

Seedling

Seedling Sale
order form
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Spring 2019

5th Annual Photo
Contest offered

Spotted Lanternfly
information inside

**Bear Creek
Festival to be
held in June**



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The Ruby-throated Hummingbird can be a fairly common site to see in Schuylkill County gardens especially if you have tubular reddish-colored flowers.

These fascinating birds can fly like a helicopter up, down, front and back.

Their nests are made of lichens and spider webs! Make it a point when you see one to really take a close look to enjoy their iridescent colors.



Jenna St. Clair, District Manager

It is an exciting spring here as we formulate a strategic plan for the first time since 2002. The strategic planning process is an opportunity to reexamine the identity and priorities of the District and use that to guide our progress. We are currently working through the process with input from staff, board, stakeholders, and the public. Final plan will be ready this summer!

With warmer days ahead, it's also time to mark your calendar: The Bear Creek Festival will take place on Sunday, June 2, 2019, at the Schuylkill County Fairgrounds from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. This family-oriented event offers visitors free and fun activities related to all things environmental, outdoors, natural, and agricultural in Schuylkill County. It is free and open to the public. The Bear Creek Festival offers a multitude of free activities for all ages, such as Schuylkill Trout Unlimited's annual fishing derby, build your own bird house with Home Depot, paint your own flower pot, animals from Red Creek Wildlife Center, live music, and much more.



I welcome your thoughts, ideas, concerns, and questions about the Schuylkill Conservation District and can be reached at (570) 622-3742 x 3335 and jstclair@co.schuylkill.pa.us.

"Fair" Community Sale EXTRAVAGANZA!

To benefit the Schuylkill County Fair

Be sure to visit the Schuylkill County Fairgrounds, Rt. 895, Summit Station on Saturday, May 4 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a *Yard Sale, Vendor Sale and Craft Fair*.

Horse supplies and a tack sale is also happening!

The FARM Food Stand will be open for food purchase. For info or to reserve a table: Danielle at 570-449-2641



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Drinking
Water Week
May 5-11, 2019

For more than 40 years the American Water Works Association and its members have celebrated Drinking Water Week – a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to join together in recognizing the vital role water plays in our daily lives. Locally, municipal water authorities, such as the Schuylkill County Municipal Authority, insure that fresh, clean water is available in your home or business. Do your part by conserving this precious resource!



BEAR CREEK FESTIVAL

Sunday, June 2
12:00 to 4:00
Schuylkill County Fairgrounds



Celebrating all things
Environmental **OUTDOORS**
NATURAL *Agricultural*
in Schuylkill County

FREE ADMISSION—FREE ACTIVITIES—FREE PARKING



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44th Annual Seedling Sale

To benefit Sweet Arrow Lake County Park



Your seedlings will increase property value, enhance wildlife habitat, beautify the landscape, improve the environment, and can provide a source of income. The Sweet Arrow Lake Conservation Association (SALCA) and the Schuylkill Conservation District work together to make this sale possible. *Your support for Sweet Arrow Lake is appreciated!*

