



SUMMER 2011



Hooked on the Fishing Clubs of the Poconos **RAMBLE THE GROUNDS OF BRODHEAD FOREST & STREAM** **ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 13**

by Carol Hillestad

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WELCOME NEW BWA MEMBERS!

Robin Petras

Michael Sachs/
Andrew Beauchamp

Walks and talks exploring subjects ranging from a local Revolutionary War soldier, to the fishing clubs of the Poconos, to how birds, trees and water work together are on tap at the Brodhead Watershed Association's annual Ramble on Saturday, August 13. This year's Ramble will be all on one site – the beautiful, historic grounds of the Brodhead Forest & Stream Association in Stroud Township. The Ramble starts at 1 p.m. and includes an after-Ramble party with an array of delicious sweet and savory foods and beverages. Tickets for BWA members and non-members who reserve in advance are \$10. For non-members, tickets are \$12 on the day. For children under 14, tickets are \$5 and children under 5, free.

Stations throughout the extensive grounds of the fishing club will be staffed by naturalists, historians, and experts in a wide range of fields, including Don Baylor, Darryl Speicher, and Jim Hartzler. The day's plans include:

- electrofishing demonstration
- bugs and aquatic insects and why they are important to people
- how forests work with streams to protect drinking water
- how to control invasive plants on stream banks – and what to plant in their place
- trout habitat and modifying streams to improve habitat
- how birds, trees, and water work together – and benefit people
- the gravesite of a Revolutionary War veteran named Elias Utt
- and culminating in a discussion of the history of fishing in the Poconos by noted local outdoorsman Don Baylor

Wear good walking shoes and bring a lawn chair for the after-Ramble party.

The Brodhead Watershed Association (BWA) is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to protecting and improving water resources and the environment in the Brodhead and Cherry creek watershed. The BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs, stream monitoring and baseline data collection and stream cleanups.

The BWA's annual educational Ramble is a fun way to learn about how protecting streams and the land they depend on protects drinking water.

For more information, or to buy tickets, call 839-1120 or email the BWA



Scholarship Memorializes a Tribute to Dr. Jeri Jewett-Smith

by Edie Stevens

Karen Trebitz is the first recipient of a Dr. Jeri Jewett-Smith Graduate School Scholarship Support Award in the amount of \$250 to help with the costs of graduate school at Washington State University.

The BWA Board voted at its May 2nd meeting to give Karen this award for her active and enthusiastic membership in and involvement with BWA events and projects and Jeri's often-stated respect for her work. She has also been very effective as a research as an intern and student at ESU on projects that supported BWA's mission which will continue with her choice of and acceptance into a graduate program that extends our research interests.

In her thank you to the Board, Karen says, "This award is bittersweet, as I have spent many hours with Jeri. Her enthusiasm in our environment was infectious as she championed conservation effortsJeri's role as my professor, academic advisor, and friend helped shape my direction of study, and I am deeply grateful for the four years I have known her."



Karen Trebitz

Karen graduated Summa cum Laude from East Stroudsburg University in 2009 with a degree in Environmental Studies. Jeri was her academic advisor throughout her years at ESU. Karen started her college studies in 2003 as a part-time student in liberal arts at Northampton Community College, after spending 20 years as a farrier (horse-shoer), wife, and mother.

Karen will be pursuing a master's degree at Washington State University. Her future goals include bringing good science to environmental advocacy.

Monroe County Transit Authority to Offer Free Transportation for Outdoor Enthusiasts

by Edie Stevens



New this Season, Transit in the Park, Weekends and Holidays, Free Transportation on the Riverview Route and McDade Mover.

From April 30, 2011 through October 30, 2011, Weekends and Holidays, the National Park Service and Monroe County Transportation Authority Pocono Pony are working together to provide transportation to and around the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation area. Service will begin at Crystal St. East Stroudsburg and proceed to locations throughout the park along the McDade Trail. Services will conclude in historic downtown Milford.

Pocono Pony bus routes in the park provide access to the many beaches, boat launches and the entire McDade Recreational Trail. Need a canoe or kayak? "Kittatinny Canoes" offer canoe and kayak rentals. Look for their booth across the street from the Dingman's Access. Need a bike?, "Edge of the Woods Outfitters" will offer bike rentals at Smithfield Beach.

