

VALLEY VIEWS

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Don't Miss Our "Green Home" Tour and Wine Tasting

PVAS will hold a "Green Home" tour and wine tasting on Saturday, November 13.

The event will be held from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at a brand-new "green" home on Engle Molers Road south of Shepherdstown – reputed to be perhaps the "greenest" home in Jefferson County.

In addition to tours of the home, the event will include a wine tasting featuring wines to complement upcoming holiday meals, courtesy of Grapes and Grains Gourmet of Shepherdstown. Non-alcoholic beverages and delicious light foods will be available as well.

Dress will be casual.

All proceeds will be used to support PVAS's educational programs for local children.

The home that is the centerpiece of the event belongs to Tari and Keith Jannsen. It is sited on a 32-acre, largely wooded property that is enrolled in a managed forestry program.

Just completed in June, the home uniquely combines cutting-edge green building techniques and technology with traditional, Craftsman-home styling.



It utilizes Structural Insulated Panel construction and is clad with recycled fiber-cement siding. Its green energy features include passive solar siting; solar hot water which provides domestic hot water and radiant floor heat; high efficiency windows; solar panels; a special computer program that continually monitors solar-energy generation; a central, wood-burning masonry stove; and high-efficiency heat pump.

The home's floors are made from cherry, walnut and ash wood

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Georgia Jeppesen Named PVAS Vice President

At its September 2 meeting, the PVAS Board of Directors voted unanimously to appoint Georgia Jeppesen, of Martinsburg, as PVAS's new Vice President.

She succeeds Nancy Kirschbaum, who stepped down in June because she had reached the term limit for service on the PVAS Board.

Georgia has been a member of PVAS since moving to West Virginia in the late 1990s and a member of the Board since July 2006. Previously, she served on PVAS's Yankauer Advisory Committee for five years.

She is employed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Conservation Training Center as an Education Specialist in the Division of Education Outreach.

She has worked in the environmental education field for over 20 years including a conservation nonprofit, state education and natural resources agencies, and as an independent contractor.

She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Utah in the biological sciences and a master's from Florida State University in Science Education/Curriculum and Instruction.

Birdseed Sale November 6 Delivery

Order forms for the annual PVAS birdseed sale are enclosed with this issue of Valley Views. Forms may also be found on the PVAS Website at www.potomacaudubon.org.

As in the past, proceeds will go to fund our educational programs.

In addition to your generous support of birdseed orders, volunteers are needed for November 6 delivery from 10 a.m. until noon in Ranson, Berkeley Springs, and Williamsport. To volunteer please contact Diana Mullis at 304-267-3482 or dianamullis@aol.com. Diana is also the person to contact regarding any birdseed questions.

Don't forget - Birdseed Orders are due October 15.

Potomac Valley Audubon Society is people dedicated to preserving, restoring, and enjoying the natural world through education and action.

President's Perch



Hello everyone:

This October, our Potomac Valley Master Naturalist Program will be wrapping up its fourth year of instruction.

Planning has already begun for next year's classes, and the application for enrollment in them will be posted shortly on the PVAS website.

Master naturalist programs are a relatively new idea.

Patterned after the long-standing Master Gardner Program, they combine education with public service.

First, those who enroll receive classroom and field training in the fundamentals of natural history, nature interpretation and teaching.

Those who complete this training are then certified to assist state and local governments, schools, and nongovernmental organizations with research, outdoor recreation development, and environmental education and protection.

The state of West Virginia—which is sadly last in so many things—deserves credit for being one of the first states to establish a master naturalist program of its own, in 2003.

Working with the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, we established our program as a chapter of the state program three years later, in 2006.

Since that time, our program has been an unqualified success. Our classes have been full—or nearly so—every year, and those who've completed the program have been making substantive contributions to the community by serving in various ways.

Significantly, the Potomac Valley Master Naturalist Program has been an all-volunteer effort from the very beginning.

PVAS Board member Clark Dixon urged us to initiate the program, and he and local naturalist Cheryl Jennings put in many long hours to get it up and running.

