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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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Calendar of Upcoming STEM Events

- Tuesday, January 28**
Annual Joint Meeting
Community House
Main Street, Moorestown
7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, February 2**
STEM Strategic Meeting
10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 19**
STEM Steering Committee Mtg.
7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 8**
NAC Conservation Project
Strawbridge Lake Buffer
Rt. 38/Pleasant Valley Ave.
9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 19**
STEM Steering Committee Mtg.
7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 12**
NAC Conservation Project
Pompeston Park Upstream
of New Albany Road
9:30-11:30 a.m.

STEM's ANNUAL JOINT MEETING

The Ecological, Sustainable, and Evolving Designs of Residential Landscapes

Featuring: **MARK JENDRZEJSKI, Landscape Architect**

Hosted by STEM, Moorestown Improvement Association,
Pompeston Creek Watershed Association, and the Moorestown Garden Club

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Moorestown Community House, 16 East Main Street, Moorestown

ADMISSION IS FREE



Well-designed landscaping can avoid time-consuming and costly problems down the road. Residential properties are especially prone to poor planting choices. Whether installed by a previous homeowner or a professional landscaping service, inappropriate landscaping is common. Trees may be planted too close to a house; mulch build-up from foundation plantings can block water drainage; vegetation can block windows, sidewalks, and decorative features on a home: all of these are examples of landscaping practices to avoid.

In contrast, designs that incorporate native plants are ecologically beneficial to the soil and the local and migrating wildlife.



Above images courtesy of Google Images

The evening is sure to be educational and informative. Light refreshments will be served. For more details contact Kathy Huffman at 856-778-2201 or kajer3@comcast.net.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday with family and friends, and wish you a healthy and happy 2014! I hope you had some time to spend outdoors and enjoy the beauty of nature. I know the birds are very busy at our feeders. It's always a joy to watch them.

Those of us who were able to join the Annual Esther Yanai Hike at Strawbridge Lake on December 1 had a wonderful time and enjoyed learning new facts about the lake from STEM founding member Kay Smith. There is much to be done. Three of our four dams need repair and water quality needs to be improved—some feel that fish growth has been stunted. These are items that STEM hopes to be involved with in the upcoming year.

I hope that many of you will be able to attend this year's Joint Meeting at the Community House (details above). It promises to be a very informative presentation on natural landscaping. Hope to see you there.
—Kathy Huffman

Introducing Landscape Architect Mark Jendrzewski

With forty years as a landscape professional, Mark Jendrzewski's resume incorporates a broad spectrum of expertise.

Mark has worked for several engineering firms where he planned large commercial sites, incorporated native plants in LEEDS approved construction, and designed streetscapes, parks trails, and stream restoration and wetland mitigation projects.

A Landscape Architecture graduate of Temple University, he has completed the Rutgers University Wetlands Delimitation program, professional rain garden training, and the Core Training Program in accordance with the New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act.

As the owner of Landforms Unlimited and a partner of Insideout Design Studio Landscape Design, Mark designs and installs ecologically sound residential environments, specializing in native plantings and dry-fitting hardscape designs.

Locally, Mark is a member of the Riverton Environmental Commission, President of the Pompeston Creek Watershed Association, and works with the non-profit organization, Our Shared Ground (OSG). OSG is committed to teaching local, urban children about the grow-

ing, harvesting, and cooking of organically grown food. The organization also retails its products at the Burlington County Agricultural Center located at the Winner Farm on Centerton Road in Moorestown, New Jersey.

During the Annual Joint Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at the Moorestown Community House, Mark will present *The Ecological, Sustainable, and Evolving Designs of Residential Landscapes*. Join STEM and partners at the Moorestown Community House for this event. Your yard and wallet will thank you.



Above image courtesy of Google Images for natural landscapes

Percherons at the Park



Were you there? Percheron Park became a festive staging area for the wagon rides pulled by a team of handsome grey Percheron horses at Moorestown Business Association's Candlelight Night on November 1.

"Gabriel" and "Daniel," the calm and sturdy pair, stand about a hand (4") taller than did "Diligence," the stallion introduced to the USA from France in 1839 by Moorestown's Edward Harris II. (Percheron horses were referred to as "diligence horses," for the stage-coaches they pulled in France.)

Percheron horses, used on farms and roads, helped the USA develop in the 1800s, especially in the Midwest. By 1930, Percherons outnumbered the other draft (work) horse breeds by three to one, attesting to Harris' wisdom in choosing to bring them to our country.

Friends of Percheron Park will soon announce the sculptor selected to create the life-sized statue representing Diligence. Development of the park is slated to begin in the spring, when the site remediation is finalized.

