

# I N S I D E T H E PINELANDS

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## PINEY GREEN THUMB: LANDSCAPING WITH THE NATIVES



Photo: John Delano

*Teaberry (Gaultheria procumbens), a perfect plant for the piney green thumb*

by Russell Juelg  
Director for Outreach

It's often said that early settlers called the Pinelands region the "Pine Barrens" because they couldn't grow what they wanted in the acidic, nutrient-poor soil. Current settlers often have the same issue. Only now, we're not desperately trying to grow food; we're enjoying the luxury of gardening and landscaping.

It's a struggle, though, because conventional gardening and landscaping in the Pinelands usually requires amending the soil and maintaining an irrigation system to grow exotic plants.

Of course, the Pine Barrens isn't

barren. Attractive things grow here. Native trees, shrubs, vines, mosses, herbaceous flowers, grasses, sedges, rushes, fascinating carnivorous plants, and a plethora of aquatic species—they're mostly perfectly happy with the soil. So, why aren't more people using them in gardening and landscaping?

Well, in a nutshell, we may be trying to do what is conventional, rather than what is logical. Acidic, nutrient-poor soils don't support lush green lawns. Acidic, nutrient-poor soils don't support most of the plants being sold in local nurseries. On the other hand, they do support plenty of fascinating, beautiful, and very low-maintenance natives.

The answer to the problems of landscaping in the Pinelands is surprisingly simple. *Grow things that like to grow here.* Forget about the *Better Homes and Gardens* look. Do something more imaginative, creative, and distinctive. Be like the Pineys, rather than the Joneses!

The piney green thumb is based on a few simple principles. **First**, leave things the way nature intended, at least as much as possible and practical. **Second**, encourage the native plants that are already there, if you want, and discourage the ones you don't want. **Third**, when you plant new things, plant natives.

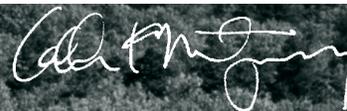
Leaving nature alone has enormous advantages. You can save time and money. The wildlife in your area will benefit, because they are adapted to the habitats and foods that native plants provide. And you'll have the peace of mind that comes with knowing you are really helping to preserve the character of this globally significant ecosystem.

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### PPA EXHIBITS AT UPCOMING FESTIVALS

June 28  
**Blueberry Festival**  
Whitesbog Village, Pemberton

July 11 - 16  
**Ocean County Fair**  
Roger Miller Airpark, Berkeley




I don't know the most effective and politically saleable way to solve New Jersey's budget crisis. It's been easy to attack ideas like raising the freeway tolls or the gas tax to relieve the terrible debt burden past governors and legislatures have built up. It's easy to say, "just cut out the fat!" or "live within our means!" But it's vital to remember that severe and arbitrary budget cuts can also bring severe and arbitrary harms that we cannot undo once the crisis is past.

Governor Corzine's proposed FY 2009 budget includes a draconian cut to the Pinelands Commission's budget. The Pinelands Preservation Alliance is very concerned that this level of funding cutback will lead to permanent harms in the Pinelands. We are asking the Governor and Legislature to reduce the proposed cuts. I hope everyone who cares about the Pinelands will help by telling state decision makers how important it is that the Pinelands Commission not be crippled by unreasonable cuts.

We do not expect the Pinelands Commission to escape further budget reductions next year—even though it has already endured cuts in state support and staffing in recent years. But the proposed budget calls for state funding to the Pinelands Commission to fall by \$780,000 for FY 2009. That represents a cut of 23% in funding from the current year level. In fact, the proposed state funding of \$2,618,000 for FY 2009 is less than the funding the Commission received in FY 1996. Such drastic cuts are far more severe than proposed for other, comparable agencies. Such drastic cuts will make it impossible for the Commission to do its job in controlling development across one-fifth of the state.

The 23% cut is actually much worse than that number alone suggests.