The program continues to be coordinated by a volunteer steering committee, with volunteer leaders. (Next year, Krystal Kennedy and Nancy Little will be co-directors.)

We're delighted to be able to sponsor this wonderful program, and special thanks are due to Clark and Cheryl for their early leadership. Thanks, too, to the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources for its ongoing help and support.

—Peter Smith

Race for the Birds - Save the Date!

PVAS' 10th Annual "This Race is for the Birds!" will be held April 9, 2010, at the National Conservation Training Center. On-line registration will open on Thanksgiving 2010 at www.RacefortheBirds.org. The event will likely be similar to last year, including a 5-mile and 10-mile run, a shorter community walk/run and a one-mile "Fun Run" for kids. Mark your calendars now so you can join this fun family event!

Green Home Tour (continued from page 1)

harvested from the property. The kitchen includes green cabinetry, counters and tile.

There is a rainwater-catchment system with a 1,500-gallon tank.

Tickets to the reception are required, and space will be limited.

Basic tickets are \$45 per person. Those who pay \$150 for two people will be recognized as Donors, those who pay \$200 for two will be recognized as Patrons, and those who pay \$250 or more for two will be recognized as Supporters.

All ticket costs will be fully tax-deductible.

If you would like to attend, please contact Alice Barkus at 304-876-8520 or e-mail abarkus@frontiernet.net and provide your name, address, and phone number.

Final Fall 2010 Master Naturalist Workshop Set for November

PVAS is offering one final Master Naturalist Workshop during the November 6-7 weekend. The workshops, which provide expert instruction on specific natural history topics, count as elective courses for individuals enrolled in the Potomac Valley Master Naturalist Program. However, the workshops are also open on a space-available basis to anyone who is interested. Enrollment for each workshop will be limited to 20 persons. Application forms and further information are available on the PVAS website.



The specific dates and topics of the two September workshops are as follows:

Saturday and Sunday, November 6-7: Leave No Trace Program Trainer Course. This special two-day course will be held at the 350-acre For the Love of Children Outdoor Education Center in Jefferson County, off Mission Road past Shannondale. It will start at 4:00 p.m. on the 6th, include an overnight stay that evening, and end at 3:00 p.m. on the 7th.

The Leave No Trace (LNT) program emphasizes skills and techniques essential to LNT minimum impact outdoor ethics and education. Students who complete this trainer course will become qualified LNT Trainers.

Topics covered will include the role and function of an LNT Trainer; the principles and ethics of LNT; teaching skills and techniques and student learning LNT program; the role and function of the non-profit organization LNT, Inc. Each participant will understand, demonstrate, and be able to teach minimum impact techniques for friends, family, sponsoring organization and other community groups and lead a discussion on outdoor ethics and help others explore their own personal outdoor ethic.

More information and a detailed schedule with a list of items to bring will be provided upon registration. The fee for the course is \$35 for all participants. For more information, contact Clark Dixon at dixonconsultants@aol.com.

Fall School Programs

If school is in session, PVAS school programs are, too! This fall, several classes have already scheduled a visit to Yankauer Preserve, but other classes are participating in a pilot program to offer similar programs in the classroom.

At Yankauer, classes are scheduled every week in October and volunteers are needed! Volunteers assist with providing hikes and other activities for the students. All programs are already developed and supplies are provided, so preparation time is a minimum. If you have not thought about volunteering before, there's no better time than this fall! Training is provided.

These 2nd and 3rd grade programs are being piloted in a few schools in Berkeley County to determine the effectiveness of in-class nature programming. Students are being given a pre- and post-assessment and teachers are being asked to provide feedback on the program. Using the evaluation from both teachers and students, PVAS will be able to tweak the programs and make them even more effective. All programs are tightly tied to WV Standards of Learning, but we depend on educators to help us focus on their priorities.

Watershed programs have already begun in 4 schools this fall. Some of the schools have chosen the "traditional" 10-hour program, but two schools, Tomahawk Intermediate and St. Joseph's in Berkeley County have opted for a year-long program that begins this fall and continues through April 2011. Other schools will participate in the watershed program after the first of the year.

