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Land Preservation Update

Since 1989, D&R Greenway has placed 268 properties, approximately 18,796 acres valued at \$379,248,817, into permanent preservation, an area as big as 15,000 football fields!

Mission Possible: D&R Greenway Inspires Conservation Ethic

One November morning in 1904, 17-year-old Aldo Leopold looked up from his desk at the Lawrenceville School to admire the frost-laced lawn sparkling in the bright sun. Putting aside his books, he set out on a day's tramp. Aldo plowed through woods strewn with brown leaves, waded across the Stony Brook, and strode over stubble-fields; by late afternoon, he'd climbed a mountain to its summit.

"Such a view!" he wrote later. "For twenty miles in every direction were wooded hills and peaceful valleys. In a great semicircle the Princeton Hills swept off to the northeastward till they were blue in the distance." On his return journey, a fiery sunset gave way to the full moon silhouetting a Great Horned Owl. "Give me my native land at all hours of the day, all seasons of the year, and for all the years of my life," he exulted.

Leopold's year at Lawrenceville

and his Iowa boyhood were the roots that grew into his becoming the American conservation movement's most influential thinker. In 1948, Aldo Leopold wrote the classic environmental ethic guidebook, *Sand County Almanac*.

If this Father of Wildlife Management were to return to central New Jersey today, he'd find much to celebrate. Large swaths of preserved open space, forests reclaiming clear-cuts, restored grasslands, urban pocket parks, sustainable farms and innumerable backyard wildlife habitats—these riches are here because of the land ethic first articulated by Leopold, which we refer to as a conservation ethic.

Leopold's land ethic expresses two critical ideas. First, people are members of an ecological community. Second, we have a responsibility to preserve that community.



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If this seems obvious—consider that it was revolutionary in its time.

Leopold shared his sentiments with 19th century writers Emerson, Thoreau, Marsh, Muir and others, who had championed nature's esthetic, spiritual and psychological values against commercial exploitation and destruction. The eloquence of contemporary writers such as Rachel Carson and Edward O. Wilson owes much to Leopold's fusion of science with poetry.

A founder of the Wilderness Society, Leopold wrote, "the distinguishing marks of American culture include a certain vigorous individualism combined with an ability to organize."

The power of an individual to DO conservation is strengthened when joining with others. D&R Greenway's mission is to preserve and take care of land. No one person can do it all alone, but if *each of us* does what we can, together we will accomplish even more. Individuals inspired to practice a conservation ethic create the D&R Greenway community.

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Majestic view from D&R Greenway preserved land

Reaching Adulthood: A Land Trust Grows in Central New Jersey

Among the greatest joys of preserving land is observing the life that springs from its soil: monarch butterflies fluttering over a field of native flowers, warblers and Scarlet Tanagers singing overhead, farm animals grazing in open pastures. A very tangible joy, too, is experienced at places such as St. Michaels Farm Preserve where visitors who start as toddlers evolve into young walkers, teen campers and ultimately adult hikers.

At the root of that growth is D&R Greenway Land Trust. “We’ve come so far in the first 25 years,” says D&R Greenway President and CEO Linda Mead. “Starting from a grassroots organization in 1989 with a vision to preserve entire stream corridors, we now have programs with a national impact.” Growing native seed to restore New York landfills is one example of broadening impact. Another is Land College, a partnership spearheaded by D&R Greenway with the Land Trust Alliance and Morgan Stanley financial advisors. In three years, this training program that teaches preservation methods modeled by D&R Greenway has resulted in thousands of acres preserved in places like Alabama, Maryland and Colorado.

Known for innovation, perseverance and its results-driven strategies, in its first quarter century D&R Greenway



Enjoying the unspoiled view at St. Michaels Farm Preserve.

has permanently preserved more than 18,750 acres throughout central New Jersey—that’s an area 20 times the size of New York City’s Central Park!

“A group of people coming together with vision and determination has made all the difference,” says Linda. “Just think what life might be like if there had been housing developments instead of these beautiful preserved properties.”

