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Birding Bonanza!

Eagle Watches

Fridays: January 19th, February 9th and February 16th - Join Environmental Educator Brian Hardiman on this field trip to the upper Delaware River in search of our national symbol, the Bald Eagle. Once a rare sight, many wintering and resident eagles now inhabit this region and the probability for sightings is high. Meet at the EE Center at 8:30am and return at 5:30pm. **Cost: \$32/non-members, \$26/EE Center members** and includes bus transportation. Participants should pack a lunch and binoculars and dress for the weather. Stops will be made for coffee and snacks. **Pre-registration is required by the Tuesday preceding each program. Seating is limited. Refunds will be given only if notification is made at least one week prior to the trip.**

Middle Creek Birding Field Trip Tuesday, March 6th

Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area is a major stop-over for tremendous numbers of Snow Geese— their huge flocks in flight sometimes create a “blizzard” of birds. Environmental Educator Brian Hardiman will lead this trip to observe this stunning spectacle of nature. In addition, a variety of waterfowl, raptors, and other birds should be seen. Meet at the EE Center at 8:30am and return at 6pm. **Cost: \$32/non-members, \$26/EE Center members and includes bus transportation.** Participants should pack a lunch and binoculars and dress for the weather. **Pre-registration and payment is required and limited. Refunds will be given only if notification is made at least one week prior to trip.**



Mystery Birding Field Trip Friday, March 23rd

Join Environmental Educator Brian Hardiman on this popular birding adventure where the destinations and target species are not revealed until the day of the trip. Pre-trip scouting and local reports will determine where we go to see the best avian goodies. Meet at the EE Center at 8:30am and return at 5:30pm. **Cost: \$28 non-members, \$22/EE Center member and includes bus transportation,** plenty of birds, and a good time! Participants should pack a lunch and binoculars and dress for the weather. **Pre-registration and payment is required and limited. Refunds will be given only if notification is made at least one week prior to the trip.**

Photo Contest Winners Announced!

This year we received the largest amount of entries and there were some very difficult decisions to make while choosing the winners. We would like to thank all who participated and congratulate all of the winners! All

winners received maple syrup from the Meesing Sugarbush as well as a complimentary copy of the calendar, featuring their photo. Barbara Lewis was the grand prize winner of the photo contest, and her photo of a great blue heron taken at the Brodhead Creek in Stroudsburg is featured on the cover. For a complete list of winners visit our website. Calendars featuring the winners are on sale in the gift shop for \$9.00 inclusive of tax. ❄️



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The Board of Directors' monthly
meeting is held at 8 am on the third
Thursday of each month in
the District office.

Kettle Creek Environmental Fund Update

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 27th annual fundraising event on Friday, September 21, 2018 at Trout Lake! KCEF has changed the date from late spring to fall and has also relocated the venue to Trout Lake. After much deliberation, the KCEF Board decided to also change the format to be more entertaining rather than having auctions. A competition for short films will be featured during the evening, with details to follow.

Letters for solicitation of sponsorships and donations have been mailed and responses have started coming in. If you have suggestions for businesses or individuals that should be added to the mailing list, please contact Alesia Gallo at 570-629-3061 or agmccd@ptd.net.

The KCEF is also currently accepting resumes for new Board

members. If you are interested, you may also contact Alesia.

The KCEF Board extends warm holiday wishes to all. ❄

-John Woodling, KCEF President

27th Annual Dinner/Auction September 21, 2018



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Farmer's Appreciation Banquet

The Monroe County Conservation District is teaming up with Penn State Extension to co-host the Annual Farmers Appreciation Banquet on Saturday, February 3rd, 2018 at the Polk Township Fire Hall in Kresgeville. The Polk Township Ladies Auxiliary will be serving a family style meal and musical entertainment will be provided by the McWilliams Brothers Band. There will also be other fun activities such as games, door prizes, information booths and giveaways. Doors will open at 5:30pm and dinner will be served promptly at 6:00pm. Admission for adults is \$20, children \$15 and children under 5 years of age are free! For ticket information contact Resource Conservation Specialist, Matt Giambra, and be sure to check out our website for details! ❄



Welcome Aboard Denise!