- **CONCOLOR FIR:** Extremely popular tree in past sales. Excellent ornamental or Christmas tree. Has flat, soft green to deep blue citrus-scented needles. Hardy because it withstands dry periods and high temperatures. 3 year old seedlings. Size: 5-10."
- **NORWAY SPRUCE:** Fastest growing of all spruces. Develops pyramidal shape and strong graceful branches that are covered with dark green needles. Ideal windbreaker that likes full sun and grows in various soils. Matures at 60 feet and has a beautiful 25 foot spread. 4 year old seedlings. Size: 7-14."
- **EASTERN WHITE PINE:** Great ornamental or Christmas tree with soft, long blue-green needles. Excellent for wildlife cover. Likes ordinary soil, average moisture, and full sun. 3 year old seedlings. Size: 5-10."
- **RED OAK:** Very popular landscaping tree for shade on lawns, parks and golf courses. This oak is fast growing and easy to transplant. It is tolerant of urban conditions including dry and acidic soil and has abundant acorns that attract wildlife. Leaves turn a brilliant brick-red fall color and adds color to a forest. This tree has been used in mine reclamation sites for revegetation purposes. 2 year old seedlings. Size: 8-18."
- **SARGENT CRABAPPLE:** Fragrant, single red buds open white amid green, deeply lobed foliage. Bright red fruit follows later in the season and persists into the winter. Attracts birds. A mounding, wide-spreading dwarf-size tree that fits well into most landscapes. 3 year old seedlings. Size: 12-24."
- **ARROWWOOD VIBURNUM:** Arrowwood Viburnum is a flowering shrub that bears white flowers in spring and attractive fall foliage and clustered bluish-berries in fall. It reaches a height of 6'-15', with a similar spread. These shrubs are amazingly versatile and tolerate a range of soils, including wet soils. They can be grown in full sun, partial shade or full shade. Good for butterflies and wild birds for cover and food. 3 year old seedlings. Size: 10-24."
- **SILKY DOGWOOD:** Deciduous spreading shrub. Multi-stemmed shrub with dense foliage and rounded form. New stems are reddish purple with fine silky hair. Flexible stems will root where they are in contact with the ground. Clusters of small white flowers in spring, followed by blue berries which ripen to black. Flowers attract butterflies. Fruit eaten by many birds. Leaves and twigs browsed by deer and rabbits. One of the more shade tolerant shrubs for moist soil. Used for restoration and ground stabilization because of its ability to readily root from stems. 3 year old seedlings. Size: 15"-30."
- **AMERICAN CRANBERRY:** Excellent deciduous shrub for screening up to 10 to 12 feet high. It grows to a width of 8 feet with very dense growth of up to 3 feet per year in full sun or part shade. This bush has showy white flowers in spring followed by red berries in fall and winter. Berries hang through mid winter making excellent bird feed. This shrub has very few insect problems and prefers good, well-drained soil. For best growth, provide supplemental water during dry periods. For a solid screen, plant bushes 2 to 3 feet apart. 3 year old seedlings. Size: 15-30."

44th Annual Seedling Sale Order Form— 2019

All proceeds benefit Sweet Arrow Lake County Park



- **ORDER DEADLINE:** Wednesday, April 3, 2019 or while supplies last!
- **PICK UP:** Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Clubhouse parking lot.
- **NOTE:** Seedlings are bare root and will be healthy at pick up. No guarantees after this date.
- **INFO:** "Porcupine Pat" at 570.391.3326 or porcupinepat@yahoo.com or Kathy Stefanick at 570.345.4963 or mikastefanick@comcast.net

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ (night) _____

Save postage and the environment by providing your email below:



ITEM	# PER BUNDLE	# DESIRED	COST/BUNDLE	TOTAL
Concolor Fir	10/bundle		X 9.00 =	
Norway Spruce	10/bundle		X 9.00 =	
Eastern White Pine	10/bundle		X 9.00 =	
Red Oak	5/bundle		X 8.00 =	
Sargent Crabapple	5/bundle		X 8.00 =	
Arrowood Viburnum	5/bundle		X 8.00 =	
Silky Dogwood	5/bundle		X 8.00 =	
American Cranberry	5/bundle		X 8.00 =	
			Total Sale =	
			Please be sure to pay 6% sales tax =	
			Grand Total =	

- Please make your check payable to SALCA. Mail check and this form to: SALCA, PO Box 143, Pine Grove, PA 17963.
- Note: SALCA stands for *Sweet Arrow Lake Conservation Association*.
- We appreciate your support of Sweet Arrow Lake County Park. For more info: www.sweetarrowlakepark.com
- **Thank you for your order!**



Conservation District welcomes Brittany Moore

Brittany Moore has joined the Schuylkill Conservation District as the Agriculture Program Coordinator. She grew up in Frederick County, Maryland and attended school at Cornell University where she earned a B.S in Biology and a B.S. in Animal Science.

Brittany has a background in agricultural research and has worked for a number of labs including The National Institute of Health, Cornell University's Department of Animal Science, and Antech Diagnostics. After graduating, Brittany focused on clinical research, working as herdsman for the Cornell University Ruminant Center Dairy, where she monitored the health of dairy cows and assisted with calvings.