Although enough money has been raised to begin building the park, more is needed for its completion. Don't miss your opportunity to become part of Moorestown's history—purchase a commemorative stone impression for

REMINDER: Dues are due each year in March!

Every organization needs the financial support of its members to keep the wheels turning by paying for its ongoing expenses, i.e. community events, the newsletter, and insurance. Your financial support indicates your commitment to STEM and its mission to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural environment of Moorestown for today's and future generations.

STEM Membership Dues:
\$15 for an individual
\$25 for a family
\$10 for a student

You may mail your 2014 dues to:
STEM, P.O. Box 704,
Moorestown, NJ 08057

Please note:
Effective with the publication of the Spring 2014 Newsletter, a printed copy will be mailed only to current, paid members (who have not opted to view the newsletter online).

One of STEM's quarterly expenses includes the production and mailing of the STEM Newsletter. In the past we have extended the courtesy of mailing newsletters to members whose membership has lapsed, but we can no longer continue this practice. Check the mailing label to see if your dues are current. The label shows your STEM membership expiration date. Please renew by the expiration date to keep your membership current and to continue receiving the printed newsletter.

STEM thanks those of you who support the organization financially as well as in its many activities!



\$250, and your name will be on display in the heart of town forever!

For more information, visit the website www.percheronpark.org. Donations may be made to Friends of Percheron Park, P.O. Box 153, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

—Margo Foster

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114th Christmas Bird Count—Moorestown Area

The weather forecast for this year's 114th Christmas Bird Count called for an unseasonably warm day, with a high probability of showers. Birding in the rain is not one of my favorite pastimes, and my experience is that the birds don't like it either. They may have bird brains, but they have enough sense to get under cover when the skies open up.

For this year's count, I was again joined by fellow STEM Board Member Sue Buffalino along with two new participants: Tom a professor of environmental studies from Maine, and Jody, his brother-in-law, a professor of biology at Philadelphia's Temple University. They, like me, found the prospect of a day in the field far preferable to a day at the mall.

This year we started our day at Swede Run Fields, a spot we typically hit in the afternoon. There we had one of our best birds of the day—a Northern Harrier. This beautiful raptor hunts low over open fields where he targets mice and voles. These birds are remarkably maneuverable, using their long tails to change direction so quickly that they seem to defy the rules of physics.

We also had a Catbird at the spot where

Northern Harrier: "hunts low over open fields... They are remarkably maneuverable, using their long tails to change direction so quickly that they seem to defy the rules of physics."

the creek runs under Westfield Road. Catbirds are Neotropical migrants that are usually long gone by October. It is pretty uncommon to see one of these on the Moorestown count, so it was a great sighting.

Along the pedestrian bridge that runs parallel to Westfield Road, we were able to call in a Winter Wren. This diminutive bird has a voice that seems more appropriate to a bird about ten times its size. They are winter visitors to our region, and not a bird that we see every year in our territory.

From Swede Run Fields, we headed over to Farrago Farm. This preserved open space has quickly become one of my favorite spots in town. It has two very different habitats: beautiful open fields in the front of the property, and a stand of mature deciduous trees in the back. In the fields we had a nice flock of Field Sparrows, likely the same group of birds that have been hanging out at Farrago all fall. We also had a Great Horned Owl along the woods that are adjacent to Borton

Landing Road. From there, we headed over to the County's beautiful Boundary Creek Natural Resource Area. We had nice looks at Swamp and Song Sparrows in the reeds along the creek. Just like last year, we had great numbers of Mallards by the beaver lodge, but no other waterfowl were sighted on the Rancocas. We did have a mature Bald Eagle fly by—a bird that we have missed on the prior two counts.

We also made a quick stop at Little Woods, where we had great looks at an Eastern Phoebe. This bird is a member of the flycatcher family, and as an insectivore it is not a bird that you expect to see in Moorestown in December. While this is a fairly common bird in the summer, it is a great bird to see in December in New Jersey—even better than the Catbird.

After lunch, we did a quick drive through Strawbridge Lake Park, where we finally tallied our first Great Blue Heron of the day. And of course we counted good numbers of the ever-present Mallards and Canada Geese.

Our next stop was Lew's Farm along the Pennsauken Creek, just east of Mayberry Riggers Company. Along with five Common Mergansers in the creek, we also had a nice group of Black Ducks. All in all, it was a poor day for waterfowl, not just in our region but for the larger Moorestown count as well.

Along the creek we also had an inquisitive skunk that shadowed our tracks for about a hundred yards. I originally thought it was a morbidly obese cat with impossibly short legs. Fortunately he lost interest in us and wandered off to find something to eat.

