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Land Preservation Update

In 2012, D&R Greenway has been instrumental in preserving 2,000+ acres valued at over \$30 million. Since 1989, we have placed 17,136 acres into permanent preservation—an area twenty times larger than New York's Central Park.

Caring for Nature

D&R Greenway's strategic plan celebrates caring for nature as one of the three legs of our mission: to preserve land, to care for its resources and to inspire a conservation ethic.

This fall, we were stunned by severe weather patterns that devastated New Jersey. We have been cautioned to live in harmony with nature, to care for the earth's resources and to try to turn back the momentous changes we seem to be facing.

Each of us is wondering what we can do individually and collectively to make a difference. This newsletter shows you how, both by example and with useful recommendations.

As you enter the new year, take a moment to be quiet in nature and be reminded of life's priorities. I hope you agree that caring for nature is among them.

A Milestone in New Jersey's Open Space History

The allee of elm trees on Washington Road in Princeton and the towering London Plane trees on Kingston's Mapleton Road are just two of many contributions the Flemer family has made to the beauty of our state.

The family has also been lauded for recently preserving 1,900 acres in Allentown, a \$28-million transaction, the largest farmland-and-open-space-protection transaction in state history.

The parcel encompasses nearly three square miles in Monmouth, Mercer and Burlington Counties.

On a beautiful September evening, crowds gathered on the grounds of D&R Greenway's Johnson Education Center to honor the Flemer family with the 2012 Donald B. Jones Conservation Award. The Award is presented annually to individuals or groups who display selfless generosity through a commitment to conservation,



Three generations of the Flemer family were honored with the Donald B. Jones Conservation Award at D&R Greenway's Annual Gala including Mrs. John Flemer (1st row, 5th from left) and Mrs. William Flemer (1st row, 6th from left). (photo: Richard Grant)



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resulting in a significant impact on our landscape.

Mrs. John "Min" Flemer expressed the family's delight following the gathering. "What a day it was! Your report on your year of conservation was impressive! I'm so glad my daughters (who traveled from California and the East Coast) and I were able to accept the award and meet Beverley Jones and family."

D&R Greenway President & CEO Linda Mead announced, "This is by far the largest and most significant conservation commitment ever in central New Jersey. It would not have happened without the cooperation of many people – family members as well as state agencies – working together for the common good."

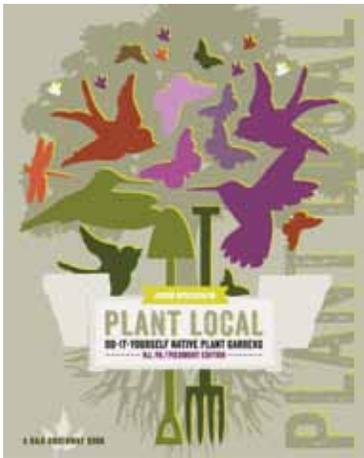
D&R Greenway facilitated initial discussions between the state and the Flemer family. In 2007 and 2008, extensive development was under consideration. Mead and then-Director of Land Preservation Bill Rawlyk met with representatives from the John Flemer and William Flemer sides of the family, and with Princeton
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NO-MOW YARDS – Using Eastern Native Plants in the Home Garden

Garden Clubs Inspire a Conservation Ethic in Local Gardeners

Members of the Garden Club of Princeton and the Stony Brook Garden Club packed the Johnson Education Center on November 13 to expand their knowledge of native plants in the home garden, particularly as an alternative to lawns. D&R Greenway President Linda Mead was pleased to host the garden clubs, because “this educational lecture aligns closely with our mission of preserving biodiversity and native habitats in New Jersey.” Speakers were Evelyn Hadden, award-winning author of *Beautiful No-Mow Yards*, and Mark Brownlee, Principal, American Native Nursery of Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Sophie Glover, an enthusiastic advocate for native plants, introduced the speakers. Author and publisher



D&R Greenway hosted a meeting of the Garden Club of Princeton and Stony Brook Garden Club, which highlighted using native plants to enhance home gardens. (l-r) Barbara Morrison, Princeton Garden Club; Speakers Mark Brownlee and Evelyn Hadden; Andrea Meyercord, Stony Brook Garden Club with D&R Greenway Trustee, Meg Gorrie.

of *Walk the Trails In and Around Princeton*, Sophie recently published D&R Greenway’s first book, *Plant Local*, written by former D&R Greenway staffer Jared Rosenbaum. This vivid how-to book for do-it-yourself native plant gardening is praised by Doug Tallamy, author of *Bringing Nature Home*, as “an essential guide to neighborhood restoration.”