In 2017, Brittany moved to Schuylkill County, where she interned with the conservation district and earned a graduate certificate in Geographic Information Systems. In her spare time, she enjoys running along the Schuylkill River Trail and kayaking.



Watershed Decisions Activity Kit

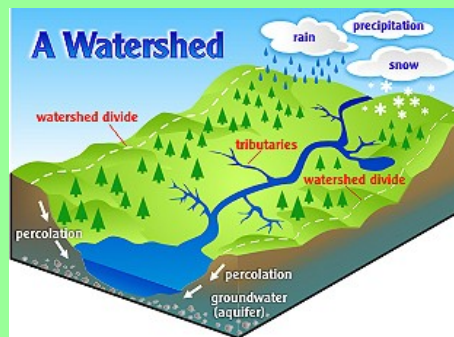
A hands-on, inquiry based activity kit that helps older youth and adults learn about water quality issues in small watersheds and the decision making processes that go into improving those water quality issues.

As "new members" of a community organization interested in improving local water quality, Watershed Decisions participants role-play while examining simulated water samples, exploring the land users in their community, and then creating a plan for improving their watershed on a limited budget. There is no one solution to this activity and the results are dependent upon the creativity, opinions, and ideas of the participants. Designed for use with 2 or more small groups of 4-10 people each.



Who is this for?

Perfect for your classroom, environmental educational program, youth group, municipality, watershed association, or any other group interested in exploring this important topic. Geared toward adults and older youth (ages 12-18) with a basic understanding of watersheds. National and Pennsylvania academic standards alignment available.



The cost for the kit is \$39.00 and is available by contacting the Penn State Customer Service Team at 1-877-345-0691.

5th Annual “Give Us Your Best Shot” Photo Contest



Grab your camera and start snapping photos, because April 6, 2019 marks the final day for local photographers to submit entries for the “Give Us Your Best Shot” Photo Contest. This is the perfect chance to practice nature photography and capture the beauty of Schuylkill County. Photographers of any age and skill level can enter their best photos in two categories.

Theme 1 – “Natural Reflections of Schuylkill County” focuses on the beauty of reflections in water or shadows on land.

Theme 2 – “Why Nature Matters to Me” highlighting the connections that people have with nature and why those connections are important to them.

Contest Rules

- Photos must have been taken in Schuylkill County between January 1, 2018 and April 6, 2019.
- Submissions must be the original work of each photographer.
- There is no entry fee but please enter only one photo per theme.
- All submissions should be via email or unframed prints via US mail and include the name, address, phone number and email address of the photographer as well as the type of camera used to take the photo. Email a JPEG file to lreichert@co.schuylkill.pa.us or mail an 8” x 10” print to the Schuylkill Conservation District, 1206 Ag Center Drive, Pottsville, PA 17901. Photos will not be returned.
- Judging is based on originality, technical quality, creativity and natural beauty.
- Winners will be notified near the end of April 2019. All photos will be posted on the District’s Facebook page.

Prizes

There will be a Grand Champion and Runner-up. Three cash prizes for each theme will also be awarded.

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| * Grand Champion - The winning photo will be enlarged, matted, framed and presented to the winner at the Conservation District’s Annual Awards Ceremony in August. | * Second Prize - \$50 |
| | * Third Prize - \$35 |
| * Runner-up - The winning photo will be printed on the cover of the Conservation District’s Annual Report. | * Fourth Prize - \$25 |



**Dust off your lenses
and click away!**

The Photo Contest is co-sponsored by

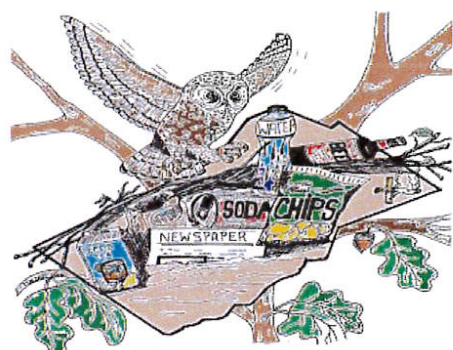


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For more info contact “Porcupine Pat” McKinney at
porcupinepat@yahoo.com or 570-391-3326.