After the retirement of Deb Martin in the late summer, the Monroe County Conservation District is pleased to welcome Denise Smale to the team! Denise has lived in Monroe County for 16 years and was a stay at home mom before returning back to work for the county two years ago. She currently lives in Kresgeville with her husband and two sons.❄

News 'N Notes

Spotted Lantern Fly Quarantine

On November 6th, 2017, the PA Department of Agriculture (PDA) announced that the Spotted Lantern Fly (*Lycorma delicatula*) has been positively identified in the southern reaches of Monroe County. Since then, Monroe, along with all of Lancaster, Carbon, Delaware, Lebanon, Philadelphia and Schuylkill counties, has been added to the quarantine list. Berks, Bucks, Chester, Lehigh, Montgomery, and Northampton counties have already been a part of this list for over a year.

The Spotted Lantern Fly (SLF) is an invasive insect that "threatens to destroy \$18 billion worth of agricultural commodities like apples, grapes and hardwoods, inflicting a devastating impact on the livelihoods of our producers and businesses" according to PA Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding. The quarantine restricts the movement of certain articles such as trees, fire wood, grills and tractors to name a few. As stated on the PA Department of Agriculture's website, "Intentional movement of the Spotted Lanternfly is expressly prohibited and is a serious offense. Violations could result in criminal or civil penalties and/or fines."

Here are some tips taken from Penn State Extension's fact sheet to help you avoid spreading SLF and comply with the quarantine:

1. Learn about what SLF looks like in every stage of its development throughout the year.
2. Avoid parking or storing things under trees in infested areas.
3. Inspect all items that you need to move from within the quarantined area to areas outside the quarantined area.
- 4 All business should consider entering into a compliance agreement with the PDA.
5. Use the checklist for residents if you need to move items that are not included in a compliance agreement through a business.
6. If you sell plants, you should have them inspected by the PDA and receive a phytosanitary certificate.
7. If you sell and/or produce mulch you must use specific practices to ensure it does not harbor the SLF.

For more information regarding SFL and the quarantine please visit our website at mcconservation.org.

It is important that we do all that we can to prevent this pest from spreading. ❄



Spotted Lantern Fly
Photo By PA Dept. of Ag



Polk Township Completes Low Volume Road Project

Hell Hollow Road Dotter's Creek Crossing Improved Using Dirt Gravel & Low Volume Road Grant

In 2015, Polk Township applied to MCCD for a \$76,065 Low Volume Road grant to help with the replacement of an undersized road/stream crossing on Hell Hollow Road. The undersized culvert crossing had overtopped repeatedly, jeopardizing the road and contributing sediment to the stream. Other in-stream issues such as a giant plunge pool at the downstream end of the pipe were a concern for aquatic organism passage. Dotter's Creek is classified High Quality-Cold Water Fishes by the state Department of Environmental Protection.

The project involved replacement of an eight foot metal culvert pipe with an open bottom 22' concrete arch span. An open bottom crossing is preferred because it allows the stream to flow along a natural stream bed. Additionally, upstream and downstream pool and riffle regimes can be mimicked where the road crosses the channel. Velocities are also reduced as a result of the bank full design criteria required by the DGLVR program.



Before



After

The project was conceived in 2008 following hurricane Ike, with a total project cost estimated at \$389,990. In addition to the Low Volume Road grant from MCCD, the Township also received funding through an LSA grant, and provided the remaining funding for the project themselves. With the funding in place by late 2016, the project was able to be completed in the fall of 2017. Grace Industries of Bath, PA was the bidder awarded the contract on the project.

The Monroe County Conservation District Dirt Gravel & Low Volume Road Program provides grant monies to eligible state and local government entities for road maintenance/improvements that reduce sediment runoff to streams and water bodies. The program is administered by the Conservation District under an agreement with the State Conservation Commission. For more information on the program, contact Resource Conservation Specialist John Motz at 570-629-3060. ❄

KETTLE CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER PUBLIC PROGRAMS

DECEMBER

22nd – Friday – Building Closed at Noon

23rd – Saturday – Building Closed

25th – Monday – Building Closed - Holiday

29th – Friday – Building Closed at Noon

30th – Saturday – Building Closed

JANUARY

1st – Monday – Building Closed - Holiday

6th – Saturday – Building Closed

13th – Saturday – Candid Camera on the Trail – Whether they are used by hunters for pre-season scouting, officials for conservation management, or animal lovers curious about what animals are lurking through the backyard, trail cameras are an incredible tool for learning about our “wild” neighbors. Join us at 10am as we discuss trail camera technology and review the best (and funniest) wildlife shots and videos captured over several years at our outdoor education sites around Monroe County.

15th – Monday – Building Closed – Holiday

19th – Friday – Eagle Watch - See cover for details.