Ms. Hadden delivered a whirlwind of strategies for successful creation of landscapes that feed all the senses, noting that mirroring nature is “ecologically friendly and less work.” She suggested, “Treat lawn as an area rug, not wall-to-wall carpet, using lawn as a connector of islands of native plants rather than the key feature.”

Her challenge though radical, was

convincingly logical: “Less lawn—more life.” Her term for the pollinators attracted by native plants is “living jewels.” Her culminating assertion was, “Connect and reconnect with nature.”

Mark Brownlee described his nursery’s specialty as “eco-region plant propagation and sales.” His work is similar to the incubator Native Plant Nursery managed by Emily Blackman at D&R Greenway, though on a much larger scale. Both nurseries collect seeds in the Northern Piedmont region, to which New Jersey and Pennsylvania belong.

Make it your new year’s resolution to turn your own yard into a beautiful natural oasis in 2013. *Plant Local* is available for \$20 from D&R Greenway. Profits support our mission. ♻️

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Nurseries principals, to structure an application for preservation to the New Jersey Green Acres Program and the State farmland preservation program. D&R Greenway assisted in initial negotiations until the family attorneys took over. The land was preserved with farmland easements, and through acquisition of conservation lands that expand a Monmouth County park and State wildlife areas.

Richard S. Goldman, attorney for

the William Flemer family, has helped D&R Greenway preserve thousands of acres as a D&R Greenway trustee. “When D&R Greenway preserved the 400-acre St. Michaels Orphanage land, we recognized that it was the size of all of Hopewell Borough,” he said. “Princeton Nurseries land is more than four times that size.”

“This land could have been 8,000 houses,” said Rich Boornazian, Assistant Commissioner of the NJ DEP, which provided more than half of the funding. “There are 4.8 million acres in the state, and one quarter of those are already in preservation,” said Boornazian.

The Flemer family has done this

before, Boornazian pointed out, with its land in Kingston.

Princeton Nurseries, founded in 1913 by William Flemer, was internationally renowned for providing strong cultivars of exceptional beauty, and was one of the largest commercial nurseries in the country. The firm closed in 2009.

Bill Flemer, great grandson of William Flemer, studied botany and horticulture at the University of Wisconsin and worked in the nursery business until a few years ago. Today he manages St. Michaels Farm Preserve for D&R Greenway.

“Growing up in the middle of

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Leaving a Legacy to Benefit Plants and Wildlife

“The unsung heroes of the environment are among us every day—in schools teaching children about nature, on preserved lands building trails, and volunteering where they can to protect the earth. They are a powerful force. Mary Jane Trimmer has left a legacy with D&R Greenway that will benefit many in ways that were close to her heart.”

— Linda Mead, President
D&R Greenway

In her lifetime, Mary Jane Trimmer shared her appreciation for the natural world, teaching maple tree-tapping, river investigations, and bird and insect identification to fourth-graders. A member of the Hunterdon Hiking Club, the Newtown Camera Club, and the New Jersey and Washington Crossing Audubon Societies, Trimmer also served as a naturalist at Bowman’s Hill Wildflower Preserve and in 2006 became a Master

Gardener through the Mercer County Extension.

Although she passed away in 2009, her environmental leadership lives on, thanks to a \$200,000 bequest to D&R Greenway Land Trust.

“The gift from Mary Jane Trimmer has enabled stewardship of our preserves,” says D&R Greenway President Linda Mead. “It contributes to long-term investments that provide annual income to enable educational programs at the Johnson Education Center and Greenway walks, along with our land preservation and stewardship work. As a teacher and gardener, Mary Jane cared about D&R Greenway’s work to protect the natural world and inspire a conservation ethic.”

D&R Greenway began its planned giving program in 2009 to recognize donors who have made a gift with a bequest in their will, or through other means such as a charitable gift annuity or naming D&R Greenway as beneficiary of an IRA.

Planned gifts help to advance the mission of D&R Greenway, as well as

provide a meaningful opportunity for the donor, and a way for others to be inspired by their actions.

“These gifts ensure the stability of our organization as they support long-term endowment and critical project needs,” adds Linda. “We encourage our supporters to let us know if they have remembered D&R Greenway in their will or otherwise so we can recognize them as a member of our EverGreen Circle.”

Sometimes donors who give during their lifetime are able to make a larger contribution through their will. Trimmer’s first gift to D&R Greenway was a small contribution to support preservation of St. Michaels Farm Preserve.