Wee Naturalists Program Continues Through December

Here's a reminder that we're offering "Wee Naturalists" program sessions at our Yankauer Nature Preserve through December.

The program is aimed at pre-school children ages 3-5. It is designed to provide regular opportunities for small children and loving adults to explore nature together safely under the guidance of an experienced PVAS instructor. Children must be accompanied by a parent, grandparent or other adult relative, or a guardian.

The program sessions are offered the third Wednesday and Thursday of each month. Each session will last from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and each month's sessions will explore a different nature theme.

October's sessions will be focused on signs of fall, November's sessions will be about finding beauty in nature, and the December theme will be "Snowflakes and Snowbirds."

To ensure that everyone receives close, personal attention, enrollment will be limited and pre-registration is required.

Families may register for one, several, or all of the monthly sessions. The fee will be \$8 per child/adult team per session for one or two sessions, and \$7 per session for three or more sessions.

The program is led by Suzi Taylor, of Sharpsburg MD, a veteran PVAS camp director who has a degree in environmental education.

For more information or to register, contact Suzi at 301-432-1908 or tomandsuzi506@cs.com. Information and registration forms

are also available on the PVAS website at www.potomacaudubon.org.

The program was initiated last year with support from the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation's Two Rivers Giving Circle.

"Growing Native" Events Are Good Family Fun

PVAS is once again partnering with the Potomac Conservancy to hold a "Growing Native" seed-collection event at our Yankauer Nature Preserve in Berkeley County on October 9.

The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon that day, rain or shine.

Everyone is welcome to participate. A state forester will be on hand to aid with seed identification, and seed-collection bags will be provided.

These events are very popular with children and make good family outings.

The Conservancy's Growing Native program is aimed at improving water quality in the Potomac River. It recruits volunteers to collect seeds of native hardwoods and shrubs and delivers the seeds to state nurseries where they are nurtured into small seedlings. The seedlings are then planted along streams and rivers in the Potomac watershed to help restore forests that filter pollution and run-off.

Since the program's inception in 2001, more than 50,000 volunteers have collected over 150,000 pounds of seeds.

Pre-registration for the October 9 event is suggested but not required; people can register on site that morning if they wish. To pre-register or get more information, contact Deanna Tricarico, the Conservancy's Outreach Coordinator, at tricarico@potomac.org or 301-608-1188, extension 204.

For those who cannot attend the October 9 event but would like to help, the Conservancy will be installing seed-collection kiosks at the Yankauer Preserve, the Farmers Market in Inwood, and a yet-to-be determined location in Berkeley Springs. Families and individuals can gather seeds on their own at their own pace and drop them off at any of these locations anytime through October 31. Full instructions on procedures for gathering and dropping off seeds can be found on the Growing Native website at www.growingnative.org.

Music in the Cedars

This season's concerts have come to a close, and we'd like to thank all of the performers for sharing their music with PVAS and the surrounding community. The performances were well-received by enthusiastic audiences which ranged up to 50 people! We sincerely thank Daryl Bryarly, Steve Cifala, Todd Coyle, The Dillettantes, Bob Keel and Jodi Jones Chelsea McBee, Andrew McKnight, The Outpatients, and The Rolling Coyotes.



Daryl Bryarly at the hammered dulcimer

Student Conservation Association Lends a Hand at Yankauer

On September 7 eight volunteers from the Student Conservation Association came to the preserve to battle the invasive ailanthus trees along the future accessible Cedar Trail. One of the two crews was led by Kara Conner, a past PVAS intern who researched Ailanthus eradication at the preserve as her Senior Research Project at Shepherd. SCA encourages the crews to do one day of volunteer service during their summer contract, and Kara chose to return to Yankauer to put into practice what she learned from her internship research, as well as through her invasive removal training at SCA.

The crew worked with two chain saws, Garlon 3A, and several handsaws to either remove or poison the problematic tree. While this is only a small dent in the overall ailanthus population at Yankauer, by spring we should see some welcome damage to most, if not all, the ailanthus trees along the Cedar Loop.