20th – Saturday – Costa Rica Dreaming – Costa Rica is a true paradise for the bird-watcher and naturalist, boasting a bird list of over 800 species as well as a diverse array of other wildlife. Join Environmental Educator Brian Hardiman at 10am for a presentation highlighting his four visits to this biologically rich country.

27th – Saturday – Whose Track is That - Winter offers the perfect time to search for animal tracks and solve the mysteries they leave behind. Join Environmental Education Coordinator, Roger Spotts for this 90 minute outdoor program for people of all ages looking for and identifying the tracks that Kettle Creek's Critters leave behind. Please dress to be outside and walk on snow covered trails. The program begins at 10am.

FEBRUARY

1st – Thursday – Home School Program: Winter Adaptations - 2-4pm - Both plants and animals have amazing adaptations that help them survive a Pocono winter. Two Age Groupings Available: Ages 5-7 and Ages 8-13. **Pre-registration is required by the Monday preceding the program. Cost: \$6/non-members, \$4/EE Members if registration is made prior to deadline. Cost After Deadline: \$8/ non-members, \$6/EE Members**

3rd – Saturday – Art Opening: Ray Roper “Terratracks” - The world's greatest trekking locations qualify for that appellation largely because they are visually stunning. See the works of Ray Roper in this fascinating photography exhibit. *Opening Reception: 11am - 1pm.*

9th – Friday – Eagle Watch - See cover for details.

10th – Saturday – Winter Wonders - Ever wonder what's happening outside during the “dead” of winter? Join us at 10am as we discuss the marvels and mysteries of winter and how plants and animals survive during this harsh but beautiful season. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

16th – Friday – Eagle Watch - See cover for details.

17th – Saturday – Building Closed

19th – Monday – Building Closed – Holiday

24th – Saturday – Brodhead Watershed Association's Water Wiser Program - “Tracking Pocono Wildlife” will give children and their parents the opportunity to get outside and learn about the tracks that our native wildlife leaves behind. **This activity from 10:30am- 12pm is suitable for elementary age children, who must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Sponsored by Brodhead Watershed Association, funded by a Dr. Claus Jordan Endowment Grant from Lehigh Valley Health Network Pocono Foundation. Free, but registration is required. 570-839-1120 or 570-629-2727 or email info@brodheadwatershed.org**

MARCH

1st – Thursday – Home School Program: Secrets of Superorganisms - 2-4pm - What is a superorganism and how do these remarkable creatures work together as a group to survive. *See February 1 description for details.*

3rd – Saturday – Public Maple Sugaring Day – Our 41st Public Maple Sugaring Day will feature a tour of the Sugarbush including stops to learn about Native American and early pioneer methods of making maple syrup, our evaporator process, and methods of identifying and tapping a maple tree. After the tour, everyone will get a chance to taste some of our syrup on freshly made pancakes! The event runs from 10am - 3pm and is located at the Meesing Sugarbush outside of Marshall's Creek. **Cost: \$6/adult and \$4/children under 12; all members of the EE Center**

and all tree sponsors attend FREE of charge.

3rd – Saturday – Art Opening: Nancy Hoping “Living with Wildlife” - Growing native foods for wildlife of all sizes, flowers for butterflies and birds, arrowroot for turtles and bears and everything else in between. You never know who will fly, crawl, walk or swim in Nancy's path but all are welcome. This exhibit will feature Nancy's wildlife photography. *Opening reception 11am-1pm.*

6th – Tuesday – Middle Creek Birding Field Trip - See cover for details.

10th – Saturday – Maple Sugaring Scout Day - Scouts and their families are invited to attend our Scout Maple Sugaring Day at the Meesing Sugarbush outside of Marshall's Creek. Programs can be scheduled between 9am - 2pm and are open to any level of scouts and their families. Cost: \$6/adult, \$4/scouts and children under 12 and includes our syrup on freshly made pancakes. Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, March 7, 2018.

17th – Saturday – Red Cross Blood Drive - We are proud to be hosting another blood drive from 9am-1pm. Call Barbara at MCCC at 570-629-3060 for more information. To register or learn more about American Red Cross blood drives, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

17th – Saturday – Introduction to Fly Fishing - The workshop will run from 9am to 12 Noon. Equipment, casting, strategy, fly-tying, basic trout stream macro-invertebrate entomology, and local fishing will be covered and demonstrated. **Cost: \$8/non-members, \$5/EE Center members and children under 12. Pre-registration is required by Friday, March 16th.**

23rd – Friday – Mystery Birding Field Trip - See cover for details.