“She gave to other nature organizations, but her biggest gift was to D&R Greenway,” said Trimmer’s friend and executor of her estate Lucinda Walsh. “She wanted to support what it stands for, keeping the land pristine—it meant the world to her. Two days before she died, she had it on her calendar to go canoeing.” 🌿

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Princeton Nurseries in Kingston instilled in me a love for that place and that business, as it had done for my father and grandfather,” says Bill Flemer. “Being named William Flemer IV gave me the message that continuing the lifework of the three preceding William FLEMERS was an honorable undertaking.”

“My father would have been happy to see us embarked on the preservation path. As a society, we don’t have many opportunities to preserve beautiful old places, given the pressures of growth and the resulting suburban sprawl, especially in New Jersey. It’s great to know that the land we were privileged to care for over so many years will be loved and cared for by other farm families after we’re gone.”

Bill concluded, “Companies come and go—Princeton Nurseries was in business almost 100 years—people come and go, but the land lasts forever.” 🌿

The D&R Greenway EverGreen Circle

The D&R Greenway EverGreen Circle recognizes donors who have remembered D&R Greenway in their wills or through revocable trusts, charitable gift annuity, their retirement plan or by other means. To join these foresighted contributors, contact D&R Greenway President & CEO, Linda Mead or Director of Development, Leslie Davis Potter at 609-924-4646 to learn more about our planned giving program.



Eastern Hemlock
(*Tsuga canadensis*)

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Managing Preserved Lands for Birds, Bees and Salamanders

Above a field of sun-gilded grass, an American Kestrel hovers on fluttering wingtips. Bobolinks burst from thick clumps, emitting eerie, electronic-sounding calls, as strange as their black pompadour crests. An insect-like trill reveals the hidden perch of the unobtrusive, aptly named Grasshopper Sparrow.

After decades of silence, the air is coming alive again.

Grasslands—extensive fields of grasses and similar plants—all but disappeared from New Jersey over the last few decades, due to changes in land use, fire management and farming practices. As grasslands vanished, so did Kestrels, Bobolinks, Grasshopper Sparrows and other birds that require a grasslands habitat, including Eastern Meadowlark, Vesper Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow and Northern Harrier.

Now D&R Greenway is restoring grasslands on several preserves, returning critical habitat to the region, and helping to increase the population of birds that depend on these unique sites for survival.

In addition to grasslands, other disappearing wildlife habitats, including pollinator meadows and vernal pools,



Bobolinks thrive in grasslands.



D&R Greenway's Cider Mill Grasslands Preserve

are being added to D&R Greenway preserves through active management approaches.

Conservation doesn't end with preservation—it begins. While every property that D&R Greenway preserves has conservation value, some sites can be made even more valuable to wildlife by enhancing or restoring habitat.

Restoring grasslands

Gazing out across the Cider Mill Preserve, you feel like you're on a boat in the midst of a great grass sea, with wind-combed waves all around, and the dark Sourlands ridge in the background like a distant coast. The unbroken sightlines under an open sky evoke a sense of timeless serenity.

This tranquility, though, is deceptive: grasslands teem with birds, insects and mammals, especially in spring and summer when the grasses grow tall and fast, creating cover, shelter and food for wildlife.

Conspicuous by their absence are trees. Grasslands in the eastern US depend on regular disturbance to prevent woods from succeeding the grasses. Pre-settlement, nature created the original eastern grasslands when wildfires roared through forests. Native Americans burned portions of forests for hunting and gardening, and European settlers kept fields clear for growing hay or pasturing livestock.

But in the late 20th century, grassland habitat declined precipitously. Development replaced much farmland. On farms that remained, the practice of cutting hay in early summer rendered fields unusable for nesting. As their habitat disappeared, the population of grassland-dependent birds plummeted.

In New Jersey several species are endangered; others are listed as "threatened" or "vulnerable."

Conservation and wildlife agencies encourage restoring grasslands habitat to help bring back healthy populations of grasslands wildlife. They are finding enthusiastic partners in landowners

who want to farm the grasslands. "Farmers can play an important role in providing habitat to grasslands-dependent species by adjusting the timing of the first hay cutting to later in the season, using field rotation, and modifying mowing patterns to conserve breeding habitat," says Diana Raichel, D&R Greenway's Conservation Biologist.



Native bees, like this sweat bee, pollinate agricultural crops and flowers far more than honeybees.

