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 Local Artisans, Authors, Musicians and Creative Folks

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 the 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.

March 29, 2013 @ 6pm -- Patuxent Riverkeeper on WPFW

Tune into the Garland Nixon show at 6pm at 89.3 FM. Learn how grassroots movements are changing the world and also their watersheds one community at a time. Show Guest is Patuxent Riverkeeper, Frederick Tutman. The show will accept callers.

April 6, 2013 Patuxent River Cleanup
With 19 existing sites to choose from, join one close to you, or create your own. Work with neighbors, friends to create a cleaner Patuxent and a stronger watershed community. Download a complete list of sites from www.cleanpatuxent.org. For questions, information and assistance email: Lauren

April 9, 2013 @ 2:00pm South Anne Arundel County Watershed Stewards
The group will meet at Patuxent Riverkeeper Center in Nottingham. For more information contact: Lindsay Hollister; Patuxent River & Herring Bay Master Watershed Steward: ldhollister@gmail.com

April 10, 2013 @ 7:30pm Daughters of the American Revolution (Bowie Chapter)
A talk by Patuxent Riverkeeper about how sense of place defines your environmental and stewardship ethic. Presentation starts at 7:30pm. Open to the public. Belair Mansion; 12207 Tulip Grove Dr Bowie, MD 20715

April 13, 2013 @ 8:30pm : Chesapeake Chorale Concert
A local 50 member chorale group will perform a concert that celebrates mother nature, birds, snow, earth, night, stars, moon, sea, darkness and sky. Also present will be exhibitors with missions to support and advocate for conserving the natural world. Visit www.chesapeakechorale.org for more information.

April 20 & 21, 2013 @ 10am - 3pm Greenstreet Gardens, Lothian Earth Day Event
An Earth Day celebration at Greenstreet Gardens Nursery. Visit the nursery for information, knowledge, and plants for a greener Lothian! Local groups will also be on hand throughout the weekend to discuss the local environment and ways you can help protect and preserve it.

April 18, 2013 @ 10am -2pm  Fort Meade Earth Day, Burba Park, Laurel
The free exhibition is open to the public. Food, fun and activities for everyone! Great give-aways, awesome door prizes! Novelties and goods available for purchase! Exhibitors include Patuxent Riverkeeper and many others. For more information, call Suzanne Teague at 301-677-9185 or email suzanne.m.teague.civ@mail.mil

April 20 and 21, 2013 Walk for the Woods
The Scenic Rivers Land Trust will host hikes in the South River Greenway. The South River Greenway features two forested corridors flanking the North River and Bacon Ridge Branch of the South River. Deciduous forest covers most of the site. The river floodplains support a variety of wetland types, including forested wetland, shrub wetland, and emergent marsh, and the steep
slopes have a dense understory of mountain laurel in places. The core of this incredible natural area is the 900 acre Bacon Ridge Natural Area owned by Anne Arundel County. The area is particularly noteworthy for its backcountry hiking potential and the habitat it provides for bird species of high conservation concern such as the Kentucky Warbler and Louisiana Waterthrush. For more information: www.srlt.org

April 20, 2013 Calvert County 5th Annual Green Expo @ 10am - 4pm

Held at Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center. The Calvert County Citizens Green Team works to promote sustainable lifestyles by identifying and sharing innovative green technologies hosting a Calvert County Green Expo and encouraging environmental stewardship among county citizens in their workplace, homes, and communities. Calvert Green Expo website

April 21, 2013 @ 1:00pm photos and chowder at Patuxent Riverkeeper Center

Join us for the visual preview of a new book by local photographer Billie Hinnifield. The presentation is entitled, Patuxent Meditations and is a photo journal with narration, music, photos and video of an inner journey at the Patuxent River in Maryland utilizing images from Patuxent River Park, Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary and Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary. Meet the artist and enjoy crab soup and muffins next to the River. RSVP to info@paxriverkeeper.org

Note: “The Last Mountain” is Postponed

Our showing of "The Last Mountain" originally scheduled for April 12th is postponed for now. When the showing is rescheduled, PrK will send out a notice.

Save the Date!
May 19, 2013 @ 10am- 2pm Kayak Demo at Nottingham Visitor's Center

Special Guest David Burden, Virginia Eastern Shorekeeper will display and demonstrate kayaks and standup paddle boards on the waterfront. Kick off the paddling season at the Patuxent's newest paddle center. Patuxent Riverkeeper Center; 17412 Nottingham Road, Upper Marlboro, MD

Volunteer Docent Program
Patuxent Riverkeeper is looking for a few good guides!
The Patuxent Riverkeeper organization is seeking adults from diverse backgrounds who have a passion for people, communities and the environment and who enjoy speaking in front of groups. They will help staff the Nottingham Visitor’s Center on weekends during the warm weather months. Prior experience is not necessary. Our training class will give you all the skills and information you need to conduct successful and enjoyable tours, staff the Center’s small store and assist visitors with questions, itineraries and other needs. Work in a stunning natural location, surrounded by wildlife. Enjoy user privileges reserved for the docents and be a valued part of the riverfront protection community that flows through the Patuxent’s newest and growing eco-tourism destination. Training occurs in late Spring 2013. Participants are asked to make a minimum of a one season commitment after training.

Notice of Revised Newsletter Policy

Effective with this issue of our monthly advisories, we will be instituting a fresh policy with respect to outreach. Information about events that are open to the public and generic announcements of interest to the overall watershed protection community will be included in our unrestricted email broadcasts. Updates and details of our day to advocacy work on behalf of the river and the communities we serve will now be distributed separately to dues paying members only. Not only will this create a more robust and transparent dialogue with our most loyal supporters, but it is a much more efficient way to disseminate the best information to those constituents most likely to utilize the data. So in sum, those seeking to learn about things of general interest to the watershed, you can opt in or out of the monthly advisories. Meanwhile, those donors, members and supporters seeking to learn the particulars of our efforts to protect and restore the water quality of this important water resource, please maintain your annual membership. You will get our periodic advocacy updates via mail and separate email distribution. We deeply appreciate your loyalty and support as well as your grassroots input.

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 ways for you to save money while supporting your Patuxent Riverkeeper. Call (301-579-2073 x7) or email (info@paxriverkeeper.org) for more information on any of these 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...

Sincerely,
Patuxent Riverkeeper