24th – Saturday – Dirt and Gravel Road Maintenance Workshop - 9am-11am - Does your driveway or private road resemble a stream channel during rainstorms? Are you tired of paying for expensive stone that washes away every time a big gully washer comes along? Would you like to actually fix the problem instead of patching it back up every time it happens? If so, then this workshop is for you! Learn how to identify signs and causes of erosion. Find out why short term solutions repeatedly fail. Discover long lasting solutions to sustainable gravel road design and how they work. Learn about the different

*Pre-registration is suggested for all programs offered. And required for those where noted. For more information, or to register, please call the Center at 570-629-3061, Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and some Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or visit our website www.mcconservation.org.

types of stone aggregate, underground drainage systems to improve road base, permit requirements for stream crossings, and more! **Call 570-629-3060 to register.**

30th – Friday – Building Closed – Holiday

31st – Saturday – Building Closed

APRIL

5th - Thursday - Home School Program: Migration Madness - Bird migration is a fascinating yearly phenomenon that allows a great diversity of birds to call the Poconos home at least part of the year. *Ages 5-7 (2-4pm) should refer to February 1st description for costs and time. Ages 8-13 will be a bus field trip from 10am to 4pm with a special cost of \$15 for EE Members and \$18 for Non-members.*

6th – Friday - Annual Members and Friends Dinner at Trout Lake – Please mark your calendars for our Annual Members and Friends of Conservation Dinner to be held at Trout Lake Retreat. Invitations will be mailed to all members in February, or you can call us at 570-629-3061 to receive more information.

7th - Art Opening: Mirahu Lane “Great Trees” - The “Great Trees” series began in 2015 when Miharu visited Japan after 58 years. From “Old Sycamore” by the ruins of the Parrish Church circa 1784 in Maryland to “Lady Sycamore” in Tannersville, PA, she found abundance of subject matters. *Opening reception 11a.m. -1p.m.*

21st – Saturday – Monroe County Earth Day - Join us as we celebrate Monroe County’s environmental efforts and successes! From 10am - 3pm there will be ongoing live music, speakers, exhibitors, workshops, give & take, tire amnesty, e-cycling, children’s activities, food, and more! Sponsored by MCCD and Northampton Community College (NCC) Monroe campus, the event will take place at NCC’s beautiful, new Monroe campus on Rt. 715 in Tannersville. Don’t miss it! *Check out mcearthday.org for more information.*

*****Refunds will be given only if notification is made at least one week prior to the trip/program.**

More information on these programs can be found on our website: mcconservation.org

Project OwlNet Recap

The fall of 2017 was the Pocono Avian Research Center’s 17th season of Project OwlNet, and the third consecutive year PARC conducted their research at the Kettle Creek Wildlife Sanctuary. The third season at Kettle Creek was very different than the first two. After netting 65 northern saw-whet owls in 2015 and 100 in 2016, this year was characterized by nights full of empty nets. Visitors to the Friday open houses learned this the hard way. Of the four open house events held there was only one night that visitors got to see a saw-whet. Those that became Friday night regulars agreed that the chance to see our smallest owl was worth the effort. In the end, 22 owls were seen at Kettle Creek this fall. This was not a local occurrence, all of the collaborating researchers in PA found that capture rates were well below the seasonal average. At this time, there is a lot of speculation about what caused the decline in captures this season but it was most likely a combination of factors. As for PARC’s researchers they were happy to reach a total of eight which meant that they would not suffer their lowest season total which was seven birds. 22 was less than a quarter of last seasons total but it was triple the lowest season ever. What it all adds up to is that we’re all looking forward to see what the 18th season of OwlNet brings to Kettle Creek.❄

**Photo and article provided by Darryl Speicher of PARC*



Welcome New Members!

Kromer Family – Effort, PA
 Mary Santucci – Stroudsburg, PA
 Doug & Liz Jacoby – Bala Cynwood, PA
 Brenda Wilkins – East Stroudsburg, PA
 Demers Family – Stroudsburg, PA
 Yvonne LeBlanc – Canadensis, PA
 Pamela Hoffner- Northampton, PA
 Tobin Family – Cresco, PA
 Susan Flad – Stroudsburg, PA
 Mike & Suzanne Kuehner – Saylorsburg, PA

New Lifetime Members: Jeff & Charlene H. Henderson- Stroudsburg, PA

Dear Members and Friends,

We would like to express our appreciation for everyone’s support during our membership drive. This new system of tracking our memberships will be a big help to us and hopefully will make it easier to remember your renewal date on December 31st each year. We have members in all categories and age groups and have some who have been members for over 25 years. The support your membership gives to our EE programs is invaluable.