Supported by grants from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, US Department of Agriculture and Conservation Resources Inc., D&R Greenway is restoring grasslands on a total of 215 acres on five preserves (three in Hopewell, one each in Hillsborough and East Amwell), some of which will also be used for agriculture.

Grasslands restoration projects have two phases. Phase one: create it. That takes two or three years. Phase two: maintain it. That takes, well, forever.

D&R Greenway first clears invasive plants and removes hedgerows (which can harbor predators on grassland birds), then plants seeds. Expanses of at least 10 acres, consisting of short, medium and tall native grasses interspersed with some "forbs" (tall wildflowers such as milkweed and clover) attract grassland birds. Taller grass provides cover from predators for nests; shorter grasses and bare ground areas are ideal for insect foraging.

Once the grasses are established, with good deep root systems, the permanent challenge is to prevent woody plants from colonizing the field. D&R Greenway uses two main tools: mowing and, to a lesser extent, livestock grazing.

These management approaches fit the rhythms of agricultural production, with some fine-tuning. Grasslands can be harvested as hayfields, but only if mowing is timed to enable birds to nest and raise their young. “We’re working with Washington Crossing Audubon Society to use data they’ve gathered from grasslands in the region, to help inform our management decisions,” notes Jay Watson, D&R Greenway’s Vice President. D&R Greenway fields are mowed once or twice a year, in early spring and/or late summer, after July 15th.

Hay loses nutritional value the later it’s cut, a reason that farmers adopted the common practice of cutting hay early and often. Although late-cut hay is less desirable as high-quality feed, it can be used for bedding, for “mulch hay” in mushroom production, or for feed that doesn’t require high nutrition.

“We also rotate areas of mowing, which results in a mosaic of heights and plant species, and provides for a broader diversity of grassland bird species,” explains Diana Raichel.

Farmers who want to provide grasslands can manage pastures for habitat. On St. Michaels Farm Preserve, D&R Greenway is working with farmer Jon McConaughy to graze cows and sheep on grasslands. The animals graze a field for a short period of time, then are rotated to a different section. This results in a diversity of plant heights, similar to rotational mowing. This management approach limits the impact of the animals on the soil and vegetation, and supports a mutually beneficial relationship.

Already, these projects have produced results. Kestrels, Northern Harriers, Bobolinks, and Grassland Sparrows have all been finding new havens on D&R Greenway preserves.

Creating pollinator meadows

While grassland birds require large expanses of grass, pollinators just need fields of flowers. A meadow of colorful blossoms is not only beautiful, it’s full of buzzing bees, fluttering butterflies, and other pollinators, drawn to nectar, host plants and nesting habitat.

Pollinators are declining rapidly in the face of disappearing habitat. The Xerces Society has identified 59 butterfly and moth species, and 57

bee species, at risk of extinction. Yet without pollinators, 75 percent of flowering plants will not survive either. That includes not only forest, landscape and garden plants but many commercial food crops. And unlike the European honeybee, these insects provide pollinating services at no cost.

D&R Greenway is creating pollinator meadows to help restore habitat for these lovely, under-appreciated species. You can see one such meadow at St. Michaels, where fields planted with a variety of wildflowers for native seed production attract pollinating insects.

On a farm preserve in Cranbury Township, D&R Greenway is converting a 7-acre low-production crop field into a meadow designed to attract native bees. Diana explains, “We’re planting half grasses and sedges and half wildflowers, along with hollow-stemmed shrubs within hedgerows (many native bees nest solitarily in hollow stems). We’re also depositing mounds of nesting substrate for ground-nesting bees in key locations.”

Building vernal pools

Long before the birds start singing and the bees begin buzzing, it’s the amphibians you hear. In late winter and early spring, the woods resound with calls of Spring Peepers, Wood Frogs, Tree Frogs, and American Toads, drawn from their terrestrial homes to breed in vernal pools. Drawn here too, to breed though not to sing, are Salamanders, emerging from damp burrows under logs and rocks. In these pools, the amphibians’ maturing offspring are safe from fish predators.



Vernal pool on Jay Gompper’s land in East Amwell Township, preserved by a conservation easement

Vernal pools, too, are disappearing with development: lost as woods are cleared or water tables change. Even where pools continue to exist, many lose value as habitat because animals can’t get to them without having to cross roads.

D&R Greenway is creating new vernal pools at several properties. On permanently preserved land in the Sourlands, owner Jay Gompper is working with D&R Greenway to create and enhance pools so they retain water throughout the amphibian breeding season. Diana elaborates, “Any excavated soil will be used to create basking areas for State species of concern such as Spotted Turtle and Eastern Box Turtle. We’re planting shrubs and aquatic vegetation around the perimeter to benefit species such as young Northern Gray Tree Frog and recently emerged dragonflies.”