The D&R Greenway Vision Map is a regional master plan of open space with 13 greenways. This guides D&R Greenway’s daily work to permanently protect land and create unbroken

corridors of preservation for birds, plants and people.

Among the 25-years of preservation highlights:

- 1,500+ acre Sourlands Ecosystem Preserve;
- 589-acre Institute for Advanced Study lands;
- 55 acres of the former General Robert Wood Johnson estate, now Greenway Meadows;
- 165-acre Coventry Farm, including Farm View Fields;
- 1,900-acre Seabrook Farms;
- 395-acre St. Michaels Farm Preserve;
- 1,900-acre Princeton Nursery lands;
- Creation of the Tulpehaking Nature Center at the Abbott Marshlands;
- 28 miles of trails built on D&R Greenway preserves, and inception of the NJ Trails Association that builds trails at Baldpate Mountain and other parks.



2014 Donald B. Jones Conservation Awardee Richard Goldman appreciating a quiet moment in Greenway Meadows. (photo: Carl Geisler)

D&R Greenway’s Johnson Education Center, on Rosedale Road in Princeton, has become a hub for education and partner meetings that raise awareness and result in land

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Retiring Trustees Who Helped Grow Greenway to Remain Active

The Olivia Rainbow Gallery is Eleanor Horne's favorite part of the Johnson Education Center. "I love the display of young people's talent. The way to build a conservation ethic begins with children."

While Vice President at Educational Testing Service, Eleanor worked with the New Jersey Green Acres Program to preserve the campus as open space. When first invited to join D&R Greenway's board, she declined because, she says, she only wanted to dedicate herself to organizations that served the interests of children. "It was the lens through which I looked," recounts Eleanor. "I had a conversation with (then board member) Cate Litvack, who made an impassioned argument that preservation of open space is a children's issue, protecting land for generations to come."

That began a long association with D&R Greenway Land Trust, with Eleanor joining the Board of Trustees in 2000, contributing her expertise in organizational governance to grow D&R Greenway into a presence in Princeton and beyond.

In January of this year, Eleanor Horne and Dr. Mary Allesio Leck, Professor Emeritus of Biology, Rider University, retired from D&R Greenway's board. Having joined prior to the inception of term limits, collectively they dedicated 31 years of service to D&R Greenway. "These are two exceptional people who have truly made this a better place to live, work and most importantly, to play," says Brian Breuel, D&R Greenway Board Chair.

Mary Allesio Leck, Ph.D.

Mary will continue to serve on the Stewardship Committee and be "the Voice for the Marsh." Eleanor will continue her involvement by serving on the Outreach and Development Committee.

"What an honor it has been to know and work with Eleanor and Mary," shares D&R Greenway President & CEO Linda Mead. "Eleanor has expanded our effectiveness by



(l-r) Retiring Trustees, Mary Allesio Leck, Ph.D. and Eleanor Horne with D&R Greenway Chair, Brian Breuel and newly-elected Trustees, Kristin Appelget and Richard Goldman.

introducing best management practices to overall management and strategic thinking. Mary's dedication to the Abbott Marshlands in Trenton has had a real impact, with a long list of partners now committed to caring for this special place forever."

Mary devoted her 17 years on the board to promoting the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh, now the Abbott Marshlands, as an educational, historical and recreational resource. "She grew the Marsh from a spark of an idea to a critical resource for New Jersey," says Brian Breuel. She spearheaded the creation and implementation of the Cooperative Stewardship Plan, followed by the Cooperative Stewardship Agreement, among the key partners for the Marsh.

"My main interest was always with the Marsh, and D&R Greenway was supportive of what happened there," says Mary, who first began her Marsh research in the 1970s. In April 2014, the Friends for the Marsh received the Dr. Ruth Patrick Excellence in Education Award, presented by the Water Resources Association of the Delaware River Basin in Philadelphia. In October, the Tulpehaking Nature Center at the Marsh was dedicated by Mercer County, with Kelly Rypkema as manager. "She is so articulate and has great ideas," says Mary. "We tied all this together with canoe and field trips, and an exhibit at Ellarslie,

the Trenton City Museum. Now the Nature Center will continue to develop for schoolchildren, so a conservation ethic can be passed on to future generations."

