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Greetings!

Here are some events and notes of interest to the Patuxent Riverkeeper community. Please let us know of any errors that should be corrected. We invite suggested additions to future advisory calendars. If you know of upcoming events that should be listed in these advisories, please let us know about them: info@paxriverkeeper.org.

Calling All Local Artisans, Authors, Musicians and Creative Folks

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Patuxent Riverkeeper is setting up a Patuxent themed gift shop at the Nottingham Visitor's Center. Our plan is to offer a clearinghouse for crafts, arts and creative works closely themed to the Patuxent, local waterways and folk art/culture that celebrates water and the environment. If you have creative works that you would like us to sell both online and in the visitor's center, please send an inquiry to: info@paxriverkeeper.org

Fall/Winter Environmental Film Series

Patuxent Riverkeeper has teamed up with Maryland Sierra Club and Food and Water Watch to host a series of winter movies nights that will both keep you warm indoors and keep the fires burning year around for a cleaner environment. Screenings will be held at Fairhaven School in Upper Marlboro (17900 Queen Anne Rd; Upper Marlboro, MD 20774)

Suggested donation of \$3 to cover sites fees.

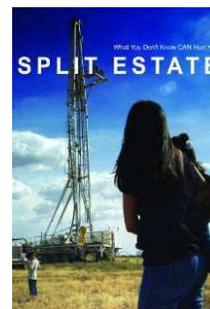
- **Saturday February 9, 2013 Split Estate**

Imagine discovering that you don't own the mineral rights under your land, and that an energy company plans to drill for natural gas two hundred feet from your front door. Imagine having little recourse, other than accepting an unregulated industry in your backyard. Split Estate maps a tragedy in the making, as citizens in the path of a new drilling boom in the Rocky Mountain West struggle against the erosion of their civil liberties, their communities and their health.

- **Saturday March 23, 2013 (note new date) Gasland**

A 2010 American documentary film written and directed by Josh Fox. The film focuses on communities in the United States impacted by natural gas drilling and, specifically, a method of horizontal drilling into shale formations known as slickwater fracking. The Last Mountain: The Last Mountain tells the story of the fight for Coal River Mountain in West Virginia, where community members and environmental activists are pitted against a coal company in the struggle to save one of the last large mountain ranges in the area from mountaintop removal.

- **Friday April 12, 2013 The Last Mountain**



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Introducing Debbie



PrK would like to introduce Debbie, the local waterfowl that has been calling our dock home. Debbie has called The Patuxent Riverkeeper Center home longer than we have. We would however, like to know what type of bird she is. The first person to correctly identify Debbie will receive a PrK t-shirt. Email Lauren@paxriverkeeper.org with answers.

Fracking Discussion and Public Meeting

Monday, February 25 at 5:30 pm
St. Mary's Hall, St. Mary's College of Maryland

How will fracking (the extraction of gas and oil through hydraulic fracturing of bedrock) and gas exporting affect our local waterways, our drinking water and our pocketbooks? Join us for a panel discussion with experts who will provide an overview of the process and speak to environmental concerns and energy costs. This moderated discussion will feature speakers from the American Petroleum Institute, the Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper, and regulatory/enforcement agencies.

Sponsored by the St. Mary's River Watershed Association, the Center for the Study of Democracy, St. Mary's College of Maryland, the League of Women Voters of St. Mary's County and Patuxent Riverkeeper.

Compost BMPs : EPA-WIP/TMDL Challenge

Date: March 5, 2013

Time: 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST

Location: Annapolis Maritime Museum 723 2nd Street, Annapolis, MD 21403

Presented in partnership by: Institute for Local Self-Reliance, Severn River Association, Severn Riverkeeper, South River Federation, Spa Creek Conservancy, Watershed Stewards Academy, WestRhode Riverkeeper, and Winchester-on-the-Severn Community

Tools exist that can remove up to 96% of stormwater pollutants. Are you interested? Attend this FREE seminar to learn how compost-based BMPs can dramatically reduce sediment and targeted pollutants entering the Chesapeake Bay.

For more information or to register [click here](#) or contact Regina Rochez at rochez2@aol.com or (410) 267-0337.

Maryland Organic Food and Farming Association Annual Meeting

Annapolis, Saturday Feb. 16, 8-5 p.m.

To learn more about MOFFA or see event details visit: www.marylandorganic.org/events/
Open to the public: \$5 for members, \$20 for non-members--or join at the door!

Bring a potluck dish (optional) and enjoy the State's BEST LOCAVORE LUNCH. Renew old FRIENDSHIPS and make new ones!

For more information contact: info@marylandorganic.org or nicksorganicfarm@comcast.net





Annual Patuxent River Clean Up

The 2013 Annual Patuxent River Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday April 6th. A few sites are already scheduled with more to follow. If you are interested in leading a site or know of a location that needs a helping hand contact Lauren at Lauren@paxriverkeeper.org.

Save the Dates!

Local communities are busily planning their Annual Green Expos.

The Davidsonville Green Expo will take place on Saturday, March 16, 2013, 10 am - 2 pm at the Ruritan Community Center, 3358 Davidsonville Road, Davidsonville.

Calvert County Citizen's Green Team will hold their Green Expo on April 20, 2013, 10 am - 4 pm at Anmarie Gardens in Solomons.

Help us Help You and the Patuxent!

Donate and/or volunteer now to support the grassroots independent voice for water quality in Maryland's longest and deepest intrastate tributary. You can make a donation online and there are also three ways for you to save money while supporting your Patuxent Riverkeeper. Call (301-249-8200 x7) or email (info@paxriverkeeper.org) for more information on any of these exciting ways to help support this important work:

- **Tax deductions for boats...** Do tax breaks float your boat? Donate your floatable functioning boat to Patuxent Riverkeeper for a tax deduction for the full sales price. With boat sales sluggish due to an even more sluggish economy, many seeking to sell a boat are having a difficult time doing so. Donate it to Patuxent Riverkeeper instead so you can take advantage of a tax deduction for the appraised value. We work with local Marinas and national boat brokers to recondition and resell these boats under favorable terms. Various criteria and conditions apply. Call us for more information.
- **Purchase cool products...** Visit the [Riverkeeper Online Store](#) to purchase gifts for grads, dads, or yourself. Products include maps, books, trips, rain barrels and more...

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