If you just want to spend the day out, why not visit the ornate shops of historic downtown Milford and enjoy

lunch at one of the many fine cafes. Access fees to beaches and other designated areas will be waived to people entering via public transportation. The park commission has scheduled many outdoor activities and exhibits. Visit the MCTA website for more information: <http://www.gomcta.com/events.htm>.



Biking, Hiking, Canoeing, Kayaking – New this Season, Transit in the Park with Monroe County Transit Pocono Pony, you can do it all.



Daily Water Use Facts -

How Much Water Do We Use?

- 💧 A dairy cow must drink 4 gallons of water to produce one gallon of milk
- 💧 400 gallons of water are used during the growing/production of a chicken.
- 💧 12 gallons of water are used during the growing/production of almonds.
- 💧 13.8 gallons of water are used during the growing/production of a single orange.
- 💧 100 gallons of water are used during the growing/production of a watermelon.
- 💧 150 gallons of water are used during the growing/production of a loaf of bread.
- 💧 3 gallons of water are used during the growing/production of a tomato.
- 💧 120 gallons of water are used during the production of an egg.
- 💧 6 gallons of water are used during the growing/production of French fries.
- 💧 It takes approximately one gallon of water to process a quarter pound of hamburger.
- 💧 300 million gallons of water are used to produce a single day's supply of U.S. newsprint.
- 💧 It takes 39,090 gallons of water used to manufacture a new car, including tires.

Your Chance to Help Reduce Mercury in Our Waterways

As you probably know, EPA is holding 3 hearings around the country to take public testimony on their proposed mercury rule. Despite the toxicity of mercury, mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants are unregulated because of decades-long opposition by Big Coal, with the support of many politicians, to any mercury regulations.

Pennsylvania is the 2nd largest emitter of mercury in the nation, and has a state-wide fish consumption advisory for mercury. Over a thousand stream miles and thousands of acres of lakes are contaminated with mercury. For the first time, we may have a chance to reduce the amount of mercury being spewed into the atmosphere. If you would like to help persuade EPA to take action to reduce mercury emissions, Ed Perry of the National Wildlife Federation has requested you email him with the subject: "EPA Mercury Rule" to him at paglobalwarmingoutreach@gmail.com. Include the name of your home town and your name will be added to the list of signers.

Please feel free to contact Ed Perry at the National Wildlife Federation regarding "Climate Change Campaign" Phone - 814-880-9593 email paglobalwarmingoutreach@gmail.com. If you have more interest or questions

Streamwatcher Garners a Waterfall of Funds from Exxon for the BWA

Streamwatcher Jerry Williams, retired employee of Exxon, submitted his hours to Exxon for his volunteer time as a Streamwatcher in the amount of \$500.00 for last year's hours and Exxon matched that amount. The BWA received a check for \$1,000.00 from Exxon Corp in his name for this effort. Congratulations and a big thanks to Jerry for all his effort and attention to this opportunity.

Free Composting Classes Offered at The Monroe County Waste Authority

The Waste Authority is participating with Penn State Cooperative Extension and will be offering free composting classes at The Waste Authority, 183 Commercial Blvd., Blakeslee, PA. They will be held the second Saturday of each month starting in June and ending on September 10th. These classes will start at 9:00 and end at 10:30am. All classes will be taught by a certified Master Gardener from the Penn State Cooperative Extension. You must pre-register to attend this free class. Take advantage of this opportunity! Composting is another way to reduce the waste you accumulate on a daily basis and the bonus is rich organic soil that can be used to beautify your houseplants or outside gardens. Come let the experts show you how!