Day of Caring Improves Yankauer Preserve

On September 14 over 90 volunteers descended upon the preserve to give the site its annual facelift. Volunteer Tim Murphy coordinated the day's efforts after weeks of planning. (Thank you, Tim!)

Mulch for several of the projects was generously donated by Cam Tabb. Volunteers were representatives from City Hospital, ITW Sexton, Jr. Air Force ROTC, Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, National Conservation Training Center, OPM/Eastern Management Development Center, PVAS, and Susquehanna Bank.

The group's accomplishments included mulching the path around the butterfly garden, mulching the area around the



Jr. Air Force ROTC students help mulch the steep sections of trail at Yankauer



Volunteer Laurie Robinson hauls old treated lumber out of the woods on this year's Day of Caring

pavilion, clearing the area around the preserve entrance in preparation for landscaping, trimming around the parking lot, pulling stilt grass, trimming trails, waxing the interpretive signs, mulching the steepest sections of trail, and several other projects. Perhaps the biggest project was preparing the Cedar Loop (read "busting rocks, digging out roots, hauling concrete chunks and stone) for the accessibility work scheduled for the end of the month.

As always, the hard workers were rewarded with a delicious lunch provided by PVAS volunteers Alice Barkus, Diana Mullis, and Jane Vanderhook which was sincerely appreciated by all. Special thanks also goes to Wanda Miller for loaning the crew some of her large cookers to keep the food warm.

Many of the volunteers participated in a celebratory dinner at the Clarion Hotel at the end of the workday. Several even made it back to the preserve for the 6:30 pm concert to relax and enjoy the results of their hard work.

A heart-felt thank you to all who made the day a huge success!

Don't Forget October 3 Carnivorous Plant Nursery Trip

There's still time to join our October 3 tour of the Botanique Carnivorous Plant Nursery in the Blue Ridge mountains north of Charlottesville, Virginia.

The tour will be free and anyone with an interest is welcome to participate.

Founded in 1982, the Boutanique nursery is an internationally recognized facility that specializes in carnivorous plants, such as the Venus' Fly Trap, Pitcher Plants, Sundews and more.

Pitcher Plants are the nursery's main focus, and it is said to contain the greatest variety of such plants in the U.S.



The nursery is focused on research and education as well as commercial sales, and it views part of its mission as helping to preserve relic plant populations and to increase public support for wildlife preservation efforts generally.

The nursery can only be visited by appointment, so this is a good opportunity to see it.

Plants will be available for purchase.

Participants should plan to meet at 3:30 p.m. at the nursery, which is located at 387 Pitcher Plant Lane, Stanardsville. Directions can be found on www.mapquest.com but not on Google maps. The trip should take about 2 1/2 hours from the Charles Town area.

For more info about the nursery go to www.pitcherplant.com.

For info about the trip, contact Kelly Heldreth at kheldreth@hotmail.com

Cape May Trip Set for October 7-10

PVAS is sponsoring a hawk-watching trip to Cape May, New Jersey, the weekend of October 7-10.

This is a beautiful time to visit the shore and it should be a good opportunity to see large numbers of migrating accipiters and falcons, as well as buteos.

The trip will use the resources of the New Jersey Audubon Society and the Cape May Bird Observatory, which offer morning and afternoon bird walks and a special hawk-watching platform where one can comfortably watch the migration. Naturalists from the Observatory will be present to help identify incoming hawks.



Anyone with an interest is welcome to come along and there will be no fee.

But participants will be expected to furnish their own transportation and make their own hotel or motel reservations. The Cape May Bird Observatory website (www.birdcapemay.org) contains a list of hotels and motels which offer discounts to birders.

For more information, contact the trip leader, Sandy Sagalkin, at monsansagalkin@myactv.net or 301-432-6847.

Sign Up Now for October 16 Bird Walk

PVAS is sponsoring a bird walk at the National Conservation Training Center near Shepherdstown on Saturday, October 16.

