo could be a winner.

The rules:

All photos must have been taken in Moorestown after June 2012. Choose natural subjects such as plants, animals, and/or landscapes. Submit 5x7 inch prints (color or black and white).



Photo on left: 2012 contest winner, 1st Place Children’s Division, “First Blossom” by Emily McClain.

You Are Invited to STEM’S ANNUAL PICNIC

When: Sunday, June 30, 2013, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Where: The Moorestown Community House
16 East Main Street, on the Patio
Rain Location-The Garden Room in The Community House

Who: STEM Members and Non-members
You need not be a member of STEM to attend

Come join in the fun!
Enjoy great food, good company, and the judging of the Nature Photo Contest.

It’s Pot Luck, so bring food to share.
Contact Betsy Schnorr at 856-235-6348 or
betsybjs@aol.com for more details & to RSVP.



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OF MOORESTOWN

To be eligible for judging:

Entries must have the following information written on the back of the photo:

- 1) title of picture; 2) name, address, and email of the photographer; 3) designated category as adult or child (16 years or younger); 4) location and date of photo; and 5) an arrow pointing to the top of the image.

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 to 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 23, 2013 or bring to STEM’s Annual Picnic on June 30 (see invitation above). 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.

Earth Day Birding at Boundary Creek NRA

Normally for the spring newsletter I write a piece about the “Moorestown Merlins” participation in the annual Burlington County Bird Quest event. This year, due to an early deadline in the newsletter, the results of this year’s event will have to wait. Instead I can offer up a trip report on a STEM-sponsored “bird walk” held on April 20th at Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area. This beautiful park was built by the county and is a great spot to go bird watching or just to enjoy some time outdoors. The park is off Creek Road in Moorestown, just before the border with Delran. The park offers a hard packed trail that runs around its perimeter. Off this main trail are a series of boardwalks that meander into the tidal marshlands of the Rancocas Creek.

As you well know, this year’s spring has been pretty slow in coming. In fact, I just saw a headline saying this year’s spring was the coldest on record (as I write this, another major snowstorm is hitting the Midwest and it is May!). As a result of the colder than normal weather, I was not expecting that we’d see a wide variety of migrants. They would have to wait until we were a little deeper into spring.

We did, however, see some seasonal inhabitants recently returned from their winter homes. The Eastern Towhee, Eastern Phoebe, and Tree Swallow are all birds that move south when the weather turns cold and return to nest once the spring (and the insects) return. Tree Swallows are beautiful birds—their feathers seem to switch between iridescent blue and green depending on the way the sunlight hits them. These birds

nest in the park, utilizing nesting boxes that were installed with the intent of attracting nesting blue birds. Although I have seen blue birds many times in the park, I don’t believe they have ever nested in the park. We also had great looks at a male Eastern Towhee, a beautiful sparrow who calmly sat in a tree singing his “drink your tea” song.

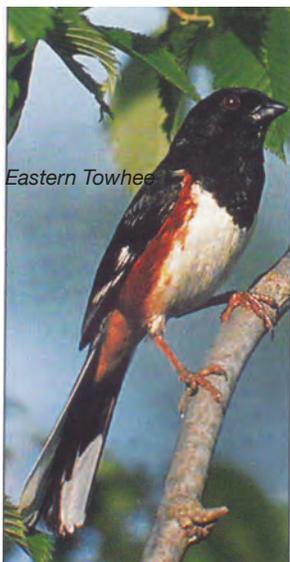
In addition to the birds who call Boundary Creek home in the spring and summer, the park hosts two species of sparrows that winter in the park. The White-throated Sparrow and the Dark-eyed Junco are very common birds in our area during the fall and winter months, enjoying our relatively mild winters. Both of these species winter in the mid-Atlantic states, with some wintering as far south as Georgia. Once spring comes, they will head north to their breeding grounds. The Juncos leave first, with most of them gone by mid April. White-throated Sparrows breed farther north, and you can see them in our area well into May. The only warbler we saw all day was a single Palm Warbler. Warblers are small, active, insectivores that don’t move north until their main food source (bugs) is plentiful. Some of these birds winter as far south as Columbia, South America and breed well into Canada—an amazing journey for a creature that weighs less than an ounce! Palm Warblers are typically the first warbler that you will see in the spring, and a sure sign that spring has arrived. While some warbler species breed at Boundary Creek, the Palm and many other warbler species are just passing through on their way to breeding grounds farther north.