"Mary epitomizes D&R Greenway's 'love of the land' by providing the moving spirit behind the creation of the Abbott Marshland project," says Brian. "She is perceptive and principled and a master of perseverance."

Eleanor Horne

Eleanor Horne was instrumental in implementing the term limits which led to these two retirements. She joined D&R Greenway when it was a young, grassroots organization. "She shepherded the growth and maturity of the organization," says Brian. "It would have been a much more contentious and bumpy road without Eleanor's wisdom, guidance and counsel."

In Eleanor's first eight years on the board, "I was interested in how this fledgling organization would survive and move forward. We needed to develop systems, a board that was supportive and critical, in order to grow. My role was asking questions. I came from outside the landowner-born-to-the-issue experience, and took the newcomer's view."

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The Taplin Circle

Frank Taplin was a well-known and respected philanthropist who championed the cause of land preservation. His vision and leadership resulted in the permanent protection of two signature Princeton landscapes, the Institute Woods and Coventry Farm.

In 2004, D&R Greenway Land Trust honored Frank Taplin's memory and his wife Peg's continuing support of land preservation by creating the **Taplin Circle**, to recognize individuals who contribute \$1,000 or more annually to support D&R Greenway's critical work. Members of the **Taplin Circle** share Frank's commitment to preserving the land, the historic character and the natural resources of central New Jersey.

All members of the **Taplin Circle** are invited to a special reception annually where they hear first-hand about the accomplishments that their support makes possible, and learn about upcoming projects before they are publicly announced.

Please note that **Taplin Circle** members who have made a multi-year pledge are listed here at their most recent pledge payment level. Multi-year pledges in effect in 2014 are noted below.

We express our deepest thanks and appreciation to the members of the **Taplin Circle** for their leadership in supporting the work of D&R Greenway Land Trust.

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—Henry David Thoreau

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Reaching Adulthood

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preservation and good stewardship. "It all begins with creating a conservation ethic," says Holly Welles, trustee chair of D&R Greenway's Outreach Committee.

The seeds for growing an organization with the scope of D&R Greenway are the real people who pour their passion into the mission: donors who make land acquisitions possible, trustees who provide technical skills and strategic guidance, expert staff with leadership qualities, and a supportive community whose members volunteer for events, trail-building and habitat restoration.

With all this nurturing, D&R Greenway grows above and beyond. The Native Plant Nursery provides hard-to-find indigenous plants to schools, parks and homeowners. The Scott and Hella McVay Poetry Trail enables reflection about the natural world and our place in it. The Johnson Education Center art galleries have been recognized in national publications for connecting people to nature in an inspiring way.

Carefully honed growth does not go unnoticed. D&R Greenway has been recognized with these awards, among others:

- Garden Club of America Civic Improvement Commendation Award



P. Coccinea Swain by world-renowned sculptor John Henry is situated in the Founders' Garden at the Johnson Education Center. This impressive piece of art was generously donated in 2014 by former trustee William Swain and his wife, Linda.

- New Jersey Environmental Excellence Award
- Conserve Wildlife New Jersey's Women in Wildlife Leadership Award
- PlanSmart New Jersey's Environmental Achievement Award
- Accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission.

For a land trust to continue on a successful trajectory, it must keep one eye on the future. In D&R Greenway's looking glass, by 2020, every resident of central New Jersey will be connected to the land. In their daily lives, they may:

- live near a green, protected property;
- benefit from a healthy environment and a clean abundance of drinking water;

- enjoy a family hike on a preserve protected by D&R Greenway;
- be inspired to make good conservation choices through art and educational programs at the Johnson Education Center;
- incorporate native plants from D&R Greenway's nursery into their garden;
- become part of the D&R Greenway community by volunteering their time and skills.

Responsible growth means leaving good things in its wake. D&R Greenway leaves pristine land for generations to come, setting the stage for the next generation of scientists, artists and land lovers. 🌱



Monarch caterpillar on milkweed.
(photo: Tasha O'Neill)

Spring Native Plant Sale

Friday, May 8, 3 – 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m. – noon

The Native Plant Nursery is open on Friday afternoons, 3 – 5 p.m., June through August with the exception of Friday, July 3. Fall Sale in September, date TBD.