Out With Litter

Spring Clean-up for Schuylkill County
2019 CLEANUP
April 25, 26, 27, 2019

REGISTRATION FORM

MAIL TO: P.O. Box 18, Orwigsburg, by Wednesday, April 10, 2019

EMAIL TO: ddolzani0531@gmail.com or skiplitter.org

PHONE: 570-449-4760

GROUP / INDIVIDUAL NAME: _____

CONTACT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

OF ADULTS: _____ # OF YOUTH (TO AGE 18): _____ TOTAL IN GROUP _____

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ROUTE #, ETC. OF THE LOCATION YOU WILL BE CLEANING:

ALL BAGS MUST BE PICKED UP ON A PA STATE HIGHWAY ONLY

PLEASE INDICATE WHERE YOU WILL PICK UP YOUR SUPPLIES

ALL SUPPLIES MUST BE PICKED UP PRIOR TO CLEANUP

MAHANOEY CITY:	Borough Hall
ORWIGSBURG:	Borough Hall
PINE GROVE:	Guilford / Gold Mills
SCHUYLKILL HAVEN:	Borough Hall
TAMAQUA:	Municipal Building

MAIL THIS FORM BY APRIL 10th TO: SKIP, P.O. BOX 18 ORWIGSBURG, PA 17961



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You Can Make a Difference!

Rain water runs across the land and picks up fertilizers, manure, litter, soil and more sending it into nearby streams and lakes. Our everyday actions—from fertilizing our lawns to walking our dogs—impacts on the health of waterways. Learn how to reduce localized flooding, restore and protect waterways and protect our invaluable drinking water sources.

Take Action at Home

- Apply compost and use fertilizers sparingly
- Pick up pet waste when walking your dog
- Uses rain barrels to collect rainwater from your roof
- Reduce pesticide use and use safer alternatives
- Conserve water outdoors by using soaker hoses rather than sprinklers
- Look for the WaterSense logo when purchasing water efficient appliances and products
- Walk, bike, carpool or use public transit

Take Action on the Farm

- Plant native trees and shrubs along rivers and streams
- Installs streambank fencing to keep livestock out of streams
- Provides watering facility for livestock
- Practice no-till farming
- Uses crop rotation and cover crops
- Has up to date conservation and nutrient management plans
- Utilizes manure storage and doesn't apply manure onto frozen ground

Take Action in Communities

- Installs vegetated green roofs and walls
- Uses pervious pavement allowing water to infiltrate the ground
- Collect rain water from rooftops in rain barrels or cisterns
- Create a rain garden to collect runoff from roofs, walkways and parking lots
- Install a tree trench system or storm water bump out to water trees and plants while managing runoff
- Develop a storm water planter in the sidewalk area to manage street and sidewalk runoff
- Use other stormwater best management practices

For more information, visit www.dep.pa.gov, Search: Chesapeake Bay.



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On February 26, 2019, the Grand Canyon celebrates 100 years since it's designation as a national park. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Grand Canyon welcomes approximately six million domestic and international visitors each year. After 100 years, whether its hiking a corridor trail, taking a stroll on the rim or enjoying the landscape from an overlook, Grand Canyon continues to provide a space for all visitors to connect with the outdoors.

WAYNE TOWNSHIP PARK MASTER PLAN

PUBLIC MEETING



March 26, 2019

Please join us and continue to shape the future of Wayne Township Community Park!



You are invited to attend the public meeting to discuss the Wayne Township Park Master Plan. Planning consultants JMT will provide background information, a summary of the process, and an overview of the pre-final master plan for expansion and renovation of the park. The meeting will be held at 23 Meadowbrook Center in Schuylkill Haven. Open House: 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. Presentation of the pre-final master plan begins at 6:30 p.m.

Welcome to **Yak the Skook LLC** Kayak and Canoe Rental located in the historic village of Port Clinton in Schuylkill County. We are the premier outfitter for canoe and kayak rentals on the upper Schuylkill River. Conveniently located at the base of the Appalachian Trail head and the confluence of the Schuylkill and Little Schuylkill rivers in Port Clinton PA. **Check us out!**
Phone: 570-990-2430 Email: yaktheskook@gmail.com



Friday, April 26, 2019
www.arborday.org

Can words describe the fragrance
of the very breath of spring?

