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THE PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF THE WILDLIFE AND WETLANDS ALONG THE SCENIC SCHUYLKILL RIVER IN NORTHERN BERKS AND SOUTHERN SCHUYLKILL COUNTY



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## TIME FOR A LITTLE SPRING CLEANING

Okay, it wasn't a terribly snowy winter, but I'm sure everyone's had enough of it anyway. So grab your jacket and meet us out at the Kerny on **Saturday April 23rd** to celebrate Earth Day and help with a little spring cleaning. We'll have all the tools available, with free pastries and coffee first thing in the morning and a free hot dog lunch at noon. Plus "Trash Easter Eggs" to be redeemed for free BMW gear and really great Earth Day T-Shirts!

### TWELFTH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BANQUET

**GREGG ADAMS**

Blue Mountain Wildlife held its twelfth annual Membership Banquet and Meeting on Friday January 29th at the Loft at C.J. Hummel's Restaurant in Lenhartsville. Over thirty-five members and guests attended this year's festivities. Larry Yerger and Donald Shilke were honored for their contributions to the Kerny, and Harry Nelson and Don Shilke were inducted

as Lifetime members. Don Waldron, Gregg Adams and Sue Fisher were re-elected as President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, and Barry Shollenberger was elected Vice-President. Kate Andrews of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary rounded out the evening with a fascinating presentation for the PA Farmland Raptor Project.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS—SPRING 2016

- Saturday April 23, 2016...Earth Day Clean-Up 8:00am to 4:00pm Kernsville Dam Recreation Area
- Saturday April 30, 2016...BMW TRS Bartram Breeze Trall Races 8:00 to 11:00am Kernsville Dam Recreation Area
- Thursday May 12, 2016...BMW Monthly Business Meeting 6:00 to 8:00 pm Hamburg Library
- Saturday May 14, 2016...Hamburg Arts Fest 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Downtown Hamburg
- Sunday May 15, 2016...Bear Creek Festival 12:00 to 4:00pm Schuylkill County Fairgrounds
- Saturday May 21, 2016...BMW TRS Mad Dash 8:00 to 11:00am Hamburg Reservoir
- Saturday May 21, 2016...Spring Flower Macrophotography 1:00 pm Kernsville Dam Recreation Area
- Saturday June 4, 2016...Summer Invasive Species Walk 9:00am Kernsville Dam Recreation Area
- Thursday June 9, 2016...BMW Monthly Business Meeting 6:00 to 8:00pm Hamburg Library
- Saturday June 11, 2016...Get Outdoors Day 11:00 to 4:00pm Dry Brooks Day Use Area Pavilion, Blue Marsh
- Saturday June 25, 2016...BMW TRS Run To The Rock 8:00 to 11:00am Hamburg Park

## **SPRING AND SUMMER'S EVENT CALENDAR**

**GREGG ADAMS**

Blue Mountain Wildlife has a full schedule on tap for this spring and summer!

### **Earth Day Clean-Up**

#### **Kernsville Dam Monument Parking Lot**

**8:00 AM to 4:00 PM April 23, 2016**

Join Blue Mountain Wildlife in some spring cleaning. Help us get the Kerny cleaned up for summer. Clean-Up Central opens at 8 AM with hot coffee, pastries, and all the things needed for a good clean-up - gloves, vests, bags, trash-grabbing tools and a list of areas looking for a good cleaning. Dress appropriately for the weather. Some areas may be wet and muddy, so boots may be a good idea. BMW will be placing "Trash Easter Eggs" out - collect the "Eggs" for free BMW gear - hats, patches or T-shirts! Come out alone, with the family or with friends and help get the Kerny cleaned up. Work projects will also be available for groups wanting to do more than collect trash. Once again, BMW will be teaming up with Tilden EAC and the Monument Parking Lot will also be HQ for the Tilden Township Clean-Up. Participants arriving before 11 AM will receive a free hot dog lunch! Earth Day T-Shirts will be available. Contact BMW at [info@BlueMountainWildlife.com](mailto:info@BlueMountainWildlife.com) with questions or requests.

### **BMW Trail Race Series**

**April 30, May 21 and June 25, 2016**

Come run for the Kerny. BMW's main fundraiser kicks off with the Bartram Breeze on the Bartram Trail, then runs up the mountain with the Mad Dash at the Hamburg Reservoir, and cools down with the Run To The Rock at the Hamburg Park. Three courses each race, tons of prizes and goodies galore. Check the BMW website and Facebook page for more details.

### **Hamburg ArtsFest**

#### **Downtown Hamburg**

**10:00 AM to 4:00 PM May 14, 2016**

Join Blue Mountain Wildlife at the Hamburg ArtsFest. It's a one day festival featuring fine art and craft displays, performing artists, children's activities, a silent art auction, a magician, an artists' contest featuring "The Chicken or the Egg,"

a beer & wine garden, a chainsaw carving demonstration, and a "rolling art exhibition" - a classic and antique car show. We will also have a Chalk Talk presentation and a caricature artist at the Hamburg Strand Theater. Visit [www.hamburgpa.org](http://www.hamburgpa.org) for more information.