Retiring Trustees

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Serving on the Accreditation Committee, she delved intensively into documents on easements and deeds. "The closer I looked at D&R Greenway, the more respect I had for this organization," says Eleanor. "I came away impressed by the fine organization the board and staff had created."

Reflecting on the term limits she helped to create, Eleanor says, "When I look at the board, I have deep respect for those who created the organization, but am excited by new trustees who bring fresh ideas, perspectives and networks of people."

New Trustees

The Board of Trustees welcomes the following new trustees in 2015:

Kristin S. Appelget, *Director of Community and Regional Affairs, Princeton University*

Richard S. Goldman, Esq., *land use attorney, Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, returning trustee*

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Volunteer Recognition

The volunteers who donate their time, skills and energy to D&R Greenway Land Trust contribute to the high quality of life we enjoy in our region. Their work brings lasting environmental, social and economic benefits. Their contributions come in many forms.

D&R Greenway's **Art** volunteers support the four mission-themed exhibits that are offered annually at the Marie L. Matthews Gallery at the Johnson Education Center. A place that contemplates the beauty of nature and promotes understanding of the importance of protecting the natural world, its mission is to use the visual arts to educate and inspire the public to embrace a conservation ethic.

This year, our **Native Plant Nursery** volunteers planted and cared for more than 50 species of native plants. These trees, shrubs, grasses, sedges and wildflowers are being used to restore native landscapes on D&R Greenway preserves, on partner lands including Mercer County's Tulpehaking Nature Center and the Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association's campus and other places in New Jersey, including the South Mountain Reservation in Essex County and the Franklin Township's native garden.

New Jersey Trails Association is a volunteer group within D&R Greenway that provides information about places to walk at www.njtrails.org. Led by former D&R

Greenway Board Chair Alan Hershey, volunteers from age 16 to 80+ move boulders, forge through brush and build charming pedestrian bridges to create special places for people to connect with the land. Many of the trails on the website have been created or are maintained by these volunteers.

Our **Stewardship** volunteers multiply the work of our interns and staff, enjoying the community spirit of volunteering together as they ensure that this important work gets done. These volunteers work on D&R Greenway preserves removing invasive species, restoring habitats and maintaining trails among other tasks. The next time you enjoy a D&R Greenway preserve, think about all of the volunteer efforts that go into caring for the land.

Willing Hands support the work of D&R Greenway in teaching a conservation ethic. They assist with events that provide opportunities for the community to learn about the value of conservation at the Johnson Education Center and other public venues.

D&R Greenway Land Trust especially thanks each of our volunteers for their unique partnership in our mission.

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Conservation Ethic

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How does D&R Greenway inspire a conservation ethic?

“First and foremost by preserving land and taking care of it,” says President and CEO Linda Mead. “We acquire land with public funds or money raised in the community, or we enable a landowner to secure tax benefits from donating land. In doing this we enable the larger community

to acknowledge the social benefits of land.

“Just as important, we share our assets with the community,” Linda continues. “We make preserved land accessible to the public; we build trails on our preserves and elsewhere. We inform people how to take care of their own property. We use science to support conservation decisions, and we educate about the research that underlies conservation. We engage the public through events and activities such as walks, lectures, and

art exhibits that connect people to conservation through their personal values.”

In addition, D&R Greenway teaches the value of conservation to future generations by providing places and activities that engage young people, such as the Charles Evans Discovery Trail and the annual high school photography exhibit.

This edition of Greenways highlights individuals whose conservation ethic has led to inspirational action now, and for the future. ♻️

Joyce Copleman

A former Trustee of D&R Greenway, for more than 20 years Joyce was President of the Lawrence Township Conservation Foundation (LTCF). When she moved to Lawrence with her late husband Ralph to raise a family, she says, “I knew nothing about why wetlands are important for flood control, or why migrating birds need woods to rest in. I just knew it was so beautiful, contemplative, walking in the woods.” Realizing that government was not protecting natural areas, she helped start the LTCF. The tiny nonprofit was assisted by a partnership with D&R Greenway, ultimately preserving 660 acres, all of which it turned over to the Township, and all of which the public—and birds—still enjoy.



