

WATERSHED CONNECTIONS

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ALLIANCE'S ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 27

The Washington County Watershed Alliance will be holding its annual meeting on September 27 at the Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Museum of Rural Life.

The meeting, to begin at 10:00 am, will feature a discussion of the streambank restoration project completed on the portion of Cross Creek at the Rockshelter site.



After the program, the group will tour the historical Meadowcroft Rockshelter; the oldest known site of human habitation in North America.

The tour will be followed by a picnic lunch (please bring a bag lunch) near the visitors center, and a short meeting will be held to share what the Alliance and its individual watershed associations are doing.

All watershed association members are invited and encouraged to attend. Cost is \$10 to cover admission to the Rockshelter and the Village. After the meeting, members are free to tour the 19th century rural village and museum, which includes a one-room schoolhouse, a church, blacksmith shop, log homes, and more.

Watershed association members who wish to attend should complete the form below and return it with payment to:

Washington County Watershed Alliance
100 W. Beau Street, Suite 105, Washington, PA 15301

PUBLIC MEETING ON PLANS FOR CANONSBURG LAKE

The Pittsburgh office of the Army Corps of Engineers expects to hold a public meeting early in September to present its final draft plan for Canonsburg Lake. Comments on the proposals will be welcomed.

WATCH FOR DETAILS later this summer.

ON THE CALENDAR

SPECIAL EVENTS, MEETINGS

September

4 — Chartiers Cr. Watershed Association, Lemonade Stand at Main St. Farmer's Market, 3-6 pm

17 — Alliance Meeting; 7 pm; WCCD Ag Office, Crouse-Hinds Building, Meadowlands

27 — Alliance Annual Meeting

October

13 — Chartiers Creek Watershed Association at Houston Pumpkin Festival. Canonsburg Lake display/sales, demonstration of macroinvertebrate collection.

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November

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2008 Alliance Annual Meeting RSVP

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____ Watershed Association: _____

Please include payment with form Cash Check

INVASIVE PLANTS DISPLAY AWARDED SILVER RIBBON

The Martha Washington Garden Club awarded its Silver Ribbon for educational displays to the Alliance's display on invasive plants. The display was set up at Washington Crown Center as part of the Club's annual garden show there.

The display, which made the rounds of libraries in Washington County last year, was prepared by Jean Bear, an active member of the Chartiers Creek Watershed Association.



**Jean Bear holding silver ribbon
awarded for
the Invasive Plants display.**

FEATURED AT THE GROUNDWATER FESTIVAL



Josephine Posti, External Affairs Specialist, PA American Water, and sponsor representative to the Children's Groundwater Festival Steering Committee demonstrated how to "Clean Green" at the 13th Washington County Children's Groundwater Festival held in May 2008. PA American Water has contributed to the success of the festival by providing financial support and exhibits.

The full title of the exhibit was "Clean Green: Be Kind to Mother Nature".

Want to try the recipes Josephine made for the students? Here they are—

All-Purpose Cleaner

1 gallon hot water
½ cup washing soda
Mix well, wash surface, rinse

Window and Glass Cleaner

1 gallon water
½ cup white vinegar
Apply with cloth or mist/spray bottle.
Dry with clean cloth.

WATERSHED CONNECTIONS is a publication of the Washington County Watershed Alliance. The goal of the Washington County Watershed Alliance is to promote the conservation of the natural resources of the watersheds in Washington County; protect and improve land areas and surface and groundwater; and assist the county's watershed associations. To achieve its goal, the Alliance conducts educational activities and provides materials on natural resources to schools, municipal officials and the general public.

For further information:

Washington Co. Conservation District, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 105, Washington, PA; tel. – 724-228-6774.

WATERSHED BRIEFS: NEWS and NOTES from the WATERSHED ASSOCIATIONS

❖ CHARTIERS CREEK

On Sept. 4, Association members will operate the lemonade stand at the Main Street Farmers' Market, with the proceeds going to help finance its work. Demo Agoris is in charge of arrangements.

And in October, the Association will have a display and demonstration at the Houston Pumpkin Festival. Members will again collect and identify macroinvertebrates, part of the Association's regular water quality monitoring program.

In addition, plans are being made to sell items with the Save Canonsburg Lake logos at the Pumpkin Festival.

Canonsburg Lake Projects—summer 2008 brought completion of informational kiosks, one at the main parking lot along McDowell Lane, the other at the unpaved parking lot below the dam. As his Eagle Scout project, Sammy Furlong has been building a footbridge on the trail on the North Strabane side of the lake; he expects to finish the project later this summer or early fall.

A major fund-raising event, sponsored by Bruschetta's Al Lago was held on July 28. Other fund-raising for improvements at the lake will continue throughout the fall and winter.

❖ RACCOON CREEK

Independence Conservancy is scheduling dates for its fall 2008 season of Community Tire Collections. Any municipality wishing to host an event can visit the program webpage at www.independenceconservancy.org/communitytire.html to learn more about the program. Available dates are the following Saturdays: October 4, October 18, October 25 and November 1. Since its inception in 2001, the community tire collection program has properly disposed of more than 22,000 tires from residents of Beaver, Washington, Allegheny and Lawrence Counties.



CORRECTION to caption in Summer 2008 issue: the photo shows Lynn Manning, from CONSOL Energy, and Barbara Dunst, who are members of the Children's Groundwater Festival Steering Committee.

PRIZE WHEEL, NEW MACRO DISPLAY TO BE FEATURED AT ALLIANCE DISPLAY AT THE FAIR

The Washington County Watershed Alliance will take part in the Washington County Agricultural Fair, as has been the custom for the past several years. The Alliance's display and activities will be set up next to the Washington County Conservation District in the air-conditioned Hall 4.

The prize wheel, first used at Ag Days last March, will be set up, along with a new display ***Critters That Live in Our Streams*** that will explain the important roles played by macroinvertebrates and what they tell us about stream quality.