We finished up the day along Pompeston Creek Park, where we spotted an Eastern Towhee, a large and dramatic looking sparrow. Looking back, I'd say the day was great for birding. The forecasted rain turned out to be only sporadic showers, with temperatures hovering in the mid-sixties. Our final count was 48 species, one of the highest numbers I have ever had in my region. I haven't seen the final numbers for the full count circle, but I would expect that we will be north of 110 total species.

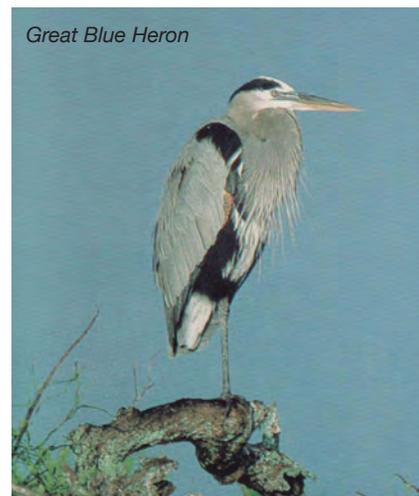
—Mark Pensiero



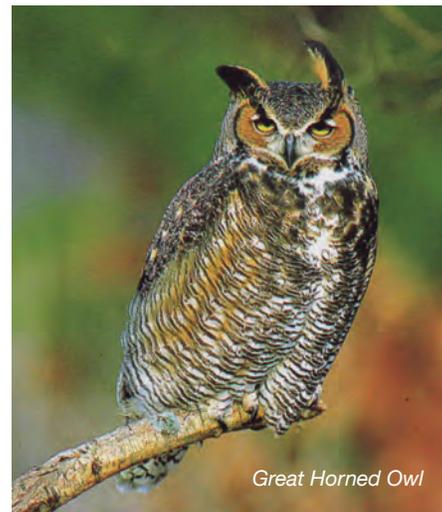
Grey Catbird



Northern Harrier



Great Blue Heron



Great Horned Owl

All 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*

About the NAC Committee—

Preserving open space is like having a baby. The seed starts small—just a germ of an idea that grows over time—then one day all the details come together and the land has a life of its own. But just as children need nurturance and attention, open space requires ongoing care and stewardship to remain healthy. That's where the Natural Area Care Committee (NAC) comes in.

The NAC Committee consists of six STEM members, and they oversee the annual schedule that facilitates site plan management and maintenance of eleven designated open spaces. Every preserve has a site leader/s who evaluates it and prescribes an agenda for each conservation project. Work sessions or clean-ups are scheduled for each project on second Saturdays or on three weekdays during March through November. Sessions last two hours and the amount that gets accomplished depends on the number of volunteers that show up.

Typical projects include trail maintenance, invasive plant removal, and litter pick-up, but can extend to fallen tree removal, stream bank restoration, trail blazing, and bridge/boardwalk construction. The intangibles include a sense of accomplishment and camaraderie, a familiarity with the trails, and an appreciation for the beauty of these local, accessible, preserved areas.

Volunteers Needed for all NAC Sessions

Check the NAC schedule on the right and plan to help on some or all of the dates. Contact Jean Fox, NAC Chairperson, at foxjean62@gmail.com or 856-642-7864 for additional information. For images and interesting facts about each open space, visit the STEM website at www.stemonline.org.

"The Jewel" of Moorestown—Facts, Issues, & History of Strawbridge Lake

Strawbridge Lake encompasses 32.9 acres and is composed of three basins created by two dams on Hooten Run (a Pennsauken Creek tributary) and one dam beyond the confluence of Hooten Run and the north branch of Pennsauken Creek at Kings Highway. Lake construction started during the Great Depression in the late 1920s and was completed in 1937.

The body of land that drains into Strawbridge Lake, its watershed, is about 12.6 square miles and lies within three townships—Moorestown, Mount Laurel and Evesham. The lake is shallow and heavily impacted by nonpoint source pollution. It is listed under the 303(d)1 section of the Clean Water Act as being impaired by elevated phosphorus and sediment levels—mostly from nonpoint sources. Stormwater runoff is the main source of pollution affecting water quality in Strawbridge Lake since there are no point source discharges in the watershed.

Since construction, the lake has been dredged twice—in the late 1950s and early 1960s, and more recently in the late 1990s through 2000, fewer than twenty years since the last dredging. About 37,000 cubic yards were removed from the upper basin, 20,000 cubic yards from the middle basin, and 72,000 cubic yards from the lower basin. The restoration process was lengthy and expensive and raised a number of issues and questions. What options other than dredging could work at Strawbridge Lake? Permits and studies are needed to dredge. How can the aquatic life be protected—relocation, avoiding breeding season, etc.? How much sediment is there? How much needs to be removed?
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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!