Carson Road Woods provides protected habitat for birds.

“What a country chooses to save is what a country chooses to say about itself.”

—Mollie Beattie, former Director
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service



Rows of trees maturing at Princeton Nursery.

Tom and Lynn Ebeling

Tom and Lynn got involved with D&R Greenway to enable others to enjoy the outdoors. “I grew up loving to be outdoors,” says Lynn, “to play in the snow and swim in the creek, to notice the birds and the wildflowers, to enjoy being out on a moonlit night and to cherish the quiet and solitude of a walk in the woods.” Long-time stewardship volunteers, they bequeathed their 20-acre farm to D&R Greenway. They’ve held “Preservation Parties” to convince neighbors to preserve their properties. Lynn points out, “We have more access to woodland trails and beautiful places to hike and enjoy than my sister did when she lived in the Allegheny National Forest. D&R Greenway makes preserves accessible for people to enjoy by making and maintaining trails for people to use.”



New York Ironweed thrives at Cedar Ridge Preserve.

Bill Flemer

Now caretaker for St. Michaels Farm Preserve, Bill was introduced to D&R Greenway during the preservation of his family’s 1,900-acre property near Allentown, the former site of Princeton Nurseries. Bill recalls that childhood camping trips “made woods and wild places dear to my heart.” Growing up in Kingston, he “watched one farm after another go to developers,” including his family farm, which had to be sold for tax reasons. Aldo Leopold was a profound influence. “When I first read *Sand County Almanac* it was the dead of winter, in a high-rise dorm in Madison, Wisconsin. I looked out over a bleak winter urban landscape. His writing fired my imagination to see what it used to look like—a prairie.” A devotee of Wendell Berry (who once wrote, “To farm is to be placed absolutely”), Bill comments, “To keep farmland open for farming in central New Jersey is a precious endeavor.”

Margee Harper

As a Trustee, Margee has raised significant funds for D&R Greenway, beginning when she helped to save Greenway Meadows. She and her husband, John, first approached D&R Greenway in 1999 when the former General Robert Wood Johnson Estate was threatened with development. Margee had experienced first-hand how development impacted her neighborhood with more traffic and spoiled views. “I got mad!” she says. She called D&R Greenway, offered to volunteer her professional fundraising expertise and ... the rest is history. Still a neighbor, Margee puts her skills to work “to keep as much open space as we can for all generations.”



Stony Brook Creek borders Greenway Meadows.

“It is our task in our time and in our generation to hand down undiminished to those who come after us, as was handed down to us by those who went before, the natural wealth and beauty which is ours.”

—President John F. Kennedy

Betsy Sands

A new member of the Board of Trustees in 2014, Betsy is a passionate advocate for bringing nature to people. “We need to make a conservation ethic a cultural norm that people don’t have to think about. To do that we need to make it convenient to get to natural places and walk on trails; we need lots of pocket parks, and we need urban parks.” Betsy is an avowed animal lover who’d rather evict a trespassing mouse than exterminate it. She and her husband are raising their family in central New Jersey where both grew up exploring the outdoors. Taking for granted that open space would always be there, instead they saw it disappear. “We have to inspire people to DO not just look,” Betsy says.



Fox kit at Baldpate Mountain. (photo: Brenda Jones)

Yoko Perez

As analyst for Environmental Sustainability and Product Compliance, Ricoh-America, Yoko Perez is creating a pollinator garden at the company’s West Caldwell campus. She came to D&R Greenway’s native plant nursery to obtain wildflowers that employee volunteers planted. On a small scale, the garden



Native Plant Nursery

contributes to Ricoh’s Biodiversity Conservation initiative, which includes preserving forests in Brazil and Mexico. Ricoh’s 26,000 employees follow the garden’s progress over the Intranet. Yoko explains, “The garden connects employees to the company’s values and also to each other. They feel good that they share these values.” Individual employees can apply the garden model at home. The company also intends the campus to be a land stewardship model for its other sites.

