

## GROUP NEWS

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the Canal Society of New Jersey, Mrs. Barth will show historic photographs and postcard views of the D&R and will sign copies of her book. Light refreshments will follow.

**Mar 12:** Get limber with us on a cross country ski in the High Peaks region of the Adirondack Mountains. Central Jersey Group member Don Griffin will present a brief slide show of a delightful day around Marcy Dam and Avalanche Pass.

### Raritan Valley Group

(Middlesex and Somerset Counties, approximately)

#### OFFICERS AND CONTACTS:

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#### ISSUES:

We are coordinating efforts with the Hunterdon County Group in opposing the extensive Solberg Airport Expansion project in rural Hunterdon County. Implementation of these plans will lead to noise, fuel and light pollution, increased traffic and adverse impacts on residential home values. A large underlying aquifer may also be affected.

We are fighting development along streams, wetlands, flood plains and steep slopes. This includes working to protect threatened and endangered species in these areas. Help us stop developers from buying sub-standard lots and obtaining permits and variances to construct new homes.

We are monitoring the drafting of the Hillsborough Township Master Plan to ensure that the existing agricultural lands, the Sourland Mountains, endangered and threatened species and open spaces are protected from destructive development.

We want to stop the Green Brook Flood Control Project. Besides wasting enormous amounts of taxpayer funds, this project will eliminate 100 acres of wetlands, build miles of tall unsightly levees, and increase development pressure in the area where people are now hesitant to build.

**Calling All Volunteers:** The Raritan Valley Group welcomes you to our activities. Currently, several positions are open. If you are interested in participating in our activities or filling any of the open positions, please contact Steve Ember, the Group Chair.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** Held at 7:30 pm on the **SECOND TUESDAY** of the month except for July and August. Currently, meetings are being held at the Bound Brook Presbyterian Church at 409 Mountain Avenue in Bound Brook. Take the Mountain Avenue exit off Rte. 22 towards Bound Brook. The church is on the right hand side at the first stop light (Union Avenue - Rte. 28). The public is invited and refreshments are served.

**Executive Committee Meetings:** Held at 7:00 pm on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of the month except for July and August. Currently, meetings are being held at the Somerset County Library on 1 Vogt Drive in Bridgewater. All Sierra Club members are invited to attend. Please contact us first in case there is a change of plans.

**Jan 14:** Steve Ember, long-time Sierra Club hike leader, will present a slide show of his hiking adventures in the Cascade Mountains. These slides represent the highlights from various backpacking trips in Washington. During the 1990s, the Cascades became the favorite of many hikers due to their sculpted peaks, ubiquitous waterfalls and cascades, numerous glaciers, ancient forests, and lush meadows. Come and see the grandeur of the most underrated mountain range in the United States.

**Feb 11:** Sailing - harnessing the earth's natural resources to travel and live. (Mike and I are still working on this blurb)

**Mar 11:** The Tongass - Alaska's Rainforest. Emily Ferry of the Alaska Coalition will present this slide show. It is an inspiring look at one of the rarest and most biologically productive ecosystems on earth. Before a stunning backdrop of coastal mountains towering to 18,000 feet, overlooking hundreds of mist-shrouded islands, the Alaska temperate rainforest spans a thousand mile arc along the Pacific coast. The Alaska rainforest boasts 12 million acres of ancient forest, including giant trees hundreds of feet tall and up to a thousand years old. It is also home to the world's healthiest remaining populations of grizzly bears, bald eagles and salmon.

#### RARITAN VALLEY GROUP ELECTION:

Group members should please clip and return the ballot below, by **Feb 28**, to: Sierra Club Group Ballot, 511 Grandview Street, Middlesex, NJ 08846

#### GROUP BALLOT for Raritan Valley Group Executive Committee:

Vote for three candidates, maximum. The first column of boxes is for "individual" members. Family (joint) members are entitled to express two opinions by using both columns. (To learn more about the candidates, contact Steve Ember at 732-926-8964.)