On the Dry Run Creek Preserve, D&R Greenway is working with the Conserve Wildlife Foundation to build vernal pools for a local population of spotted salamanders that migrates to a small farm pond across the road. Many of them don’t make it. By creating a new pool on their usual route, D&R Greenway seeks to give more of these silent, secretive creatures a chance to survive.

“The next frontier for land trusts is to learn to not only care for the resources we protect, but to also enhance them in ways that restore the natural world,” says Linda Mead, D&R Greenway President & CEO. “With talented staff and dedicated volunteers, D&R Greenway is proactively engaged in the work of the future.” 🌱



Spotted Salamander (photo: Tom Gulla)

Now, More than Ever, Trees Deserve your Support

Trees are the biggest living things that most people will ever meet. Yet we think of these monster-scale beings as beautiful, not dangerous. At least, not until they fall—as they did in superstorm Sandy. Over 113,000 New Jersey trees were damaged or destroyed, more than any previous storm on record.

If you're like most homeowners, you've got trees somewhere on your property. You appreciate them for their

is a good planting choice, according to Pepper deTuro, President of Woodwinds, a Princeton tree care business. "It has few disease or insect issues, and there are many varieties of fall color available." But he cautions, "Do not plant a Norway Maple, which is invasive." By a stream, he recommends a willow. Jim Amon, D&R Greenway's Director of Stewardship adds that sycamores are a majestic choice for beside a waterway.

If replacing trees near structures, consider understory flowering trees, such as dogwood, American redbud and shadbush.

Plant most trees in fall, says Pepper. "Fall is a great time for root development and can give the tree more time to become established before hot and dry summer conditions."

And take care to plant trees correctly. He explains, "Not too deep and not too high. Check for the root flare. Many trees are coming from the nursery with too much soil over the

root flare inside the burlap. This creates girdling roots and reduced oxygen to the root system." After planting, continue to care for the tree so that it remains

healthy; strong trees are more likely to withstand storm damage. A healthy tree starts with healthy soil. Pepper recommends "compost and worm casting applications, proper mulching and organic fertilization."

What should you do with fallen trees? If you can leave the tree where it is without it becoming a hazard or being in the way—in a wooded area, for example—that's the best course of action. If it's in the lawn or driveway, instead of having it carved up and hauled away, consider moving a fallen tree into the woods or to the edge of your property. "It will be transformed by microorganisms into humus and will add to the fertility of the soil," explains Bill Flemer, of D&R Greenway's Stewardship staff. A fallen tree in the woods becomes a "nurse log," enabling tree seedlings to establish themselves.

It may take a long time for a log to decay, "about a year per inch of diameter, depending on species, climate and conditions," according to Pepper deTuro. In the woods, there's not much point to moving downed trees unless you want to do something else in that spot.

Trees benefit us while they live, and long after they die. Now, more than ever, when so many have been lost, is the time to support them. Plant a tree... for life. ♣



Majestic sugar maple trees display their finest autumn colors (photo: Jim Amon)

four-season displays of color. Their leaves make ideal mulch. They give you shade in summer; provide perches for songbirds, food for squirrels. They cool and clean the air, provide privacy, a place to hang a swing.

If you're like most homeowners, then, you love your trees. What do you do if you've lost trees?

Trees play a critical role in our ecosystem, whether in the landscape or in the forest. Ironically, trees are vital to moderate the impact of storms. They stabilize the banks of rivers and streams, and by taking up stormwater, help prevent flooding.

Think about it this way: if you've lost trees, so has the entire community. If it's feasible to replace a fallen tree, do so. Make sure you plant the right tree in the right place. Native trees are adapted to our regional climate and have high value for resident and migratory wildlife. Oaks are champions when it comes to wildlife value, although they tend to be slow-growing. The red maple

Meet our newest Business Partners in Preservation

D&R Greenway welcomes the following business partners who recognize the importance of D&R Greenway's mission of preserving land in Central New Jersey. Their generosity and support helps us to offer environmental programs, art exhibits and special events at the Johnson Education Center at no charge for the community's education and enjoyment.

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We thank all of our Business Partners who will be recognized in D&R Greenway's 2012 Annual Report to be distributed in 2013.

Art, Inspiration and Exploration

Upcoming Events at D&R Greenway's Johnson Education Center

D&R Greenway's Marie L. Matthews Art Gallery and Olivia Rainbow Gallery inspire a conservation ethic. Art sales include a donation to support D&R Greenway's work.

