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Greetings!

Patuxent Riverkeeper would like to share some exciting news and upcoming events. For more information contact us at [\(301\)579-2073](tel:3015792073). If you know of an event that would be of interest to PrK friends please let us know.

Upcoming Newsletter Policy

We are busy compiling our end of year newsletter. Unlike these emailed alerts, the newsletter contains up-to-date information about our advocacy that serves people and communities along the Patuxent River and is only sent to current members. The forthcoming newsletter will include articles about our fights against big box stores in the watershed, citizen zoning victories in Howard County, the latest on the Dominion Cove Point expansion in Calvert County, anticipated programs and activities at the Nottingham Visitor's Center for 2014, stormwater management politics, water trail expansion news, pollution investigations, War of 1812 commemorative events and so much more. If you want to make sure you get a copy of the newsletter mailed to you (members can also elect to get it via email) then be sure to renew your membership now. **Renew or join now.** Not sure if your membership is current, contact **Lauren.**

Tenth Anniversary Countdown!

As 2013 ticks to a close, we are making big plans to improve and expand our work to protect the seven County watershed as we approach our programmatic birthday of a decade of service to the Patuxent. This voyage began in Summer 2004 and 2014 marks our birthdate. Stay tuned for developments.

End of Year 2013 Celebration Postponed

Due to the untimely passing of our friend Paul DiBlasi on October 14th, our earlier announced end of year membership event for this Sunday, November 17th has been postponed. Paul and associated musicians were scheduled to perform at this year's event. Paul was a well known local folk musician, often performing with his wife, Janie Maneely, as the duo Calico Jack. He also performed for 7 years at the Maryland Renaissance Festival as Drake Mallard with The Pirates Royale. Paul was a fixture at sea music concerts, festivals, chantey sings and folk events throughout DC and the Mid-Atlantic region. Both Paul and Janie have been longtime supporters of the work of Patuxent Riverkeeper and Paul will be greatly missed. The family has asked that donations be made to the **Renaissance Entertainers Staff and Crafters Union (RESCU)**, a non-profit aid organization that assists performers and other fair workers with a range of health

expenses.

We will announce a fresh date for our annual membership meeting shortly.

New Items for Sale in the Riverkeeper Store

Regional Shipwreck Map: The definitive regional map to Davey Jones' locker. Want to know where those moldy bones are to be found? Check out the shipwreck map produced by National Geographic.

A Travel Guide to the War of 1812 in the Chesapeake: A book of 18 tours in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Take a step back in time as you travel the same roads and waterways that American and British troops did two centuries ago, follow the President and First Lady as they fled Washington, DC or the Declaration of Independence as patriots saved it from invaders. Get your copy signed by author Ralph Eshelman and start your trip back in time.



The holidays are quickly approaching, there are plenty great gifts for sale both at the Nottingham Visitor's Center and online. Items include: t-shirts, books (children's books also), music, DVDs, War of 1812 maps, artwork from local artisans and Patuxent Water Trail maps for the paddlers on your list.

Rent a Kayak Year Round at Nottingham

When the weather permits*, you can still paddle the Patuxent from Nottingham. Want to rent a canoe or kayak from the Nottingham Visitor's Center? You can do so online at the "Store". Just visit the [Online Store](#) at least 24 hours before you need a boat and you can make the arrangements. Or call our [new toll free number 1-855-72KAYAK](tel:1-855-72KAYAK). See you on the river!

*Safety, common sense and prudence apply - PrK reserves the right to cancel reservations if conditions are unsafe. (Rain checks or refunds provided).

Festival of Lights Trot for a Turkey

November 23th at 6pm

Here's a unique opportunity - help families in need by running or walking through the beautiful Winter Festival of Lights at Watkins Regional Park. This year, for the first time, you can register to walk or run through the 2.4-mile course and see the dazzling displays up close. Your \$30 registration includes a long-sleeve commemorative t-shirt and will provide a family in need with a holiday turkey. Registration is available online through November 20th at www.pgparcs.com.

Calling All Artists

The Howard County Conservancy, an environmental education center and land trust, is seeking artists to participate in our 4th Annual "The Art of Stewardship" juried art show. This year's theme is "The Artist as Messenger" to be held from March 12th to April 19th. Submissions are due by Friday, February 28th. Artwork submitted by visual artists may be from any medium, including sculpture, as long as the sculpture is for outside display. Judges will award in both adult and high school student artwork in separate categories, looking for both thematic and artistic excellence. For more information visit: www.hcconservancy.org.

Make a Tax Deductible Donation to PrK and Support:

- An independent voice for water quality and environmental sustainability for the Patuxent Watershed.

- Direct grassroots, community based work that serves the needs of people and communities along the river.
- Environmental fairness and diversity.

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