

Water Ways

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We All Live Downstream!

The Science of Marcellus Shale is the name of a summit being held on January 29 in Williamsport PA. Although the Susquehanna River Water Trail, Middle Section is of most direct concern to SRTA members and supporters, activities on the North and West Branches, above the confluence at Sunbury, inevitably affect us as well.

The Susquehanna River Heartland Coalition for Environmental Studies (SRHCES), a watershed organization sponsored by a group of colleges/universities centered around the North and West Branches, is holding the informational summit at Lycoming College in Williamsport from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on that date. The summit will focus on the academic research underway on the Marcellus Shale Formation and the environmental implications of developing the formation.

The Marcellus Shale Formation is a recently publicized geological phenomenon in southern New York and northern Pennsylvania that holds a very large deposit of natural gas. The means of extracting the gas has potential noteworthy effects on the economy, forests and waters in the region. The ability of contractors and local municipalities to mitigate the negative aspects of these effects are under debate.

To learn more hard information, attend this summit and then take informed action. Further details about registration and the content of the meeting may be obtained from the coalition web site at: <http://www.srhces.org> or by contacting ppollini@bucknell.edu Registration, required by January 26, is \$10 per person or \$5 per student and includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

Fourth Annual Great River Adventure Scheduled for June 26

Hold open that date for a new adventure on the river with events for beginners, families, amateurs, pros, canoeists and kayakers. This year's events will take place around a new upstream location, Millersburg, home of a beautiful waterfront park, rail/trail terminus and boater friendly amenities. More details will be posted in the next newsletter and on the SRTA website: www.susquehannarivertrail.org

2010 SRTA Officers Elected

The slate of officers for SRTA 2010 as presented to the membership by the Nominating Committee was approved in November. Officers for this year are:

President:	Jim McNulty	Recording Secretary:	Keith Danner
Vice President:	Brady Stroh	Corresponding Secretary:	Bruce Bishoff
		Treasurer:	John Meister

The office of Second Co-President was left vacant, pending an expected change in the bylaws that would eliminate that position and assign the role of interim leadership to the Vice President.

In Memory of Cliff Dillmann

The sudden passing of SRTA Vice President and Co-Founder, Cliff Dillmann, has left a large gap in the local community of environmental, civil, human, and educational rights activists. As he was memorialized very masterfully at the time, we can only affirm our agreement and be grateful for his contribution to our community. SRTA has received donations to honor Cliff. Final details are being developed to set up a fund to contribute to environmental education internships.

It's Time for SRTA Membership Renewal

Now is the time to join or renew membership in SRTA for 2010. For \$25, individuals and family members in the same household can be supporters of the SRTA mission of promoting enjoyable use of the Susquehanna River while developing a respect for it and desire to preserve it. See the application form on page 3. New members will receive a trail guide.

March Dinner Meeting

The March 25 SRTA meeting will be a recognition of our 2009 island stewards, recruitment for 2010 stewards and a celebratory occasion for all current members. It will be a dinner/program meeting at our usual location, the Ranch House Restaurant in Amity Hall. Look for further details in the March-April issue of *Waterways*.

UPCOMING SRTA MEETINGS

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Thursday, January 28

and

Thursday, February 25

Susquehanna Room

Ranch House

Restaurant*

Amity Hall

Business Meeting

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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Attendees may arrive

early and purchase

dinner to be served in the

meeting room

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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***Ranch House Restaurant:**

Located in Amity Hall on the west side of US 11/15, 1 mile north of the interchange with US 22/322

➡➡➡➡ LIST OF TRAIL GUIDE VENDORS ⚡⚡⚡⚡

Copies of the Susquehanna River Water Trail Map (Middle Section) are available at the following locations:
 (Links to further information are provided on the SRTA website home page)

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| Bellefonte – Tussey Mt. Outfitters | Montoursville – Country Ski & Sports |
| Binghamton NY – Eureka! Camping Center | Montoursville – Lyon Camping and Supply |
| Harrisburg – Wildware Backcountry | State College – Eastern Mountain Sports |
| Lewisburg – Susquehanna Valley Visitors Bureau | Sugar Run – Endless Mountain Outfitters |
| Lock Haven – Rock River & Trail Outfitters | Sunbury – Southside Bait and Tackle |
| Marysville – Blue Mountain Outfitters | Wilkes-Barre – Country Ski & Sports |
| | Wrightsville (Long Level) – Shank’s Mare |

Secure credit card purchases may also be made by internet through Hike-advice.com – by going directly to their order page via the SRTA website: www.susquehannarivertrail.org More in-store locations will be announced on the SRTA website as they become available. There is also a limited supply of flat, unfolded trail guides.

Contributions and Gifts-in-Kind

Unless otherwise designated, additional contributions to SRTA made by members and readers will be directed toward development of island trail facilities. Example: Purchase and installation of high visibility island/campsite signs.

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| Russ & Carol Fairchild | Marci Mowery & Joe Frassetta | Rick Shumaker | Larry Williamson |
| Robert & Ilene Gilson | Quinn & Cameron Frassetta | Peter & Deborah Vitins | John & Patricia Zinn |
| F. Scott Patterson | | | |

New Memberships and Renewals

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| Bill Abers | Keith & Catherine Hoke | F. Scott Patterson | Tussey Mt. Outfitters |
| Bruce & Betty Bishoff | Barbara Horst | PA Waterways Anglers | John Lake & Kimberly Vinson |
| Christina Deihl | Doris Jaworowski | Allan & Betsy Quant | Peter & Deborah Vitins |
| Brooke, Hunter & Lacey Deihl | John & Dell Kennedy | Pat & Ruenkaew Reilly | Will & Jane Webster |
| Russ & Carol Fairchild | Eric Winslow & Bobbi Kilmer | Tony Reilly | Denny Whitesell |
| Mark Folsom | Brook & Deidre Lenker | Brian Shumaker | JoAnn Williams |
| Marci Mowery & Joe Frassetta | Sierra & Savanna Lenker | Rick Shumaker | Mikki Williams |
| Quinn & Cameron Frassetta | John & Patricia Meister | Jack Ridings & Victoria Steele | Larry Williamson |
| Robert & Ilene Gilson | Richard Myers | Sherry Stiely | John & Patricia Zinn |
| Robert Hoffman | Troy & Denise Nornhold | | |