We were also treated to an adult Bald Eagle making his way down the creek, enjoying the thermals

that were making for easy soaring. We also had an immature Bald Eagle fly right over us as we were walking along the trail. Later on we saw another adult Bald Eagle, but it could easily have been the same bird that we saw earlier in the day. Seeing two or possibly three Bald Eagles in a single day in suburban New Jersey would have been unheard of as recently as fifteen years ago. These magnificent birds, once on the edge of extirpation in the mid-Atlantic states, have made an incredible comeback. They are a great example of what can be accomplished in terms of bringing a species back from the brink.

All told it was a great day. After a long winter of seeing nothing but the “locals,” it is fun to see and hear birds that have been gone since September. Ah, how I love the spring—and to the birds I say, “Welcome back.”

—Mark Pensiero



Bird photos, courtesy of National Audubon Society Field Guide to N. American Birds, Bull & Farrand, Jr.



NATURAL AREA CARE —Caring for the Environment



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

NAC: Arbor Day Tree Planting

Strawbridge Lake has some new trees! On April 27, 2013, in honor of Arbor Day, the Moorestown Shade Tree Commission and STEM planted 100 trees at Strawbridge Lake Buffer on Route 38 between Pleasant Valley Avenue and Nixon Drive. There were 28 hearty volunteers, including Girl Scout Troop 22169 and Boy Scout Troop 601. We could not have done it without their help. Thank you!

The trees were donated by the NJ Tree Foundation: 50 Eastern Redbuds, 25 Buttonbushes, and 25 Bald Cypress. All of these tree and shrub species are native varieties, and we hope they flourish in their new home.

The NJ Tree Foundation has a beautiful facility in Jackson, NJ, complete with trails. If you are ever in that area take the time to visit. Just a few quick tree facts from the NJ Tree Foundation website: in one year one tree recycles more than \$37,000 of water, provides \$31,000 worth of erosion control, \$62,000 worth of air pollution control, and produces \$37,000 worth of oxygen. How's that for a beneficial addition to our lake? Hope you all enjoy the trees when you pass by.

—Kathy Huffman



Girl Scout Troop 22169 volunteered at Strawbridge Lake Buffer on Arbor Day to plant tree and shrub tublings. Photos clockwise from top left: 1. Erica Infanger, Bridget Hartshorne, Katie Hines, Cate Aberant. 2. Karla Peterson & Bridget Hartshorne. 3. Emily Klein & Bridget Hartshorne. 4. Erica Infanger, Tanya Nasife, Bridget Hartshorne, Ella Peterson, Karla Peterson, Katie Hines. 5. Karla Peterson, Katie Hines, Emily Klein, Ella Peterson & Tanya Nasife

2013 NAC Calendar

*Volunteers are always
welcome and appreciated*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Upcoming Natural Area Care Activities

On the schedule for May is a weekday conservation project at Little Woods on the Rancocas. Volunteers looking to help on Tuesday, May 21 can meet at 9:30 a.m. at the site. Little Woods is located on Creek Road across from Laurel Creek Boulevard, and parking is available along the roadway in the grassy area beyond the shoulder.

The focus of the morning's conservation project will be trail maintenance and litter collection along Creek Road. If time allows, a hike along the primary loop in the preserve will afford nice views of the Rancocas Creek and its tidal marsh area.

Dress for the weather and for insect pests. Bring clippers, loppers, and gloves if possible. Refreshments will be available. Contact Jean Fox at foxjean62@gmail.com or 856-642-7864 for additional information.

To learn more about the history and background of the site, visit the STEM website at www.stemonline.org.

NAC: A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood at Pompeston Park

The woods along Pompeston Creek sparkled from the April 12 rain on the crisp, sunny morning of our April 13 NAC conservation project. It was a bit early in the season and not easy to spot the usual crop of invasive plants—wisteria and Japanese knotweed—but prickly multiflora rose was identifiable by its thorny shoots and induced a few “ouches!” from Kay Smith, Barb Rich, and Margo Foster, as they pulled it up by the roots.