The event is free and anyone with an interest is welcome to participate. Binoculars are available for participants who do not have any of their own.

Participants will bird the various habitats on the Center's campus, including wooded trails, meadows, edge areas and hedgerows. They will make a stop to observe the bald eagle nest on the property and have opportunities to observe bald eagles and other raptors, several species of woodpeckers, thrushes, sparrows, kinglets, and cedar waxwings as well as other species that may be in the area.

Participants should check in at the Security Gate inside NCTC and meet at 8 a.m. in the parking lot in front of the main building at NCTC. Security will tell you where to park.

Because of security requirements at NCTC, this trip will require pre-registration at least 5 days beforehand (by October 11). To pre-register, contact Sandy Sagalkin at monsansagalkin@myactv.net or at 240-291-6465.

PVAS to Sponsor Birding Station at NCTC Open House

The National Conservation Training Center will hold its annual open house on October 23.

The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., rain or shine.

The theme of this year's open house will be focused on birds. NCTC's 538-acre campus includes a rich variety of bird habitats, from eastern hardwood forest to edge areas, hedgerows, meadows and Potomac River waterfront. It also includes a Bald Eagle nest that has been active for five seasons now.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is hoping visitors will take this opportunity to learn more about our fascinating feathered friends.

PVAS will be sponsoring a "Take a Child (and Adult) Birding" station at the event.

From there, we will be conducting short (10 to 20-minute)

bird walks on the NCTC campus throughout the day, providing binoculars for those who do not have their own to see birds up close.

We will also have informational displays, including a "please touch" table, and people on hand to answer questions. We would also like to offer visual bird identification games and bird song quizzes for children.

We will need volunteers willing to help staff this PVAS station and lead birding walks.

If you would like to volunteer and/or have other ideas for activities for our station, please contact Joette Borzik of NCTC at 304-876-7207 or joette_borkik@fws.gov as soon as possible.

October Program Will Focus on Water Issues

PVAS will sponsor a presentation about water quality and supply issues the evening of Wednesday, October 13, at the National Conservation Training Center.

The program will be held at 7:00 p.m. in Room 151 of the Center's Instructional West Building.

Admission is free and anyone is welcome to attend.

The speaker will be Joe Hankins, Vice President of The Conservation Fund and director of the Fund's Shepherdstown-based Freshwater Institute.

He will review international and national perspectives on water quality and supply issues but focus primarily on state, regional and local issues.

The Eastern Panhandle faces especially critical water quality and supply challenges because of the unique problems posed by the Karst topography in Jefferson and eastern Berkeley counties and the shale soils in western Berkeley and Morgan counties.

Also increasingly important in the Eastern Panhandle area are issues related to compliance with Chesapeake Bay water quality cleanup standards.

The Freshwater Institute is a longtime PVAS partner, and Joe is well-known in the PVAS community. At the Freshwater Institute, he oversees research projects in a wide range of areas, including community and on-site wastewater engineering, constructed wetland treatment systems, acid mine drainage treatment, aquaculture, and sustainable rural economic development and technology outreach.

He also serves on the Board of the West Virginia Natural Capital Investment Fund and the Jefferson County Public Service District and is personally active in local and statewide workgroups focused on the strategic importance of water, water quality standards and community water infrastructure planning.

He earned a BS in General Science from Purdue University in 1979 and a Masters in Environmental Biology from Hood College.

For more information contact Peter Smith at 304-876-1139 or pvsmit@frontiernet.net



Liz Neely Memorial Education Fund

PVAS founder and Board member emerita Jean Neely has made a generous donation to PVAS to establish a special fund in memory of her stepdaughter Liz, who died last winter.

The fund is intended to support our Audubon Discovery summer day camp at the Yankauer Nature Preserve. It will be used to provide a full, \$2,000 stipend for one camp instructor per year for as long as its monies last.

So far, friends of Liz have made additional donations, and the Fund currently totals \$12,100. This means it will currently support six years of camp-instructor stipends.