- Kathy Haskell  
  Michael Patton  
  Kristy Thronson  
  Write in: \_\_\_\_\_  
  Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

Your membership # \_\_\_\_\_  
 (found on the address label of this newsletter or your SIERRA magazine)

### Jersey Shore Group

(Monmouth and Ocean Counties)

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#### OFFICERS:

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#### GENERAL MEETINGS:

Held at 8pm on the **FOURTH MONDAY** of each month - except in July, August, and December - at the Old Wharf House, Old Wharf Park, Main Street and Oceanport Avenue, Oceanport, NJ. Come early to socialize and enjoy refreshments. For directions and information, please call Regina Maurer at 732-335-1183, or visit our web site.

**Jan 27:** How Dry We Are. Join us for a very informative program on the drought in New Jersey. Our speaker is Dennis Hart, Administrator of Water Supply and Drought Coordination at the DEP. He will tell us all about the drought, as well as what we can do to help ease the situation, both as individuals and as a group.

**Feb 24:** Green Buildings for a Better Environment. Green technology incorporates environmentally friendly design and construction in both commercial and residential settings. Jason Kliwinski, an architect with the Prisco Group, will present a program focused on commercial applications, using as an example the three schools in Howell Township on which he is currently working.

**Mar 24:** Xeriscaping. Low water use landscapes are even more important now, during the continued drought conditions. You can use very little water and still have a beautiful yard. Monmouth County Master Gardener, Bob Mellert, will show us how.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Group's Executive Committee and Conservation Committee meet monthly at members' homes. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please call Steve Knowlton at 732-747-7011.

### West Jersey Group

(Camden, Gloucester and Burlington Counties, approximately)

**Web site:** [users.snip.net/~ginacee/home.htm](http://users.snip.net/~ginacee/home.htm)

#### OFFICERS:

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<b>Inner City Outings:</b>	Jennifer Grenier	856-582-5512
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**GENERAL MEETINGS:** are held at 7:30 pm on the **SECOND TUESDAY** of each month, at the Unitarian Church, 401 N. Kings Highway (Rte. 41), Cherry Hill (located between Rte. 70 and the convergence of Rtes. 38 and 73, just north of a traffic light at Chapel Avenue). Handicap accessible parking and entrance in rear of building.

**Jan 14:** Jane Nogaki of the NJ Environmental Federation will present "Alternatives to Chemical Pesticides for your Home."

**Feb 11:** Stuart Chaifetz will speak about Wildlife Management and the Environment in New Jersey.

**Mar 11:** To be announced. Please check the website and local papers.

#### ACTIVITIES:

The West Group is working to prevent the environmentally dangerous Delaware Deepening. We are also working on developing an Inner City Outings program and are looking for volunteers. To help, contact either of the two leaders above.

### South Jersey Group

(Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem Counties, approximately)

#### OFFICERS:

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The central conservation issue, for which the Group was founded in the 1970s, continues to be protection of the Great Egg Harbor Wild & Scenic River, and continues to consume the energies of those few officers who remain active—both within the Sierra Club and in two other organizations that have "spun off" from the South Jersey Group. Very few of our local members seem interested in the meetings we've scheduled in the past few years, and many of them have been cancelled for lack of interest. For the present, we'll continue to be listed in this Newsletter, and offer a point of contact for Club members in South Jersey who want help with local issues. If you have topics (and places) for meetings, please let the officers know about them. Those scheduled below are tentative. Please contact the officer(s) specified in advance of each meeting, if you wish to attend; otherwise we'll cancel. We welcome general comments from Club members in South Jersey.

**Jan 27 (Mon), 7pm:** Trekking in the Himalayas. Slide show of the Anapurna Circuit in western Nepal. Noted explorer Dick Colby will describe a trip he took in 1983. Call him at 609-965-4453 for meeting location if you wish to be included.

**Feb 15 (Sat), 10am:** Morning walk in the Big Goose Pond, an open grassy expanse of protected land and