Gourmet chef David Bicking did find enough young knotweed shoots to harvest for his knotweed crumble (see STEM's 2012

Summer Newsletter, page 5 [www.stemonline.org] for more details on this delicacy). Working together, Jean Fox and Joe Ponessa rescued a few trees from the climbing and strangling invasive English ivy along the stream corridor path.

New Moorestown neighbor Griffin Gappert and his sons Benjamin and baby Nathaniel happened by while enjoying their walk in the woods; they were happy to see volunteers at work keeping one of our open spaces in tip-top shape for everyone to enjoy.

—Margo Foster



Above: Jean Fox, David Bicking, and Joe Ponessa look over some of the day's work.

On right: Barb Rich shows some cut stems to young neighbor Benjamin Gappert. Photos taken by Kay Smith.



Above: Perennial NAC volunteer Barb Rich tackles the invasive multiflora rose at a recent Pompeston Park Upstream of New Albany Road conservation project.

Welcome New Site Co-Leaders, Margo Foster, David Bicking, and Carole and Ken Wehn

The NAC Committee and the STEM Steering Committee would like to welcome new site co-leaders for two of Moorestown's preserved areas that are on NAC's maintenance list.

Carole and Ken Wehn have agreed to take on the responsibility as co-leaders for the Esther Yanai Preserve on Garwood Road. As of 2013, they will work with the NAC Committee to evaluate the site's needs and coordinate the conservation project scheduled for Saturday, June 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Pompeston Park upstream of New Albany Road also needed new site co-leaders, and Margo Foster and David Bicking have stepped up to the plate and are assuming the responsibility for that open space. They have already coordinated their first maintenance session that occurred on Saturday, April 13 (see article on left). The site comprises a portion of the 83-acre Pompeston site that borders the Pompeston Creek and is well-used by the local neighborhood.

Thank you to STEM's new site co-leaders for their dedication and commitment to the environment.



**THANK YOU FOR SERVING
STEM STEERING COMMITTEE
for 2013-2014**

President: Kathy Huffman
Vice-president: Mark Pensiero
Treasurer: Chet Dawson
Secretary: Susan Buffalino

Directors:
Claire Rollin Adair
Elizabeth Endres Hines
Margo Foster
Jean Fox
Joe Ponessa
Betsy Schnorr
Paolo Trinchieri
Kayla Rini (MHSEC Representative)

2013-14 Nominating Committee:
Elizabeth Endres Hines (Steering Committee Member)
Claire Rollin Adair (Steering Committee Member)
Barb Rich (Non-Steering Committee Member)

Adventures in Upcycling

It's not too late to participate! Use your creativity to transform something old or discarded into something artful, useful, or fanciful. Local experts are available to help with any technical questions. Go ahead, give it a try. Pre-registration is not required but encouraged to help us in planning. Let's make it simple—drop us a line with your name and upcycle idea (if you have one yet) at sustainablemoorestown@moorestown.nj.us.

See our Facebook page for more details on this event. The contest is sponsored by Sustainable Moorestown and ends Friday, May 30, 2013.
—Claire Adair

STEM Annual Meeting Report

This spring's Annual Meeting, held on Saturday, March 23, featured a two-part program. Starting at noon at the Moorestown Main Library Meeting Room, Amy Miller of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) presented an Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) of Moorestown natural resources to a public audience (for additional information concerning this document visit the DVRPC website).

Election of STEM's Steering Committee followed the presentation. The list of 2013-2014 committee members appears on the left.

The participants then regrouped at Little Woods on the Rancocas on Creek Road for an interpretive hike along the main loop trail that goes out to the creek and back.

For those who joined in the day's activities, STEM extends a warm thank you for your interest and participation.



STEM's "Nature in Moorestown" Photo Contest is around the corner. Geoff McClain submitted his photo entitled "How Do You Do?" and it won First Place in the 2012 Adult Division. Give your artistic talents a try and submit an image or two this year. Details on page 2.

Keep It Green Campaign

The mission of the *Keep It Green* campaign—to preserve New Jersey's parks, natural areas, clean water, farmland, and historic treasures—stresses the need to find sustainable funding for the preservation and stewardship of these important resources to protect them for generations to come.