— Neltje Blanchan

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WALK

SCHEDULE

Schuylkill On the Move is a project of Schuylkill County's VISION and promotes positive steps toward good health through walking and an appreciation of the natural beauty and fascinating history of our area. For more information on each walk: porcupinepat@yahoo.com

* **Saturday, January 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. "Broad Mountain Bench Trail" with Hiker Jim.** Trek the old Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven Railroad bed and reservoir. There is much to see on this flat and dog friendly hike. Meets at Clover Fire Company in Heckschersville. (5 miles—easy)

* **Sunday, January 20 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. "Landingville Launch" with John Domalakes.** Walk on a stretch of the Schuylkill River Trail to see the site of the oldest tunnel in America. Meets in the parking lot in Landingville by the playground for the drive to the trail parking lot. (2 miles—easy)

* **Sunday, February 10 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. "Frackville Foray" with John Domalakes.** Visit the gravesite of Frackville's founder. Meets at St. Ann's Church located at 11 North Line Street in Frackville. (2 miles—easy)

* **Saturday, February 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. "County View" "Hiker Jim"** offers plenty to see on this hike along West Creek to the "88." Great view of Schuylkill County. We return via "the Old Jerk" on this hike that features lots of history. Meet behind Mount Pleasant Hose Company in Buck Run on Rt. 901. (7 miles—easy)

* **Saturday, February 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. "Cabin Fever Walk" "Porcupine Pat"** guarantees that this walk will cure your fever! Meet at the Clubhouse Pavilion at Sweet Arrow Lake. (3 miles—moderate)

* **Sunday, March 10 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. "SCEETR Walk" with John Domalakes.** See an important water reclamation project that helps clean the Schuylkill River. Meet at the New Philadelphia Post Office. (2 miles—easy)

* **Saturday, March 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. "Blackwood Ramble" "Hiker Jim"** leads this hike featuring present day Blackwood, Stump Dam and Bass Dam. This is an easy hike with lots of history. Meets at Llewellyn Hose Company. (5.5 miles—easy)

* **Sunday, April 7 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. "Sheppton Mine Disaster Site" with John Domalakes.** Visit the site made famous when miners were miraculously rescued. Meets in the parking lot of East Union Township Building. (2 miles—easy)

* **Sunday, April 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. "Big Lick Mountain Adventure" New hike leader "Sojourner Steve"** leads this new hike to trek Big Lick Mountain trails that includes the Williamstown Tunnel, Plane Tunnel and also Big Lick Tunnel. This is a loop trek! Meet at the Dollar General Store on Rt. 209 in Williamstown. Note: dogs are welcome but must be friendly with people and other dogs. (8 miles—difficult)

* **Saturday, April 27 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.: "Spring Wildflower Walk" Naturalist Mike Centeleghe** helps you to enjoy the many beautiful flowers of Frog Hollow which is managed by the South Schuylkill Garden Club. Meets in the parking lot of Frog Hollow on Stone Mountain Road just outside of Friedensburg. Open to all ages. (2 miles—easy)

* **Sunday, May 5 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. "Fort Dietrich Snyder" with John Domalakes.** Visit the site of a French and Indian War fort and spring that quenched the thirst of many in the frontier. Meet at the summit of Rt. 183 on the Blue Mountain. (2 miles—easy)

* **Saturday, May 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. "Tower Tunnel Trek" with "Sojourner Steve."** Walk along the old Good Spring Railroad and see Tower Colliery workings and East Brookside Shaft location. This loop trek meets at Joliet Hose Company. (9 miles—moderate)

* **Saturday, May 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. "Wolf Creek Falls & Reservoir Hike"** Meet Robin Tracey at the east end of the Wal-Mart parking lot in Saint Clair. **You must register for this walk by calling Robin at 570.467.2506.** A hidden gem! Bring a lunch and dogs must be leashed. (7.5 miles—difficult)

