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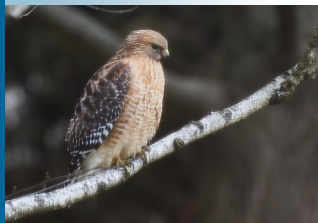
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THE PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF THE WILDLIFE AND WETLANDS ALONG THE SCENIC SCHUYLKILL RIVER IN NORTHERN BERKS AND SOUTHERN SCHUYLKILL COUNTIES.



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READY FOR SPRING!

Even into April, Old Man Winter likes to remind us that he's not quite ready to call it a year. But a little snow is not enough to dampen Blue Mountain Wildlife's preparations for springtime at the Kerny.

Blue Mountain Wildlife starts its spring 2022 event schedule with the Annual Earth Day Clean-Up. Grab everyone not nailed down and head over to the Kerny between 8 AM and 3 PM. Early birds will get free coffee and donuts to kickstart their clean-up.

On Sunday April 24th, Sarah Chudnovsky of Berks Nature will be at the Kerny at 2 PM, leading a

Wildflower Walk and pointing out wildflowers in bloom or about to bloom.

On the following Saturday, April 30th, join BMW and the Hamburg Rotary for a dedication of the new gazebo overlooking the basin. If you've not been out to the Kerny since the snow started flying, make the trip to see the latest addition to the Kerny. The ceremony starts at 1 PM.

At 1:30, join us for a free Bee House Building Workshop at the Monument Parking Lot. Once you build your bee house, you can take it home with you or leave it in the

A SPRING ANNUAL BANQUET

GREGG ADAMS

When COVID peaked in January, the Annual Banquet at CJ Hummel's was postponed to April 1st. On April Fool's Day, BMW renewed the annual tradition of sharing a meal with its members, electing officers and enjoying fun and educational presentations. This year, the 24 members attending re-elected Don Waldron as President,

Neven Dries as Vice-President, Fred Herman as Treasurer, and Gregg Adams as Secretary. They then elected Elle Rulavage, Barry Shollenberger and Joe Swider to 3-year terms as Directors. After the buffet, they enjoyed a Wildflower presentation from Berks Nature's Sarah Chudnovsky and a presentation on the visible remnants of the

CALENDAR OF EVENTS—SPRING 2022

- Thursday April 14, 2022...BMW Monthly Business Meeting 6:00 pm Hamburg Library
- Saturday April 23, 2022...Earth Day Clean-Up 8 am to 3 pm Kernsville Dam Recreation Area
- Sunday April 24, 2022...Wildflower Walk at the Kerny 2:00 pm Kernsville Dam Recreation Area
- Saturday April 30, 2022...Gazebo Dedication Ceremony 1:00 p.m. Kernsville Dam Recreation Area
- Saturday April 30, 2022...Bee House Building Workshop 1:30 p.m. Kernsville Dam Recreation Area
- Thursday May 12, 2022...BMW Monthly Business Meeting 6:00 pm Hamburg Library
- Thursday June 9, 2022...BMW Monthly Business Meeting 6:00 pm Hamburg Library



NEW BIKE SERVICE STATION INSTALLED

GREGG ADAMS

Sometime early this winter, two new visitors arrived at the Bartram Trailhead. Dressed in vibrant green and festooned in a variety of logos, these visitors are quite visible to those using the Bartram Trail to walk and bike. These visitors, while quiet and polite to the walkers, are especially helpful to the bikers who use the Trail. I'm

describing a new bike repair station installed by Schuylkill River Greenway. You may have seen it's twin at the Hamburg Park last year. The repair station has a pump and several common bike tools attached, allowing for simple repairs to be done to keep you bike on the trail. The station was a donation from SRG, is maintained by



FREE WORKSHOP

BEE HOUSE BUILDING

SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH 2022

TIME: 1:30 – 3:30

KERNSVILLE DAM
PARKING LOT



Please join us for a **FREE Bee House Building Workshop** to make your very own Bee House! You can choose to showcase your Bee House in our Butterfly Garden or Native Plant Flowerbeds at Kernsville Dam or to take it home with you.

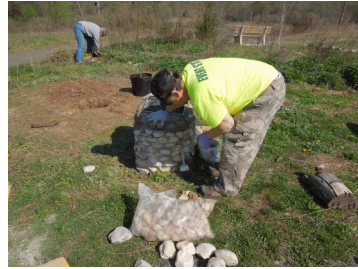
Pre-registration required, opened to 25 participants. Please contact: Kay Greenawalt (610) 562-4329 to reserve your spot.

EARTH DAY WEEKEND DOUBLE-HEADER PLANNED

GREGG ADAMS

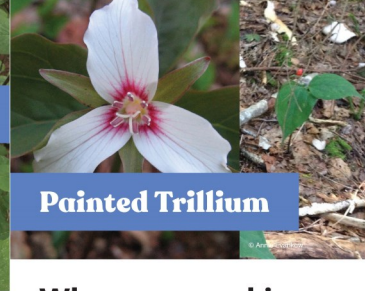
It's that time of year again—Earth Day! Time for the Annual Earth Day Clean-Up at the Kerny. Join Blue Mountain Wildlife in giving the Kerny a little spring cleaning and some well-deserved maintenance. Clean-Up Central opens at the Monument Parking Lot at 8 a.m. Free coffee and donuts will be on-hand for volunteers while they collect their gloves, vests, garbage bags and

other tools of the trade before heading off into the wild to collect what trash can be found. And look sharp, as BMW will be putting out trash “Easter Eggs” to be found and returned for patches or t-shirts. If collecting trash is not your thing, there will also be work parties to do some maintenance on the facilities. So drop by the Kerny and help give it a good Spring Cleaning!



On Sunday, plan to head out to the Kerny at 2:00 p.m. for the Wildflower Walk. Berks Nature's Sarah Chudnovsky will lead a hike around the Kerny and will be pointing out the local wildflowers in bloom or starting to bloom. She'll also discuss the Flowers and Fauna along the Appala-

chian Trail Corridor project. Learn how you can become a volunteer naturalist and contribute data to the project just by downloading the iNaturalist app onto your smartphone. Then, every time you're out for a hike, you can send pictures of plants you find and their location to the scien-



Download the iNaturalist App today and join our project: *Flowers and Fauna along the Appalachian Trail Corridor*

Capture photos of flowers and fruit using the iNaturalist app and AMC scientists will use your pictures in our research on plant development and climate change. Plants shown here are key to our study!



Why are we asking for your help?

Hikers like you are needed to make observations along trails on the timing of plant development for inclusion in a long-term study to understand how shifts in climate trends may impact mountain plants along the Appalachian Trail Corridor. Plants in the mountains are expected to be sensitive bioindicators of climate change. AMC scientists will compile your observations into a long-term database and analyze them over time to determine if flowering times are changing in Pennsylvania and the AT Corridor as a whole.

Questions? Contact Sarah Chudnovsky, Berks Nature at: Sarah.Chudnovsky@berksnature.org





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