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APRIL IS EARTH MONTH

We at FCWC think one of the best ways to celebrate Earth Month is to get outside, get involved, and get educated about our natural world and steps you can take to make a greener County. We are dedicating this month's E-News exclusively to events happening throughout Westchester County this month, and we hope you find a few ideas to help make this Earth Month extra special.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For a full list of our member organization's events and happenings, check out our newly created Federation Calendar at www.fcwc.org/events. Remember to always confirm events before attending. Check back regularly as we are always updating.

Book Launch of Walkable Westchester 2nd Edition

When: Saturday, April 5, 2pm

Where: Ossining Library, 53 Croton Ave, Ossining

Jane and Walt Daniels have a new and expanded edition of Walkable Westchester and it will be hot off the press at this event! Come hear from Jane and Walt about the updated guide which covers over 600 miles of trails in over 200 parks and sanctuaries in Westchester. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. All are welcome to attend. For more information: <http://www.ossininglibrary.org/>.

Hudson Valley Wildlife

Sponsored by: Teatown Lake Reservation

When: Saturday, April 5, 2-3 pm

Where: Katherine Davis RiverWalk Center and Kingsland Point Park, Sleepy Hollow

Meet a few of the animals commonly encountered throughout the region. As we enter "baby season" for wildlife find out

how to be a good neighbor to the young of the year. Note: May be a parking fee. All welcome. Free for member, \$5 for nonmembers. For more information: <http://www.teatown.org/>.

Welcome to Spring Dinner!

Sponsored by: Saw Mill River Audubon

When: Sunday, April 6 5pm

Where: Table 9, Annsville Circle, Cortlandt Manor

Join SMRA for a fun evening with friendly people, good food, and entertaining presentations including: pictures and stories from SMRA travels to Yellowstone, Minnesota, and Belize AND "2013 Faces & Places" images from our past year of local field trips. A brief SMRA annual meeting and board election precedes the evening program. For more information: <http://www.sawmillriveraudubon.org/>

The Invasives Project: Vine cutting with Bob DeTorto

Initiative of: The Henry Morgenthau Preserve, Bedford Audubon Society, and Pound River Conservation Board

When: Sunday, April 6 from 2-3:30pm

Where: Meet in the Town House parking lot, 179 Westchester Ave. Pound Ridge

Bring work gloves and tools, or use tools provided. Learn the winter identification of natives and invasive plants and management strategies. Help reduce the vines in the Town Park. Meet like-minded people.

invasivesPR@bedfordaudubon.org or vinecutters.com.

5% Community Day at Whole Foods

In Support of: FCWC

When: Wednesday, April 9, 9am-10pm

Where: Whole Foods Market Yonkers(1 Ridge Hill Boulevard) and White Plains (110 Bloomingdale Road) locations

Shop on Wednesday, April 9th when 5% of Whole Foods net sales go to FCWC! Several times a year, Whole Foods holds community giving days (otherwise known as "5% Days") where five percent of that day's net sales are donated to a local nonprofit or educational organization. This quarter, FCWC was selected to be the recipient of the community day proceeds! Stop by the White Plains or Yonkers locations and stock up on all of your favorite products and support FCWC at the same time!

<http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/whiteplains>

<http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/yonkers>.

CWCWC's Annual Fling

Sponsored by: Community Watershed Clean Water Coalition

When: Wednesday, April 9, 7-9pm

Where: Friends Meeting House, 4376 Purchase Street, Purchase

Sample refreshments from local farms. Mingle with friends and fellow environmental protectors. Display highlights of your projects. Share your accomplishments at our free-for-all

forum. Applaud our two annual awardees. Please RSVP to Suzannah Glidden, (914) 234-6470 or CrotonWshed@aol.com.

5 Toxic Exposures in Your Home

Sponsored by: Sierra Club of Lower Hudson Valley and Greenburgh Nature Center

When: Wednesday, April 9, 7pm

Where: Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Road, Scarsdale

What are the 5 Toxic Exposures in Your Home, their health impacts, and how to reduce your family's exposure. This important information will be presented by Dr. Spaeth, Division Chief, Occupational & Environmental Medicine, Department of Population Health, Hofstra North Shore LIJ School of Medicine. Refreshments by Greenburgh Nature Center at 7:00, program starts at 7:30. Admission is free. 914-723-3470. This is a handicapped-accessible location.