* **Sunday, June 9 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. "Pilgrur Ruh" with John Domalakes.** Visit the site of an early American rest stop along Rt. 501 on the Blue Mountain. Meets in the parking lot for the Appalachian Trail along the route. (3 miles—moderate)

* **Saturday, June 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. "West Creek to Crystal Falls" with "Hiker Jim."** 901 Pub start then to Old Airport Road to West Creek headwaters then to beautiful Crystal Falls. We hike downhill (rocky in places) and then end in Forrestville. We cross the creek five times! Meets across the street from Forrestville Fire Company. (7.5 miles—moderate)

* **Saturday, June 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. "Long Loop hike"** You will hike with Robin Tracey on most of the trails in Tuscarora State Park. See great lake views that loops around the lake and crosses the dam breast. We finish our hike on the Spirit of Tuscarora Trail. Dogs must be leashed and bring a lunch. Meets at the Crow Trail parking lot at Tuscarora State Park. (9.5 miles—difficult)



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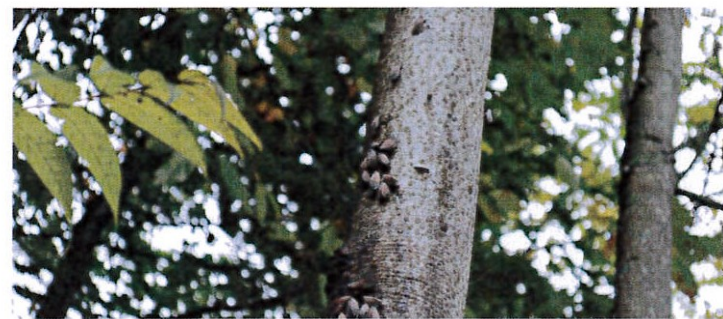
Look Before You Leave

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY, *LYCORMA DELICATULA*

Adult with Egg Masses | Eggs: October - May



Adults on *Ailanthus*



Egg Masses | Eggs: October - May



Early Nymph | May - June



Late Nymph | June - July



Spotted lanternfly threatens the Pennsylvania agriculture industry. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) are asking for your help in the eradication efforts of this pest. Look for the insect before leaving a quarantined area, especially after walking or parking near a tree line. This insect is not a strong flier, but may try to hitch hike a ride on your clothing, your vehicle or items sitting outdoors. For more information and the current quarantine, please visit:



Adult

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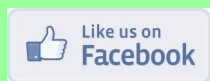
Visit **PaNatureKids.org** for places to go and things to do outside.

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Kids in Nature 



The American Public Gardens Association's annual showcase and celebration of public gardens is taking place the week after Mother's Day. Public gardens serve as community resources and a catalyst for change and resilience by encouraging the general public to visit, value and volunteer at their local public gardens. Be sure to visit the Demonstration and Trail Garden areas that were established in 2002 with the permission of the First United Church of Christ on their property at 110 Rte. 61 South in Schuylkill Haven. Also, check out the pollinator gardens established by the South Schuylkill Garden Club located near the High Rise in Schuylkill Haven and Canal Park in Pine Grove.



**"Trees, Bees and Lavender"
slated for Sunday, May 19**



Join in a "Trees, Bees and Lavender" tour of the "Hope Hill Lavender Farm," 2375 Panther Valley Road, northwest of Cressona on Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 1:00-3:00 pm.

Owners Wendy and Troy will share their efforts for sustainable farming in their choice of forest stewardship, growth of lavender and resulting products and emerging bee enterprise.

From an old Christmas tree farm purchased in 2010 to give a home to their two rescue horses, much has transpired. Troy and Wendy will walk their land and share their trials and accomplishments.

Information:
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NEWS LEAF

Master Gardeners of Schuylkill County

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570.622.4225 ext. 23

Test your soil to provide optimum fertilization for your garden by Tom Reed

Spring is in the air, at least we hope it is. 2018 was a tough growing season and so far, it looks like we are starting a bit late this season.

If you didn't soil test this past fall, I would strongly recommend a soil test for your garden for this year. We saw record rainfall last year and, in some areas, flooding that could contribute to pH and/or fertility problems in your lawn and gardens.