Kathy Titus

Kathy volunteers her Wednesdays for land stewardship, planting trees and removing invasive plants on D&R Greenway preserves. She grew up in Hopewell, where her uncle taught her to garden. She would accompany her veterinarian father on visits throughout the countryside; the beaver dam he showed her in the Sourlands left an indelible memory. She moved away for 50 years and then her father left her a message: “They’re trying to buy St Michaels. Send money!” She did, and ever since she returned to the region she has been volunteering with D&R Greenway. “It gets me outside and I get to be useful!” she says.



Dedicated volunteers building steps to a trail.

D&R Greenway knows that if we preserve one piece of the Earth, we benefit all of the Earth. If multiplied in every community worldwide, it’s a monumental achievement.

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D&R Greenway Land Trust thanks our Partners in Preservation for their investment in our work.

Land preservation is so much more than permanently protecting land from future development. These lands benefit all of us with clean water to drink, fresh air to breathe and nourishing, local foods to eat. In addition, green spaces in nature have a positive effect on health including reducing stress, lowering risks from asthma and lessening health disparities.

Perhaps the most significant benefit of preserving the natural and agricultural landscapes surrounding our cities, towns and villages is that it strengthens these communities by providing, quite literally, “common ground”—a shared continuity of experience with the land that extends across the generations.

We would particularly like to welcome first-time donors to our organization. We are also grateful to the families and individuals who have provided steady support for D&R Greenway’s work through the years (see page 6 for acknowledgment of our Steadfast Stewards). We are thankful for your unfailing generosity each and every day.

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Upcoming Events, Spring 2015

Events are at no cost unless otherwise indicated. For gallery hours and to RSVP, please send a message to rsvp@drgreenway.org or call (609) 924-4646.

Art Exhibits

Coexisting Structures: Artists, Architects, and Nature

March 30 – May 29

Opening Reception:

Friday, April 17, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Artists and architects study patterns in nature to design a built environment compatible with the natural order.

This exhibit is a visual celebration and exploration of this balance.

Palette with Purpose: The Function of Color in Nature

June 8 – July 31

Opening Reception:

Friday, June 19, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Whether to attract the attention of a mate or camouflage from predators, color plays a critical part in the natural world. Its beauty is also its brilliance.

Nature's Beauty: Garden State Watercolor Society Group Art Exhibit

August 12 – Sept. 25

Artists Demonstrations: August 18 & 20
and September 9 & 11, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Gallery Walks: August 20 and
September 3, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., led by
Charles McVicker



Artist Giselle Jean-Marie with her art in the Olivia Rainbow Gallery Flowerdance! exhibit of the Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart.

Olivia Rainbow Gallery Emerging Artists

Naturescapes

April 6 – May 11

Princeton Photography Club Juried
Student Exhibition

Artful Nature

May 12 – June 26

Arts Council of Princeton Student Art

Eden Dreams

June 29 – July 31

Student Art from the Eden School

Inspirational Programs

Earth Month Lecture

Getting the Message Out About Climate Change: A Journalist's Perspective

Tuesday, April 28

Doors open 6:30 p.m.; Lecture, 7 p.m.

Speaker: Michael D. Lemonick, Writer at
Large, Climate Central

Michael will talk about his 25-year-plus career in writing about climate for TIME, Discover, Scientific American and other publications, and about why people may finally be paying attention.

Climate Central, Inc. is a Princeton-based nonprofit. Michael also writes for a wide range of print and online outlets, and has written six books, including *Global Weirdness*.

A True American Art Form Decoy Lecture

Friday, May 1

Doors open 4 p.m.; Lecture, 4:30 p.m.

Speaker: Ben Heinemann, internationally
acclaimed carver, teacher and judge

Experience Ben Heinemann's life-like decoys included in the Jay Vawter Decoy collection and learn why Ben wants to perpetuate the tradition of waterfowl decoy sculpture as the true American art form.



Save the Date!

Down to Earth Ball

Saturday, June 6, 6:30 – 11 p.m.