Author Talk: The Warbler Guide

Sponsored by: Bedford Audubon Society

When: Wednesday, April 9, 7:30pm

Where: Garden Room at the Katonah Village Library

Bedford Audubon welcomes The Warbler Guide authors Tom Stephenson and Scott Whittle for a free public lecture on warbler identification in the Garden Room at the Katonah Village Library. Refreshments will be served at 7 pm and the lecture will begin at 7:30 in the Garden Room. No registration is necessary. jrobbins@bedfordaudubon.org or 914.232.1999.

What's in Your Lipstick?

Sponsored by: League of Women Voters of the Rivertowns (with FCWC as co-sponsor)

When: Thursday, April 10, 11:45am

Where: Tarrytown Senior Center, 240 W Main Street

League of Women Voters of the Rivertowns are proud to host a fascinating talk by Patti Wood, founder of Grassroots Environmental Education an expert on safe personal care products. Bring your own brown bag lunch and we will provide beverages and cookies. There is plenty of free parking so come and bring friends!

Tabling in Tarrytown

Sponsored by: Tarrytown Environmental Advisory Council

When: Saturday, April 12, 10am-2pm

Where: Outside of Mrs. Greens, Tarrytown

Stop by TEAC's table outside Mrs. Greens in Tarrytown. They will have environmental information, with tastings will be provided by Mrs. Greens.

Science Barge Season Opening

Sponsored by: Groundwork Hudson Valley

When: Saturday, April 12, 2pm

Where: The Science Barge, Yonkers

Join Groundwork Hudson Valley for the 2014 season opening and ribbon cutting for the Science Barge. For more information: <http://www.groundworkhv.org/>

Backyard Birding

Sponsored by: Bedford Audubon Society

When: Saturday, April 12, 9-11am

Where: Bylane Farm (Todd Road)

Ever wonder what birds are fluttering around your yard or frequenting your feeder? Join Naturalist Tait Johansson to learn bird ID basics like habitat, behavior, size and shape, and color pattern. Fun for the whole family (appropriate for children 8 and older, must be accompanied by an adult)! Cost: \$10 for members; \$15 for non-members. Level of difficulty: Easy. Advance registration required; please register with Jeanne Pollock at jpollock@bedfordaudubon.org.

Spring Celebration & Egg Hunt

Sponsored by: Greenburgh Nature Center

When: Sunday, April 13, 11am-3pm (Rain or Shine)

Where: Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Road, Scarsdale

A day of family fun to celebrate the emergence of spring! Visit our barnyard to meet our furry and feathered friends. Join a naturalist to discover signs of spring from the forest to the pond to the Great Lawn. Search for eggs in a nature-inspired egg hunt. Enjoy various arts and crafts activities too. Egg hunt and other fun activities will run continuously throughout the day. For more information or to purchase tickets go to www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

April Vacation Camp

Sponsored by: Rye Nature Center

When: April 14-18, 10am - 2pm

Where: Rye Nature Center

Pre-school and elementary school students can take a nature break. Bring lunch and spend some time learning about nature in the spring and habits of local wildlife as the days grow warmer. Pre-registration required. \$60/day per child - Members, \$70/day per child - Non-Members. All participant should dress for the weather. 10am-2pm each day. info@ryenaturecenter.org 914-967-5150. Topics include: April Showers & Vernal Pools, Garden Critters, Mammal Mommies, Birds & Nests, Jelly Babies & Polliwogs.

Tabling in Tarrytown

Sponsored by: Tarrytown Environmental Advisory Council

When: Friday, April 18, 5-7pm

Where: Main Street, Tarrytown

Stop by TEAC's table on Main Street. They will have environmental information available for interested parties.

Earth Day on the Farm

Sponsored by: Friends of Hilltop Hanover Farm

When: Saturday, April 19, 10am - 4pm

Where: Hilltop Hanover Farm

Come celebrate Earth Day at Hilltop Hanover Farm! Walk the grounds, meet the farmers, and explore the trails. There will be a guided woodland hike @ 10 am, and farm tours at 10 am, 12 pm, and 2 pm around the property, where you'll learn all about the different elements that make up a sustainable working farm. <http://www.hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/>.