This will strengthen our summer camp program for a while, at least, by providing a new, stable source of instructional funding. We're very grateful to Jean for initiating such a thoughtful and useful funding stream.

The Fund is a fitting memorial for Liz, who was an accomplished naturalist and loved to teach children about the natural world.

Others who would like to donate to the fund to extend its reach are welcome to do so. Checks should be made out to PVAS, with a notation that the donation is for the Liz Neely Memorial Education Fund, and sent to PVAS at Po Box 578, Shepherdstown, WV 25443.

If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Alexander at 304-676-3397 or pvasmail@aol.com.

Railroad Spur Elimination Effort Moves Forward

September 4, 2010:

Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority

Inwood WV 25428

304-267-9370; www.berkeleycountycycling.com

The Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority (BCSWA) announced that the efforts to perpetually eliminate the once proposed railroad spur at the former North Mountain Brickyard property on Allensville Road has taken yet another step forward. On August 18, 2010, GeoConcepts Engineering Inc. of Ashburn, Virginia was contracted for \$7,000.00 by the BCSWA to complete the Phase II Environmental Assessment study of the property.

The 78-acre former brickyard is currently owned by Waste Management Inc., the parent company of the LCS Services Landfill. Waste Management previously funded the Phase I Environmental Assessment study, various soil samples and a complete line survey. WMI has indicated their desire is to donate the property for recreational use should the environmental assessment conclude that such future use is suitable. A non-binding "letter of intent" was



signed by both Waste Management Inc. and the BCSWA in 2009. The "letter of intent" outlined the developing concept of perpetually eliminating the railroad access and the utilization of the property for recreational use.

Prior to ownership by Waste Management Inc., the property was proposed to be the location of a solid waste incinerator with railroad access to the landfill operation. The incinerator and the associated railroad spur was never fully developed.

Hummingbird Rescue

Proving yet again that life is stranger than fiction, Renny Smith recounts her recent adventure with rescuing a hummingbird. As told by Renny...

Getting home from DC, I found the cat with a very small mouse under the abelia bush. No. Wait. It's green. Not a mouse. A hummingbird.

I took it away and put it in a clean plastic "leftovers" box supported by clean paper towels and left it in a drawer where no cats could find it.

Diana Mullis's [PVAS Wildlife Rescue Coordinator] number was nowhere to be found. I called Jean Neely and got it. Jean told me to keep the bird right side up. I called Diana, but no one was home. I ran upstairs, cranked up the computer, looked on the PVAS website, and got the number of Gretl Learned," 24 hour emergency hotline". She told me to feed the bird strong nectar and said to be careful not to let sugar water spill on it—"it's like concrete."... I fed her every 20 minutes, and she got stronger, but when she flew a short distance, she perched upside down on the lilac bush... I called Lyn Wiseman and she suggested I call Dr. Roberts at Hillside Vet. We called and there was a staff member who would take care of the bird. We got there at 5:15. There was Michele Smith waiting to take the bird...

I felt complete confidence handing her to Michele.

I called Hillside Vet Monday and learned that after a night and part of a day of rest and nectar, the bird displayed a great desire to go out. Michele took her to her mother's—a certified wildlife refuge, and held her in her hand until the bird saw some other hummingbirds. She flew off happily and joined them.

I'm sending a donation to PVAS in honor of the members and the website. Everyone was so helpful. And most of all, in honor of Michele Smith at Hillside Veterinary Clinic. She's a star!

Hummingbird rescue is not a common event but there are numerous accounts on the Internet (just Google 'hummingbird rescue'). Each story and instruction centers on a few basic actions: provide a hospitable environment, keep calm, don't be intimidated by their tiny size, be determined, and get help from people that know.