As we head into 2018 we are looking to streamline our programs a little, perhaps not offering as many public programs but making our programs more accessible to a larger number of people. We also look to add additional bus trip type programs. We are always looking for ideas and suggestions on what programs you would like to see us offer and we appreciate your feedback at all times. We encourage everyone to join us on an eagle watch, in the Sugarbush and at Earth Day 2018. These are just a few of the offerings we have planned. Be on the lookout for more new and dynamic programs in the coming months!

Thank you for your continued support!

Monroe County Conservation District Board Members and Staff

2018 MAPLE SUGARING SEASON

As winter arrives, the Meesing Sugarbush sits quiet and empty. It won't be long, however, until the EE staff heads to the Sugarbush to begin the Maple Sugaring Season.



The 2017 Maple Season fit the profile of a typical season for PA. We tapped in early February and we had off and on flow of sap until late March. Overall, the quality of the sap and syrup was good and we produced over 38 gallons of syrup almost 10 more gallons than in 2016. On our public day we had colder than normal temperatures but still had 254 hardy souls visit the sugar bush and enjoy the pancakes and fresh maple syrup.

We hope you can make plans to join us this season! Our 41st Public Maple Sugaring Day will be held Saturday, March 3, 2018, from 10am - 3pm. The day will feature a tour of the Sugarbush including stops to learn about Native American and early pioneer methods of making maple syrup, our evaporator process and methods of identifying and tapping a maple tree. After the tour, everyone will get a chance to taste some of our syrup on freshly made pancakes! Cost: \$6/adult and \$4/children under 12; **all members of the EE Center and all tree sponsors attend free of charge.**

We'll be sponsoring a **special day for scout groups on Saturday, March 10, 2018**. Programs can be scheduled between 9am - 2pm and are open to any level of scouts and their families. Cost: \$6/adult, \$4/scouts and children under 12 and includes our syrup on freshly made pancakes! **Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, March 7, 2018.**

Dates set for group programs in the Sugarbush are Monday, February 26 through Friday, March 9. All groups interested in scheduling a tour should call the EE Center to set aside a time block. Each program takes 1 ½ to 2 hours and includes learning about maple sugaring from the earliest methods used by Native Americans to present day collection/evaporation techniques. The group will also tap a maple tree and take home a sample of sweet maple syrup. Cost: \$4/participant; spaces fill up fast, so please register early. The Sugarbush is located 5.5 miles north of Marshalls Creek on Creek Road. For more information call (570)629-3061, Monday through Friday from 8am to 4:30pm.

Sponsor-a-Maple Tree

In 2017 146 different groups, families or individuals sponsored trees in our Sugarbush. These sponsorships raised over \$3,600.00 which was used to help pay the expenses for our group tours of the Sugarbush. We are hoping that in 2018 even more people will help us by sponsoring a tree. We tap around 240 trees each year, so there are plenty available.

For \$25/tree each sponsor receives 1 pint of our fresh maple syrup, a handsome certificate, free admission to our Public Day Program on Saturday, March 3, 2018, for up to four people and a map showing the location of your tree in our Sugarbush. Don't miss this opportunity to become involved with one of our most popular programs. Call the office or complete and return the Sponsor Form below by Friday, February 23, 2018 to become a sponsor. A maple tree sponsorship also makes a great gift!



Maple Tree Sponsor Form



Your Name _____
Address _____
City, State Zip _____
Phone # _____

If Gift, Recipient's Name _____
Address _____
City, State Zip _____
Phone _____ E-Mail _____

For gift, please check one: Send letter/certificate to: Me ☐ or Gift Recipient ☐

How many trees would you like to sponsor? ____ (\$25 per tree)

Please return to: Monroe County Conservation District
8050 Running Valley Road
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Checks should be made payable to: Monroe County Conservation District (M.C.C.D.)

Each year around 240 maple trees are tapped in Meesing's Sugarbush. Become part of our sugaring program by sponsoring a maple tree this year!