Birds and Bees: Wildlife Needs

Sponsored by: Bedford Audubon Society, Mianus River Gorge, Pound Ridge Land Conservancy and Westchester Land Trust

When: April 22, April 27, May 4, and May 17, 7:30pm

Where: Bedford Historical Society, Historic Hall 608 Old Post Road

This is a four part series. All events are free, but space is limited. Please RSVP to tate@westchesterlandtrust.org or call 914. 234. 6992 ext. 10.

Screening of Shellshocked

Sponsored by: LISoundFest and Marine Education Center Mamaroneck

When: Wednesday, April 23, 6-7:45pm

Where: Mamaroneck Public Library

This screening of Shellshocked is a Sneak Peek of the LISoundFest.Shellshocked is Emily Driscoll's wonderful documentary about oysters. As always, the Sneak Peek will be free. For more information: amckon141@gmail.com.

Gardening with Natives

Sponsored by: Saw Mill River Audubon

When: Thursday, April 24, 7pm

Where: Ossining Community Center, 95 South Broadway, Ossining

Learn about environmentally sound landscaping and gardening by including New York native plants and excluding invasive plants. Help to support birds, butterflies, and a diversity of wildlife and create a yard that is in harmony with nature. Discover some beautiful and hardy native plants for your yard and garden. Presenter will be Saw Mill River Audubon Garden Coordinator and Master Gardener, Donna Lassiter. Free and open to the public. Suggested for age 10 and up. www.sawmillriveraudubon.org.

15th Annual Plant Sale- Celebrates Birds!

Sponsored by: Native Plant Center

When: Saturday, April 26, 10am- 1 pm

Where: Westchester Community College, Park in Visitor Lot #1

Hundreds of beautiful, beneficial native plants will be available. This year's sale falls on the birthday of wildlife artist John James Audubon (1785-1851), for whom the venerable bird conservation organization was named. To honor this occasion-and to bring community-wide attention to the role gardens can play as habitat-the sale will offer a large selection of plants especially beneficial to birds, many of which were recommended by local chapters of the National Audubon Society. 8:15 a.m.: Bird walk led by Bedford Audubon's Naturalist Tait Johansson(bring your binoculars!), 10 a.m.: Plant Sale opens,All day: information about native plants and local birds, sale of garden accessories (bird baths and more), Wild Bird Center, celebratory treats to wish a "Happy Bird-day" to Audubon For more information or to volunteer: call 914-606-7870; or visit <http://www.sunywcc.edu/about/the-native-plant-center/>.

Earth Day at Sheldrake

Sponsored by: Sheldrake Environmental Center

When: Saturday, April 26, 9am

Where: Sheldrake Environmental Center

To celebrate Earth Day this year, Sheldrake has a few activities lined up for the whole family At 9 am, mom and dad can buy an Earth Machine compost bin and participate in a workshop on backyard composting. Directly after, the whole family can participate in a community effort to clean up the Larchmont Reservoir Conservancy as well as enjoy nature activities taking place. (914) 834-1443 or scheduling@sheldrakecenter.org.

Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration

Sponsored by: Greenburgh Nature Center and Groundwork Hudson Valley

When: Sunday, April 27, 11am-3:30pm

Where: Greenburgh Nature Center, 99 Dromore Road, Scarsdale

Join us for an Earth Day Celebration where you can roll up your sleeves and make a difference! You can build a rain barrel, learn about home composting, work on our trails, help prepare our gardens for spring, assist with planting a tree, in recognition of Arbor Day, and meet a local author. In addition, in honor of our 1 Camera, 2 Hours Exhibit, bring us your plastic shopping bags*! We are creating an outdoor community exhibit and want you to be part of our creative conservation piece. The day's activities are free and open to all! See website to pre-purchase a rain barrel and/or home composter. www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

Celebrate Earth Day at Mianus River Gorge

Sponsored by: Mianus River Gorge

When: Sunday, April 27, 1-4 pm

Where: Meet at 167 Mianus River Road, Bedford

Volunteers wanted! Come help the Mianus River Gorge plant

trees and shrubs on our newest property. The Gorge acquired the Twin Lakes property before it became part of a housing development, but not before a driveway was cleared. Our plantings will help restore the driveway back to forest. A fun and rewarding experience is guaranteed! This is a family-friendly event for ages 12 and up. Limited to 15 people. Please register by April 21 by emailing sarah@mianus.org.

We hope you find the information contained within this E-News relevant and useful. As always, please keep in touch and let us know your thoughts and ideas regarding environmental issues throughout the County.

Sincerely,

Federated Conservationists of Westchester County

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