In recounting this story, Renny illustrated all of the traits needed for success, including resourcefulness in getting help. So, for future reference, here are the resources she found to take advantage of:

Diana Mullis, Wildlife Rescue Coord. – (304) 267-3482

Gretl Learned, Fern Wildlife Refuge – (540) 888-7949

Dr. Roberts, Hillside Veterinary Clinic – (304) 728-2203

Join Potomac Valley Nature Writers' Group

All those who enjoy reading and/or writing about nature are invited to join the Potomac Valley Nature Writers' Group (PVNWG). The Group meets each month from September through May to discuss a particular nature writer and his or her work. Selections vary to include male and female writers, classic and contemporary works, fiction and non, prose and poetry. PVNWG also encourages members' own writing efforts such as nature blogging and nature journaling. Monthly meetings are currently hosted by members. For more information, visit <http://potomacvalleynaturewritinggroup.blogspot.com/> or contact pvnaturewriters@gmail.com

Remember United Way/CFC Fund Drives

Remember that the annual fundraising campaigns of the United Way of the Eastern Panhandle and the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) are now underway.

Both campaigns will last through December 15.

PVAS receives funding from United Way and CFC each year and encourages its members to give to their campaigns.

CFC is, of course, the mechanism for federal employees to contribute to their local United Way. PVAS members who are federal employees can designate PVAS as the recipient of all or part of their CFC contribution by entering PVAS's CFC number (29061) on the CFC form that they file with their employing agency.

If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Alexander at pvasmail@aol.com or 304-676-3397.

Stop By and See Us at the Apple Butter Festival

Here's a reminder that PVAS will have a display at this year's Apple Butter Festival in Berkeley Springs, so if you attend stop by and say hello.

The PVAS display will be located with the other conservation-related displays, on Independence Street by Hunter's Hardware.

The Festival will be held October 9 & 10.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- October 2: Freedom's Run
- October 3: Field Trip: Carnivorous plant nursery
- October 7-10: Hawk-watching trip to Cape May
- October 9: "Growing Native" seed-collection at Yankauer
- October 9-10: Berkeley Springs Apple Butter Festival.
- October 13: PVAS program: Joe Hankins
- October 16: Birding walk at the NCTC
- October 22: Potomac Valley Nature Photographers
- October 23: NCTC Open House
- November 4-7: American Conservation Film Festival
- November 6-7: Master Naturalist workshop
- November 13: Birding walk at NCTC
- November 13: Green Home Tour and Wine Tasting

JOIN PVAS TODAY!

We now offer two kinds of memberships:

1. PVAS Local Membership

Here's what you get:

- Access to a wide variety of PVAS programs and events for adults and children.
- Discounts for selected chapter activities, like children's summer camps.
- A subscription to PVAS's newsletter and e-mail alerts about events and programs of special interest.
- ALL your dues stay [here](#) to support [local](#) PVAS efforts!

To become a local member: Enclose a check for \$20 (\$15 for seniors and students). Please make check out to "PVAS." This fee covers membership for everyone in your household for one year.

2. Dual Membership with National Audubon

You get all the benefits of PVAS membership plus membership in the National Audubon Society, which includes a subscription to *Audubon* magazine. If you select this option, almost all of your dues will go to National Audubon. To obtain a dual membership, enclose a check for \$20 if you are joining NAS for the first time or \$35 to renew an existing NAS membership (\$15 in either case for seniors and students). Make check out to "National Audubon Society."

Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone (optional): _____

E-mail: (optional): _____

Membership Type (check one):

PVAS Local Membership _____

(For PVAS local membership, check the box following if you do NOT want PVAS to share your contact information with National Audubon:)

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I'd like to get *Valley Views* by e-mail US mail (check one)

..... (Audubon chapter code C9ZY540Z)

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Membership Chair, PVAS
PO Box 578
Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Thank you for your support!

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The Potomac Valley Audubon Society meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, September through April, at the US Fish and Wildlife Service National Conservation Training Center (NCTC), Shepherdstown, WV, in the Instructional West Building. Programs are free and open to the public. For additional information about PVAS or its programs and activities, please call any of the board members listed here or see <http://www.potomacaudubon.org>. PVAS serves the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia and neighboring Washington County, Maryland.

PVAS BOARD

The PVAS Board meets every other month on the first Wednesday of the month (Sept.-June). Meeting location will be announced prior to meetings. These meetings are open to all PVAS members.

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