Go to the following link to obtain the registration form:
<http://thewasteauthority.com/>



Monroe County Envirothon May 6, 2011

By Eileen Barthold

The Monroe County Envirothon is a high school level environmental competition hosted by the Monroe County Conservation District and generously funded by the Kettle Creek Environmental Fund (KCEF). On May 6th, 2011, 111 students from eight local high schools competed in the Monroe County Envirothon. In the past each student would receive a t-shirt as a memento of their Envirothon experience but in recent years Envirothon students have been given the choice of having \$5.00 donated to a conservation organization in their name in lieu of a t-shirt. Those who chose the donation option in 2011 chose to have \$5.00 donated to the Watershed Association of the watershed in which they live. Forty-nine Envirothon students who live in the Brodhead Watershed chose the donation option. These students were from Notre Dame High School, thirteen students; Evergreen Community Charter School, one student; Stroudsburg High School, sixteen students; and East Stroudsburg High School - South, nineteen students. It is with pleasure that BWA thanks these students and we are very grateful that the youth of today recognizes the fact that protecting our environment is everyone's responsibility.



HELP SAVE PAPER

The BWA would like to help reduce waste and costs.

Please provide us with your e-mail address so we may send your next copy of Streamlines to you via e-mail.

Send us an e-mail to: brodheadwatershed@verizon.net

With the words: "E-mail Streamlines" in the subject or body of the message.



Save Some Dates

Saturday, July 30- 11th Annual North Branch Land Trust River Trip on the North Branch of the Susquehanna River. Visit www.phlt.org

Saturday, August 13 - BWA Annual Ramble - Ramble the grounds of Brodhead Forest & Stream Association. See article in this newsletter.

Sunday, September 18 - Kayak paddle on the Delaware River from Bushkill to Smithfield beach including an old growth forest hike. Visit www.phlt.org

Fish Kill Hotline Announced 1-855-FISH-KIL

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) introduced a new toll-free hotline for the public to report suspected pollution incidents or fish kills on April 12.

The number – **1-855-FISH-KIL (1-855-347-4545)** – provides the public with a way to quickly alert PFBC staff to suspected environmental incidents, according to Board President William Worobec. “Timely notification is the number one critical factor in dealing with suspected pollution cases and protecting our aquatic resources,” he said. “The sooner we know about an incident, the sooner we can evaluate it and, if necessary, implement a response plan. As more time passes between an incident and our evaluation, we reduce our chances of clearly identifying the source of the suspected pollutant.”

Worobec emphasized that the number is to be used only for reporting suspected cases of pollution or fish kills and is not meant for general inquiries related to license sales, boat registrations or other agency issues. For more information, please go to:

http://www.fish.state.pa.us/newsreleases/2011press/fish_kil.htm



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Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Preferred method of receiving BWA news & info:

Regular Mail ☐ E-mail ☐ Both ☐

Circle One:

Family \$30 Individual \$15 Senior \$10

Student \$5 Contributor \$100

Adopt-A-Stream Site \$250

Return, with your check to:

Brodhead Watershed Association
Box 339, Henryville, PA 18332

The official registration and financial information of Brodhead Watershed Association may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling, toll-free, within Pennsylvania.

Go Kayaking on the Susquehanna with the Pocono Heritage Land Trust

by Tom Morganthau

BWA members are invited to join Pocono Heritage Land Trust for the 11th Annual North Branch Land Trust River Trip on the North Branch of the Susquehanna River on Saturday, July 30. The 12-mile trip is suitable for beginners and will meet at the Howland Preserve, owned by North Branch Land Trust. This event is sponsored by North Branch Land Trust and a group from Pocono Heritage Land Trust. Coordinated by Dave and Melody



Buck of Endless Mountain Outfitters (EMO), a recreational kayak costs \$45, a two-person kayak or canoe costs \$55. PFD's and paddles are included. If you bring your own boat, registration for the event is \$15 per boat (advanced registration required). Participants should bring binoculars (eagles are nesting near the launch), proper footwear for water, plenty of sunscreen and bug spray, snacks, drinking water, and your lunch. Reservations are required. To register contact: Endless Mountain Outfitters at www.emo444.com or call (570) 746-9140. Please identify yourself as a BWA or PHLT member.

ALSO: Sunday, September 18 - Kayak paddle on the Delaware River from Bushkill to Smithfield beach including an old growth forest hike on the Hogback area of Walpack Bend. Registration details to will be available at the PHLT website closer to the date.

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The Brodhead Watershed Association is a non-profit organization formed in 1989 to promote and preserve the environment of the Brodhead watershed and the water quality of the Brodhead, Cherry, Marshalls, McMichael, Paradise, and Pocono creeks and their tributaries.

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