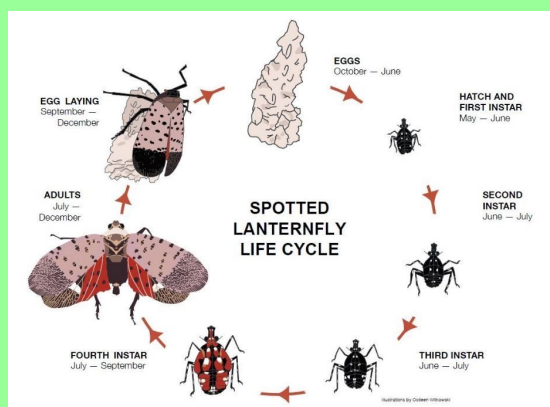
Soil test kits are available at the Penn State Extension Office for \$9.00. The recommendations from the soil test will provide valuable information as to what your soil requires and will provide recommendation for the optimum amounts of fertilizer. This is cost effective for you and prevents over fertilizing which is not good for our watersheds.



Master Gardeners get new coordinator

Steve Daderko is the new Consumer Horticulture/Master Gardener Coordinator for Schuylkill County. He has been a Master Gardener since 2015. His interest in gardening stems from his Lithuanian grandmother and has been gardening since childhood. He is a Penn State graduate and is retired after a 26-year career in engineering. Steve can be contacted at the Extension Office at 570-622-4225 ext. 17.

Meet the Master Gardeners This event is slated for Wednesday March 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. It is an information session for folks who would like to become a Master Gardener. There is no obligation and it is free to attend to get all the info and determine if this group of volunteers is the right fit for you. To register contact the Extension Office 570-622-4225 ext. 10 or 20 or e-mail schuylkillmg@psu.edu.

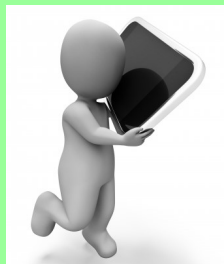


Spotted Lanternfly The eggs will begin to hatch in late April. This is a very serious pest and everyone should be alerted to it in the environment. If you come in contact with any life stages of this insect report it. To report: badbug@pa.gov or the Extension Office 570-622-4225 ext. 23

Master Gardeners are on WPPA AM 1360 at 10 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month year round.



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Net Sources and Resources

At PPL Electric Utilities, we not only work to protect the environment, we want to enhance it. We're involved in numerous programs including wood pole and metal recycling, giving away trees through our Community Roots program, and working with both private and government groups to help erect nesting platforms for ospreys. We established the PPL Electric Utilities Environmental Leaders Scholarship to give a helping hand to the next generation of students pursuing careers in the engineering and science fields that will benefit the natural world that surrounds and sustains us. We invite high school seniors who live in homes served by PPL in central and eastern Pennsylvania to apply for this \$2,000 scholarship. Winners will have scholarship funds sent to their indicated college or university in their name. www.pplelectric.com for more information.



TROUT BUTTON STOCKING PROGRAM UNDERWAY

Schuylkill Headwaters Association is conducting the 2019 trout stocking button program which was previously run by Schuylkill County Chapter of Trout Unlimited. This program has been popular and successful and will continue using the same format. Buttons, which cost \$10 each, entitle the purchaser to receive a list of confidential stockings that will occur in local waters. These stocking sites are located in areas selected by anglers showing the most interest, and the number of buttons sold will determine the numbers of fish that will be stocked. Buttons may be purchased by contacting the following: The Tackle Box, Morea Road, Frackville 570-874-3111 or S-A Trout Ponds, Orwigsburg 570-943-2405. Go to Schuylkill Headwaters on Facebook for more information.



Arbor Day is a holiday that is literally dedicated to trees. Particularly, the planting, care and conservation of them. Trees not only bring an aesthetic beauty to our world but are important to our very survival. They not only provide shelter for many species of birds, animals and insects but they are also the lungs of our planet. Not to mention the fact that products derived from them – such as paper – are vital to modern society. Therefore, this is an important holiday to bring attention to the importance of trees to our way of life. www.arborday.org



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