Unlike most state agencies, the Commission is required to pay its employee health benefits and retiree pensions out of its own operating budget. Most agencies have these costs paid through a separate set of shared inter-departmental accounts that get their own budget allocation. There is no valid reason the Pinelands Commission should not also get to participate in this system. Health care and pension costs are continuing to rise much faster than inflation. This means a 23% cut in state funding will actually translate into more than a 30% cut in the funds the Commission actually has to do its job.

The Pinelands Commission is charged with planning growth and reviewing all development plans for conformance with its strict environmental standards throughout the 936,000 acre Pinelands Area. This job requires highly skilled professionals with the time to review complex policy issues and development plans that range from individual homes to massive commercial and residential developments. As time goes on, and land in the growth zones in and around the Pinelands gets built out, the Commission's job is getting harder, not easier.

We expect the proposed cuts would have three negative consequences:

- The Commission will lose a disproportionate number of expert staff and not be able to replace and train new professionals. This will be on top of the fact that the Commission's staff is already 11% under its authorized levels due to the hiring freeze and tight budgets in recent years.
- Commission reviews will be shortchanged, problems will not always be found and addressed, and bad or poorly designed developments will be approved as remaining staff are simply stretched beyond the limit of

what they can do. That is inevitable if there are not enough trained staff for the volume of applications across this huge region.

- Innovative policy changes that are needed to solve the massive threats facing the Pinelands environment today will be put on the back burner or lost in the shuffle of day-to-day project reviews and crises.

When it comes to controlling development, mistakes are permanent. Once a housing subdivision, shopping mall or road is built, it is never going to be unbuilt. The loss of habitat, aquifer recharge and plant and animal life that comes with developing Pinelands forests is a loss forever.

We have proposed the Governor and Legislature do two things: (a) include the Pinelands Commission in the statewide interdepartmental accounts for benefits and pensions, and (b) limit the budget cut to no more than 10% of this year's allocation, which should give the Commission a fighting chance to do its job well during this round of fiscal crisis.

### COMING IN JUNE:

## 2ND ANNUAL STATE OF THE PINELANDS REPORT

In June PPA will publish its **second annual State of the Pinelands Report**. The report will detail how the specific actions of government agencies and appointed & elected officials either **helped or harmed the Pinelands during the previous year**, including the Pinelands Commission, NJ Department of Environmental Protection, NJ State Legislature, Governor, mayors, township councils, federal representatives and actions by the courts. The report is released each year during the last week in June to coincide with the anniversary of the signing of the Pinelands Protection Act on June 28, 1979.

Of course there are practical limits to leaving nature alone. Most of us want at least a little patch of lawn, and we have some favorite plants that may require amending the soil on a small scale. Also, it's very important in the Pinelands to make our landscaping "fire-wise." This means keeping some clear space around our homes and not using extremely flammable plant materials (such as pines and laurels) close to structures.

The second principle of the piney green thumb involves getting intimate with the natives. Most people are surprised at how easily they fall in love with the locals, once they get to know them. Women have been known to swoon the first time they notice Pennsylvania Sedge in bloom. Men's heartbeats race at the sight of Little Bluestem backlit by the evening sun.

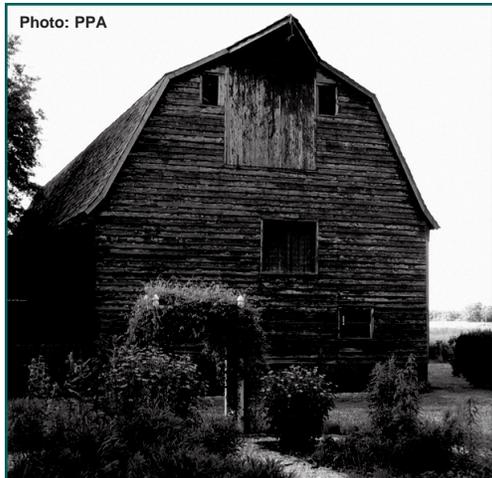


Photo: PPA  
 Demonstrations of native plant landscaping are on display at the Bishop Farmstead

Seriously, if you live in a natural area of the Pinelands, you probably already have things that you want in your yard. How can anyone not like Mountain Laurel? What could be prettier than a little bog garden with Pitcher Plants and Sundews? Maybe

you have a patch of Wild Lupine just outside your door?