Urban Landscapes Art Exhibit

December 5, 2012–February 15, 2013

People, land and city create a livable landscape as inhabitants interact with their environment. Exhibiting artists passionately pair natural and urban attributes with the arts and activism, blending all to incorporate the outdoors in places like New York City's "Highline."

Featuring "Dancescapes—A Photo Documentary."

An urban experience of dance on and about the land, performed at Cadwalader Park in Trenton, and documented by photographer, Edward Greenblat, Princeton Photography Club.

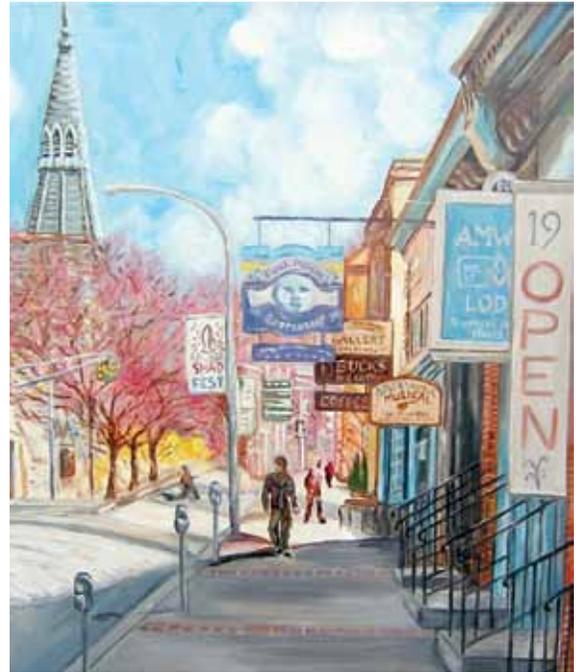
Inspired by the Land

Thursday, January 31, 2013, 7–8:30 p.m.

Reception and discussion with DanceSpora's David and Heidi Austin

A peek behind-the-scenes at the creative process and the five-year partnership among co-sponsors, Passage Theatre and D&R Greenway, that connects people and environment.

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Bridge Street, Lambertville 1
(Oil painting by Jean-Childs Buzgo)

Call for Entries

“Plantscapes”

*Juried Photographic Show for
High School Students*

Co-sponsors: D&R Greenway Land Trust &
Princeton Photography Club

Submission Deadline: February 25, 2013

High school students are invited to participate by using open space, whether park or preserve, to photograph a natural landscape.

Applicants may digitally manipulate an image into their vision of the future or leave the photograph unaltered. Submissions are to be nature-themed and have a strong plant-based component.

To find open spaces and trails to photograph, visit www.njtrails.org. Juror awards totaling \$500 will be presented on April 10. Visit www.drgreenway.org for more information.

Archeological Exploration at the Abbott Marshlands

(formerly Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh)

Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 7–8:30 p.m.

Renowned archeologist Richard Hunter will describe historical explorations and show examples of the thousands of Native American artifacts discovered near Trenton. Urban architect Jeanne Perantoni will announce plans for Mercer County's Marsh Nature Center, anticipated to open in autumn 2013.

Sky Gazing Art Exhibit

February 25–May 2, 2013

Opening: Friday, March 8, 2013, 5:30–7 p.m.

Is there anything so infinite as the sky? This art exhibit encourages visitors to look up through the screen of branches, specks of falling snow, and the gentle movement of clouds to experience the sky through artists' eyes.

Events take place at the Johnson Education Center and are open and free to all. For gallery hours and to RSVP for the receptions, send a message to rsvp@drgreenway.org or call (609) 924-4646.

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The Annual Science Forum on Strategic Techniques and Innovations in Land Preservation and Stewardship

Thursday, March 21, 2013, 7–8:30 p.m.,
D&R Greenway's Johnson Education Center

Presented in partnership with
The Institute for Advanced Study and
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in recognition of his stewardship
of New Jersey lands

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"*Preservation of the Institute Woods, a Catalyst for Large-Scale Preservation in Princeton,*" with
Guest Lecturer George Dyson, author, scientific
historian and 2002-03 Director's Visitor at the
Institute for Advanced Study.

"Paws for the Beauty of Nature"

"Paws for the Beauty of Nature" at D&R Greenway's holiday tree, designed by Avril Moore and her elves, at Morven's Festival of Trees. (photos: Tasha O' Neill, Photographer)