2013 NAC Calendar

*Volunteers are always
welcome and appreciated*

Saturday, March 8
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
9:30-11:30 am
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

The Natural State of the Pompeston Easement

On Saturday November 16, 2013 a group of STEM volunteers: Tom Finley, Susan Poaletti, Claire Rollin, Joe and Joan Ponessa, Margo Foster, and Amy Filoppone performed the annual Easement Monitoring. With permission from the Finnerty family, we were able to access the Easement from the residential side of the acreage. Our group of seven split into two groups to walk the perimeter of the property, locate the boundary markers, and observe the conditions within the Easement.

It was a gorgeous fall day and we all enjoyed walking through this old growth forested area. Last year there was storm damage evident as a result of Hurricane Sandy. This year, the forest appears to be in good condition in its natural state of growth, decay, and wild beauty.

Both the residential and industrial neighbors to this property seem to

understand that the area is to be kept in its natural state, because this year there was no evidence of dumped yard trimmings, brush, or leaves within the Easement boundaries. We are glad for that, since this debris smothers native plants, or introduce chemicals and invasive weeds to the Easement.

On the Industrial side, trash blowing from the dumpsters of certain businesses continues to be an issue. The Easement Committee will reach out to the managers of Color Prism and Bel-for Property Restoration Company to ask them to be more environmentally conscious and clean up their paper, plastic, and Styrofoam litter which blows up along the edge of the Easement property.

As we finished the activity, we did discover a hunting stand chained to a tree well inside the Easement borders. Hunting is, of course, illegal on this

Easement property as well as being dangerously close to residential housing. The committee will work with authorities to have it removed and inform both residential neighbors and the industrial property owners that hunting is not allowed on the Pompeston Easement property.



Photo above was taken at the annual assessment of the Pompeston Easement and includes from left, Tom Finley, Sue Poaletti, Amy Filoppone, Margo Foster, and Claire Rollin.

The Sixth Annual Esther Yanai Memorial Hike

The weather was beautiful on Sunday, December 1 as 18 people hiked along the far side of Strawbridge Lake. This lesser taken route circled from the Tot Lot on Haines Drive to Church Street to Route 38 to Nixon Drive, to Waterworks Woods, to Kings Highway, to Haines Drive, and back again to the Tot Lot.

Along the way we saw the pocket wetlands and sedimentation chambers installed to prevent pollutants from Route 38 runoff from entering Strawbridge Lake. These were built during the lake restoration project done during the 1990s. See page 4 of this newslet-

ter for more info on the lake restoration project. We were also pleased to get some good views (and photos) of Great Blue Herons, Double-crested Cormorants and ducks as we walked around this Moorestown treasure. The former swimming pool and stone fireplaces were a revelation to some.

It was surprising to many that the busy traffic along Route 38 did not really detract from the pleasure of the walk. In fact, at the end of the hike, several people said they planned to add this route to their repertoire.

—Kay Smith

Photos below are from a NAC session at Pompeston Park Upstream on Nov. 9, 2013. Top photo includes Jean Fox, David Bicking, and Colleen Malloy Lopresti. Bottom photo includes Tom Hottenstein, Matt Boullis with machete, Maggie and Flo Zelinka, and David Bicking in front of a pile of wisteria. Photos by Jean Fox.

Photos Below From the Esther Yanai Walk at Strawbridge Lake Park on December 1, 2013



Above left: To celebrate the late Esther Yanai's contributions to STEM, members hike the loop around the Haines Drive portion of Strawbridge Lake Park. Above right: Hikers stop to pose for a group shot in the park.



October 6, 2013 STEM SSO Festival— "An Apple a Day the Environmental Way"
 Thank you to Skye & Geoff McClain for their photos & to all who attended that day!



It was a picture-perfect day!

The smell of fresh apples and apple desserts filled the air. On left, two Baker Elementary School students, winners in the Johnny Appleseed Coloring contest. Below, MHS Interact students man the Apple Dessert Contest table. On right, three young attendees visit the Apple Varieties Tasting tent and cast their vote for the most delicious. Thank you to the generous donations of our local farmstands.



Bottom group of photos, clockwise from left: "Lost in Brunswick" provided lively music for the afternoon; Geoff McClain displays the 2013 "Nature in Moorestown Photo Contest" winners; two Baker Elementary School students, winners in the Johnny Appleseed Coloring contest; canoers on Strawbridge Lake; a family shows off their SSO Explorer's stamp cards.