Monroe County Conservation District is Partnering up with Penn State Extension to host the Master Watershed Steward Program

Are you interested in protecting water quality or learning how to be a better steward of the environment? What about engaging in your community through volunteer, education, and outreach opportunities? If so, you may be interested in becoming a Master Watershed Steward! Beginning March of 2018 the first class of the Monroe County Master Watershed Steward Program will be hosted by Penn State Extension and Monroe County Conservation District. The training is 12 weeks long, and participants will learn the basics of watershed management and water quality. In addition to training provided participants will be expected to commit to volunteer service to help engage the local community in watershed stewardship. If you are interested in learning more or participating in the program, please contact Jim Vogt at jav45@psu.edu. For more information, please visit <https://extension.psu.edu/programs/watershed-stewards>.

About the Program

The Penn State Master Watershed Steward program was established to strengthen the local capacity for the management and protection of watersheds, streams, and rivers, by educating and empowering volunteers across the commonwealth. Those accepted to the program attend training classes that focus on a broad range of water resource topics, including groundwater, stream ecology, wetlands, invasive plants, water recreation and stormwater management. There is a one-time registration cost to those accepted into the program. This is to cover the cost of the manual, name tag, and cost of the meeting facilities.

What do Penn State Master Watershed Stewards do?

Master Watershed Stewards work with the community to improve the health of our streams and rivers.

Example projects

- Organizing educational and informational workshops for the public, students and municipal officials on topics such as rain barrels, wildlife, pollution prevention, stormwater management and invasive plant control
- Organizing and executing stream clean ups
- Designing and installing demonstration rain gardens
- Monitoring water quality in local streams
- Carrying out stream restoration projects

What is required of a Penn State Master Watershed Steward?

To become a Master Watershed Steward, you need a keen interest in the environment, a willingness to learn more and most importantly, a strong desire to make a difference in the community. Whether you are a teacher, an accountant, a construction worker, a homemaker, or retired, **YOU** can become a Master Watershed Steward!

To become a certified Master Watershed Steward, you must complete a minimum of 40 hours of training and fulfill 50 hours of volunteer service. In subsequent years, you can maintain your Master Watershed Steward status by giving at least 20 additional volunteer hours and attending at least eight hours of update training annually.*



Eagle Scout Brothers Complete Projects at Meesing Sugar Bush

Since the beginning of the EE Center we have been fortunate to work with many Boy Scouts who have completed their Eagle Scout projects. These projects have been a great help to us as we strive to continue our EE programming efforts. This past fall another Eagle Scout, Santiago Churion, completed his project and it was unique in several different ways. Santiago's project was located at our Sugarbush in Marshall's Creek and will greatly enhance our programming efforts during maple Sugaring Season. His efforts were preceded by another Eagle Scout project, which was also completed at the Sugarbush by his brother, Sebastian, in 2016. These two young men are no strangers to Kettle Creek. They have been coming here since they were very young and have attended our KC Kids programs and various camps. They, along with their parents, were on many of our family canoe trips and we were very pleased to have them both complete their projects with us. They did an excellent job upgrading the trails and teaching areas in the Sugarbush. It will be much easier for people to walk around during the programs and also for the staff to collect sap throughout the season. We cannot thank Sebastian and Santiago, as well as their families and scouts from Troop #85, enough for all their hard work. We congratulate both of them on achieving their Eagle Scout rank.*



Sebastian (left), their father (center) and Santiago (right) work on a trail at the Meesing Sugar Bush

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Conserving Natural Resources for Our Future

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness." -John Steinbeck

2018 Artist Line Up

February - Ray Roper - February
1st through 28th. Opening
Reception: Feb. 3rd 11am-1pm.

March - Nancy Hopping - March
1st through 29th. Opening
Reception: March 3rd, 11am-1pm.

April - Miharu Lane - April 2nd
through 30th Opening
Reception: April 7th, 11am-1pm.

Mark your calendars!
Our Annual Members
and Friends Dinner on
Friday, April 6, 2018
Details to follow

Stanley Becker Memorial Scholarship Applications Available



The Monroe County Conservation District and members of the Stanley Becker family are pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the eleventh annual Stanley Becker Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior in Monroe County who is planning on attending college and majoring in an environmental field. The recipient will be presented the \$500 scholarship at our annual dinner on Friday, April 6, 2018. To receive an application or for more information, please visit mcconservation.org.
Deadline for applications is Friday, March 16, 2018. ❄



**American
Red Cross**

The American Red Cross will be holding a **blood drive** at Monroe County Conservation District! Saturday, March 17th from 9am-1pm
For information, call Barbara at (570) 629-3060.
To register, please visit the website or call the phone number below.

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

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