

Fair Hill Nature Center

WHAT'S THE BUZZ ?

April 2003

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 3 10:00 am – 5:00 pm 2003 Fair Hill SPRINGFEST

Wow! Antiquers, nature, garden, and outdoor lovers, this is the premier event of the spring in this region. Outstanding plant sale, trail “treasure” hike, crafters, pony rides and a petting zoo, hayrides to the Nature Center for nature activities, continuous live music, karaoke, live broadcast from WXCY, children’s games and crafts, vendors, a silent auction and lots of great food. Free parking and admission but fees charged for most activities. **New this year – antique show** with over thirty antique dealers plus appraisers to value your treasures for \$5.00 per item. Special early buyers preview reception (\$10. admission) with “specialty of the house” hors d’oeuvres from area restaurants Friday, May 2 from 6-8 p.m. Don’t miss it!

Work for a local business? Have your company recognized by your neighbors as a supporter of preserving nature and our environment. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$2000 to \$100. SpringFest is a benefit for the Fair Hill Nature Center and the Upper Bay Counseling & Support Services, Inc. Call Holly Hannum at 410-398-4909 for more information.

More about the SpringFest plant sale! Nature Center members will have the opportunity to purchase from an excellent selection of flowering annual plants and garden vegetables at wonderfully reasonable prices. There will also be a very nice selection of perennial ornamental and flowering shrubs from the University of Delaware’s Botanic Garden (sold on consignment with the Nature Center receiving a profit). Many of these plants are hard to find elsewhere. Remember that Mother’s Day is the weekend after SpringFest – this is the perfect way to find something unique for that special Mom! Children will also have the opportunity to paint a pot and purchase a plant to go in it for their Mother’s Day gift. Mark your calendar, tell your friends, and get some great plants!

Programs!

Friday, May 9, 7:00 p.m. Your Wild Backyard University of Delaware professor Carol Krawzyck will discuss beautifying your yard with conservation in mind and attracting wildlife (other than your children) to your yard. Bring along your questions! Rain barrel raffle!

Saturday, June 14, 7:00 A.M. Racing at Fair Hill Meet at the Nature Center before driving to the training track to observe the morning gallops from the clocking tower.

Saturday, July 19, 10:00 a.m. Busy Beavers Learn about beavers, hike to observe beaver signs, and make your own beaver dam. Bring the kids to this one and plan to get wet and muddy!

All programs free to members, \$3.00 to non-members. Registration requested but not required.

**AND DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUNGSTERS FOR SUMMER DAY CAMP!
CALL THE NATURE CENTER FOR DETAILS AT 410-398-4909**

OUR PATHS ARE MADE EASIER ...

We want to pass along a great big thank you to Bill Preske & Advanced Tree Service for their donation and delivery of wood chips to the Nature Center. The chips keep the trails in great shape! Another big thank you goes out to the Rising Sun Lion's Club for a donation of \$200 for water boots and to Rising Sun Western Auto for selling the boots to the Nature Center at cost. And, Boy Scout Troop 443 came to our neck of the woods on May 15 to work on the "Cliff Road" trail. This is our heaviest use trail and required additional erosion bars, gravel fill for the soggy spots. The work was part of an Eagle Project. Special thanks to Amy Smith, Terry Greim, Jerry Newman & Bill Snider for building a footbridge to replace the one washed away during our spring thaw. Furniture makers Steve and Linda Koreny of Annan Run brought us a special surprise last month...a large supply of usable wood scraps for boat building, bluebird houses and a variety of craft ideas that we haven't imagined yet. Thanks so much!

WE NEED YOU ... TO RENEW

Without the support of membership dues, the Nature Center couldn't even afford to send this newsletter. A great community organization deserves great support from those who care about the environment. Membership renewal requests have been mailed out. If you're a member who has already renewed for 2003, THANK YOU! If you've forgotten or are procrastinating, grab that pen now and send your check today. Here's how: Just send a check to "Fair Hill Nature Center" at the return address on this bulletin. Categories are: \$15 senior/student; \$20 individual; \$30 family; \$75 Patron; \$150 sponsor; and \$500 Life Member. This is how we keep the Fair Hill Nature Center a thriving community service. Please make sure you're a part of this effort! Not sure if you've already renewed? Check your mailing label for the "Member Through" date.

CHECK OUT THE WEB

Want more information on the Fair Hill Nature Center? Visit our website at: fairhillnature.org
Have an idea for the website? Give us a call; we'd love to hear from you.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW! SEND IN THAT MEMBERSHIP TODAY! THANKS!!

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