St. Michaels Farm Preserve

For tickets and info, visit
www.drgreenway.org

From Deep Time to Deep Ecology: Stories of the Universe

Tuesday, May 19

Doors open 6:30 p.m.; Lecture, 7 p.m.

Speaker: Jennifer Morgan,
International Lecturer

Through Jennifer's storytelling, adults and children learn about the cosmos from the beginning of time. Performing in her star-covered robe in the voice of the universe, she will show all things are related.

International speaker, storyteller, teacher trainer, and founder/president of DeepTimeJourney.org, Jennifer is the award-winning author of the *Universe Story Trilogy* for children: *Born With a Bang*, *From Lava to Life*, and *Mammals Who Morph*, used in classrooms around the world. It has been endorsed by scientists including Jane Goodall, Neil de Grasse Tyson, Gillian Knapp, Stephen Pacala, and others.

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— John Muir, conservationist and writer

Second Saturday Guided Trail Walks

All Second Saturday Guided Trail Walks begin at 10 a.m. and run about two hours.
Please visit www.drgreenway.org for directions and additional details.

Cedar Ridge Preserve Hopewell

April 11

Leader: Jim Amon, Retired Director
of Stewardship

Limit: 7 cars or 25 people

Spring brings life!

Rockhopper Trail West Amwell

May 9

Leader: Alan Hershey, Volunteer Trail
Crew Leader

Limit: 10 cars or 25 people

Explore a local trail and discover
wildflowers.

Fiddler's Creek Preserve Hopewell

June 13

Leader: Deb Brockway, Volunteer Trail
Crew Leader

Limit: 25 people

Learn about the history of the land.

Exploring the Stony Brook at Greenway Meadows

In partnership with Stony Brook-
Millstone Watershed Association.

July 8 (rain date: July 9)

Families welcome.

Picnic, 5:30 p.m.; walk, 6:30 p.m.

\$5 donation per person.

Bring your own picnic dinner;
drinks and dessert provided.

Drakes Corner Preserve Princeton

July 11

Leader: Holly Welles, Trustee,
D&R Greenway

Limit: 25 people

Explore a local trail (kid-friendly).

St. Michaels Farm Preserve Hopewell

August 8

Leaders: Bill Flemer, Manager, St.
Michaels Farm Preserve, and Leslie Davis
Potter, Director of Development

Limit: 25 people

Enjoy a farm and barn tour.



Sourlands Ecosystem Preserve East Amwell

September 12

Leader: Betsy Sands, Trustee,
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Limit: 12 cars or 25 people

Explore a local trail.

Abbott Marshlands Hamilton

October 10

Leaders: Drs. Mary Alessio Leck and
Charlie Leck

Limit: 25 people

Explore the Marsh.

Cedar Ridge Preserve Hopewell

November 14

Leader: Emily Blackman, Land
Protection Associate, and Manager,
Native Plant Nursery

Limit: 7 cars or 25 people

Get to know native plants and seed
ecology.

St. Michaels Farm Preserve Hopewell

December 12

Leader: Sharyn Magee, birder
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Limit: 25 people

Explore wintering birds.

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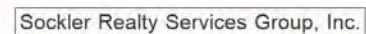
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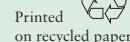
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Johnson Education Center Added to Canon of Acclaimed Building Portraits

Greg Moore, a filmmaker with Greg Moore Productions, has generously donated a painting of the Johnson Education Center to D&R Greenway. Painted by Marina Ahun, an artist who is licensed through the Princeton University Office of Communications, it takes the perspective of the circa 1900 barn from Meredith's Garden. The painting includes children at play, a reminder that children are the beneficiaries of D&R Greenway preserved land.

"I wanted to warm the heart with this painting," says the Russian-born artist who trained at the Imperial Academy of Fine Arts.

In addition to her portraits of buildings on the Princeton University Campus, Marina has applied her finely detailed style to the architecture of New York City. More of Marina's architectural portraits can be seen in *Coexisting Structures: Artists, Architects, and Nature*, on view at the Johnson Education Center from March 30 to May 29. 🍷



Now and for the Future, by Marina Ahun