They are looking for your support! Please visit their website at www.NJKeepItGreen.org and show you agree with their Statement of Support by signing the online petition.

Statement of Support

Yes, I support creation of a long-term, dedicated state funding for the following purposes:

- To sustain open space, farmland, and historic preservation programs beyond the 2009 Bond Act
- To improve and ensure proper stewardship of parks, preserved lands, and historic sites
- To provide equitable access to quality parks and recreation in urban, suburban, and rural areas
- To match and leverage county, local, and private funds for these purposes
- To protect drinking water supplies, water quality, and alleviate costly flood damage
- To preserve fish and wildlife habitat and provide public access for hunting and fishing
- To revitalize cities and towns
- To protect our quality of life and economic prosperity

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.



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.

Oops! Missing Dues Envelopes

The Spring 2013 Newsletter was mailed out with STEM-addressed envelopes included for ease in sending in your dues/donations. A number of the envelopes fell out during postal processing—we're sorry if one of them was yours. The address to send your dues/donation is STEM, P.O. Box 704, Moorestown, NJ 08057. Thanks for your understanding.

Photo below was taken at a prior year's STEM Plant Sale and shows, from left, Betsy Schnorr, Kathy Carswell, and Kathy Hart. Carswell was STEM's president for more than a few years. Her family's move to the west coast is our loss but California's gain. Thank you to all who have contributed time and energy during past plant sales.



MHS ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

We are having a busy and exciting time here in Environmental Club! We have become detectives and are currently investigating the recycling program at the school, which we hope to improve.

Recently, we have been sponsoring Sustainable Moorestown's Adventures in Upcycling event, which ends May 31st. Also we are collecting old cell phones and other electronic devices to recycle.

Coming up soon, we are planning hikes to go on as well as a trip to the recycling center in Bordentown, New Jersey. Other activities where we plan to volunteer are upcoming events in Moorestown such as the Plant Sale on June 1st. We are looking forward to summertime and all the wonderful activities that are coming along with it!

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

—Kayla Rini, MHS Environmental Club Project Coordinator

Membership renewals benefit STEM projects. Renew your's today!



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

SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT
OF MOORESTOWN

**Membership Renewal
Benefits STEM Projects**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Saturday, June 1 from 10am to 3pm
STEM ANNUAL PLANT SALE
At Moorestown Day on Main Street
Details on Page 1**

AREA EVENTS OF INTEREST

Saturday, May 18- October 26, 2013- Burlington County Community Agricultural Center, 8:30am-1pm, Centeron Rd., Moorestown

Sunday, May 26, 2013- Hike/Bird Creek Road Trio, 9am, Rancocas Nature Center, Preregister 609-261-2495

Sunday, June 9, 2013- Earth Fair Festival, 10:30am-4pm, Historic Smithville Park, 803 Smithville Rd., Eastampton, 609-265-5858

Wednesday, June 12, 2013- Fun w/ Nature for Preschoolers, 10-11am, Rancocas Nature Center, 794 Rancocas Rd., Westampton, 609-261-2495, Preregister

Saturday, June 16, 2013- Navigating the Pines Hike w/out a GPS, 1:30pm, Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge, 4 Saw Mill Rd., Medford, 856-983-3329

Saturday, June 29, 2013- Whitesbog Blueberry Festival, 10am-4pm, Whitesbog Preservation Trust, Browns Mills, 609-893-4646

Monday, July 1, 2013- Start of Summer Day Camp, 9am to 3pm, Rancocas Nature Center, 794 Rancocas Rd., Westampton, 609-261-2495, Preregister, runs through 8/9

Saturday, August 3, 2013- Photography Workshop-Photographing People on Location, Smithville Mansion Annex Gallery, 803 Smithville Rd., Eastampton, 609-265-5287

STEM Steering Committee Members for 2013-2014

Kathy Huffman, President; 856-778-2201 & kajer3@comcast.net
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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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Claire Rollin Adair at 856-727-3830 & cerollin@gmail.com
Barb Rich at 856-234-2787 & barbrich37ec@gmail.com