Once again, Moorestown displayed its beautiful natural features at the festival.

—Skye McClain



Canoeing in the Pine Barrens?

The photo on left was actually taken by the McClains at SSO 2013 and shows a family paddling on Strawbridge Lake in Moorestown.



Annual STEM Membership Form

Return to:

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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.

MHS ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

This season has been a busy one for the Moorestown High School Environmental Club. Recently, we have implemented the use of reusable trays in our school, replacing the non-recyclable styrofoam trays. Also, we are in the process of receiving more recycling bins in our cafeteria, and we plan to raise awareness among the students on the importance of recycling.

The Club arranged to have a water filter stationed at one of our water fountains, and so far it has been used to refill the equivalent of more than 2,000 plastic water bottles! Because of its popularity, we are looking into acquiring another water filter to use in the cafeteria.

During the year, we have various fundraisers. The money raised from our annual Candy Cane Sale will be donated to the World Wildlife Fund to help protect an endangered animal.

We also have several ideas to put into action in the new year such as the installation of a compost bin to recycle school food waste and we would like to see stainless steel water bottles sold in our school store.

The Environmental Club is looking forward to 2014. Any questions, comments, or suggestions, please send an email to environmentalclub.mhs.08057@gmail.com.

Happy New Year! — Kayla Rini, President of the MHS Environmental Club



Photo from SSO 2013 by Skye McClain, of a Freedom Center for Wildlife staff person holding a rehabilitating raptor.

(Strawbridge Lake Cont'd from page 4)

How much can we afford to remove? What is in the sediments? Where can we take the sediments? Which dredging process should be used? How can we prevent and/or slow down future degradation? How do we fund these projects? What grants are available?

As part of the recent restoration, the Township included several measures to help control nonpoint source pollution. Shoreline stabilization and a 10 to 20 feet wide vegetated buffer were installed along 4,020 linear feet of the Lake. Red gravel access areas totaling 240 linear feet were created. Seven stormwater discharges to the lake were retrofitted with four pocket wetlands to filter stormwater. Sedimentation chambers to remove coarse sediment from Route 38 runoff were installed. Vegetated buffers function in water filtration and uptake of nutrients as well as act as a Canada Goose deterrent, but much of the buffer has been cut down.

Water quality protection and improvement require attention from all segments of our community. We all need to think about how our activities affect water quality. — Kay Smith



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OF MOORESTOWN



**Membership Renewal
Benefits STEM Projects**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.
ANNUAL JOINT MEETING
The Ecological, Sustainable, and Evolving Designs
of Residential Landscapes
Featuring: **MARK JENDRZEJEWSKI, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT**
Moorestown Community House
Admission: **FREE**

STEM Steps Out Fall Festival Thank You



STEM thanks Shop-Rite and Chet and Pat Dawson for their generous donations.

We also thank Moorestown organizations: The High School Interact Club, the High School Environmental Club, the Police Department, the Recreation Committee, the Emergency Squad Fire District #1, the Fire Department, Public Works, and the Garden Club.

STEM would also like to thank the following organizations and volunteers for their generous contributions of time & energy.

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| Flagg's Garden Center | Lost in Brunswick |
| Flying Feather Farm | Ranger Chris Derkas |
| Stellwag's Garden Center | Jerry Huffman |
| Darmo's Farm Market | Matt Boulis & Kim Kersey |
| Browning Hess Farm | Walt Sr. & Jr., & Kevin Fox |
| Lew's Farm Market | Sky & Geoff McClain |
| Haines Garden Market | Jeff Frazier & Mark Hines |
| Freedom Center for Wildlife | Paolo Trinchieri & Family |
| Woodford Cedar Run | Harry Mayer & Margo Fowles |
| Rancocas Nature Center | Barb Rich & Linda Burns |
| NJ Acad. of Aquatic Science | Stacy Schaffer |
| NJ Outdoor Club | Bruce & Bob Cavalier |
| Sustainable Moorestown | John Lestino & Jim Burns |
| Cub Scout Pack #4638 | John Kunkler & Charlie Close |
| Girl Scout Troop #22169 | David Bicking & PCWA |
| Critters & Feathers 4-H Clubs | Maria Pfrommer & Molly Cope |
| Master Gardeners | Sally & Hannah Wilson |
| Cherry Hill HS Students | Zack Letendre |
| NJ Watershed Ambassadors | Amy Filippone |

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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: Elizabeth Endres-Hines at 856-222-1163 & eendres03@gmail.com Claire Rollin Adair at 856-727-3830 & cerollin@gmail.com Barb Rich at 856-234-2787 & barbrich37ec@gmail.com