### **Bear Creek Festival**

#### **Schuylkill County Fairgrounds**

**12:00 PM May 15, 2016**

Join Blue Mountain Wildlife at Bear Creek Festival. This year's Festival will highlight the 60th anniversary of the Schuylkill Conservation District, the county agency behind the Festival for the past 14 years. Fairgoers can "Leave Your Mark on Schuylkill County" by adding their handprint to a large collage. There will also be a festival-wide treasure hunt that highlights the diverse work of the Conservation District. The Bear Creek Festival offers a multitude of free activities for all ages. Those that love the outdoors can participate in Schuylkill County Trout Unlimited's annual fishing derby or shoot Hover Ball Archery by Schuylkill County Sportsmen's Association & Sportsmen's Advisory Board. Craft lovers can build their own bluebird house with Home Depot and paint their own flower pot to take home. Anyone interested in live action can enjoy a demonstration by DEKKA-HAUS German Shepherds, animals from Red Creek Wildlife Center, live music by recording artist KJ, or get up-close at the Blue Mountain Livestock Club's 4-H Petting Zoo.

### **Spring Flower Macrophotography**

#### **Kernsville Dam Butterfly Garden**

**1:00 PM May 21, 2016**

Learn tips and techniques for photographing flowers in spectacular detail from Kerry Grim and Neven Dries - Blue Mountain Wildlife, Inc. members and exceptional photographers. We'll walk the scenic Cabela's Wetlands Trail selecting subjects to photograph, practicing focus, aperture, shutter speed and lighting. Rain Date: Sunday, May 22. Cost: \$5 donation per person. Pre-registration is required. Call: 610-374-2944 ext. 2611 Deadline: May 16th

**Summer Invasive Species Walk  
Kernsville Dam Monument Parking Lot  
Tentatively 9:00 AM June 4, 2016**

Join Richard Gardner as we tour the Kerny, identifying those pesky summer invasives and learning how to eradicate them.

**Get Outdoors Day  
Dry Brook Pavilion, Blue Marsh  
11:00 AM to 4 PM June 11, 2016**

Join BMW for Get Outdoors Day. Let's move and get outdoors by joining numerous participants for a great day of fun in the sun. Learn about recreational opportunities in Berks County and beyond by visiting the many displays. Try out some of the activities, and play the scavenger hunt. You can also sit back and enjoy the presentations or meet Smokey Bear and Bobber the Water Safety Dog. No admission charged!

**BMW 15th Anniversary  
To Be Announced  
June 30, 2016**

Blue Mountain Wildlife's 15th Anniversary celebration is in the planning stage. Check the upcoming Spring newsletter, BMW's website and Facebook page for updates.

**Starwatch in Northern Berks  
Kernsville Dam Monument Parking Lot  
7:00 PM July 8, 2016**

Members of the Berks County Amateur Astronomical Society will present a short program; then invite you to gaze into the night sky to view planets and star constellations. Bring your own telescope if you have one, a flashlight and chairs to enjoy summer night starwatching. Cloud/Rain date: Saturday, July 9th.

**Walk With Dragonflies  
Kernsville Dam Monument Parking Lot  
10:00 AM August 13, 2016**

Join Ken Lebo and Tony "Doc" Schoch on a fun and informative walk through the Basin to learn about the many and varied species of dragonflies inhabiting the wetlands there. View these fascinating creatures up close while learning from the experts. Bring a camera - plenty of opportunities for great pictures. A joint presentation of the

Mengel Natural History Society and the Baird Ornithological Club. For more information, contact Ken Lebo 610-856-1413 and Tony Schoch 610-670-0657.

**Red Creek Wildlife Open House  
300 Moon Hill Drive, Schuylkill Haven  
11:00 AM August 13, 2016**

Join Blue Mountain Wildlife at the Red Creek Wildlife Open House. Encounter the animals, listen to fun and informative lectures, visit the exhibits, and learn about the great work Red Creek is doing with animal rescue and rehabilitation. Food and facepainting as well!

**Taste of Hamburger Festival Dine & Dash  
Burgers & Trail Race  
2nd & State Streets Hamburg  
10:30 AM September 3, 2016**

Start the Taste of Hamburger Festival right with the Dine & Dash. Eat a couple of burgers and run a couple of miles to help out the Kerny. Or join the fun by volunteering or just cheering the runners on. A great way to start the Festival!

**Historic Walking Tour of Kernsville Dam  
Kernsville Dam Monument Parking Lot  
10:00 AM September 24, 2016**

Come join us for a GPS-guided walking tour of this historical treasure in northern Berks. The area boasts over three centuries of history featuring the nearby mountains, rivers and former coal operation. The area was also an important transportation route, from Lenape trails to settler river passage and the Schuylkill Canal to modern day railroads and highways. Learn how this area was preserved by local supporters (now Blue Mountain Wildlife Inc.) who wished to save the area from development. \$5 donation per person, pre-registration is required to 610-374-2944 ext. 2611 by September 19th.

**Fall Clean-Up  
Kernsville Dam Upper Parking Lot  
3:00 PM October 22, 2016**

Finish up the season with a clean-up and cook-out. Join BMW and Schuylkill Headwaters in getting the Kerny ready for winter. Check BMW's website and Facebook page for updates.



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