Tinker with these things to suit your tastes. Some shrubs may look better with a little pruning. Some wildflowers will appreciate a little water during a drought. Some things want more sunlight, and some want a little less. Small patches can become bigger and more dramatic with a little cultivation.

Finally, the more we learn about Pinelands native plants, the more we will want new things. Compare the inventory of native plant suppliers with the plants shown in Howard Boyd's *Field Guide*, and you might be surprised at what you can get. They may be available as seeds, plugs, in pots, or in ball and burlap.

The Pine Barrens is not barren. There's no shortage of native plants that have excellent applications in gardening and landscaping. Using a piney green thumb requires less time and money. It helps to preserve the character of the Pinelands, because it doesn't change the chemistry of the soil and water. It's good for the local wildlife. And it helps us get better acquainted with our own backyard, the surprisingly un-barren Pinelands.

### PINELANDS WATCH

Get involved in our activist network and help make a difference! To receive the Pinelands Watch or alert us to an issue of concern in your community,

call (609) 859-8860 x22 or e-mail [theresa@pinelandsalliance.org](mailto:theresa@pinelandsalliance.org)

### MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES

TEACHERS ARE INVITED...

### 9th Annual Pinelands Summer Teacher Institute

July 14 - 18

A week of field trips and lectures from expert speakers.

Topics: plants, water, geology, history, archeology, folklore, land use, conservation and curriculum development.

Call (609) 859-8860 x24 or email [mikeh@pinelandsalliance.org](mailto:mikeh@pinelandsalliance.org) for more information or see [www.pinelandsalliance.org](http://www.pinelandsalliance.org) and click "Education"

### PPA MEMBER EVENT: THE SECRET LIVES OF BEES

Wednesday, July 30

Bishop Farmstead, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Speaker: Pete Leighton, President, New Jersey Beekeepers Association

Description: Did you know that the honeybee is New Jersey's state insect? Learn more about this fascinating and important creature. Bees play a vital role pollinating our agricultural crops as well as native plant species. Learn about the habits of the honeybee, check out an observation hive and see some real, working hives right here at PPA's offices. Get the latest information about Colony Collapse Disorder, a phenomenon effecting bees nationwide.

The event is free but you must register in advance - space is limited.

To register, contact Becky at [becky@pinelandsalliance.org](mailto:becky@pinelandsalliance.org) or call (609) 859-8860 ext. 21.



PPA, the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission, and the Tuckerton Seaport Museum are pleased to announce the following series of programs exploring history and culture in the New Jersey Pinelands. All programs are free of charge; reservations are required. Please contact Pinelands Preservation Alliance at (609) 859-8860 x12 or send an email to [janewiltshire@pinelandsalliance.org](mailto:janewiltshire@pinelandsalliance.org) for reservations, directions and information.

### Heart of the Pines: A Depression-Era Tour

*Date:* Saturday, June 7, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

*Location:* Egg Harbor City Historic Society, 533 London Avenue, Egg Harbor City

*Speakers:* Budd Wilson, historian and archaeologist; Barbara Solem-Stull, author, *Ghost Towns* and other Quirky Places in the New Jersey Pine Barrens; Joanne Wright, educator

*Description:* Learn about the impact of the 1930s New Deal WPA (Works Progress Administration) on the people and places of the NJ Pine Barrens. During these grim depression years the federal government hired thousands of unemployed American men to do work to preserve the nation's natural resources. Camps of these workers (Civilian Conservation Corps) were located at Bass River State Forest, Lebanon State Forest, Mount Misery and Egg Harbor City.

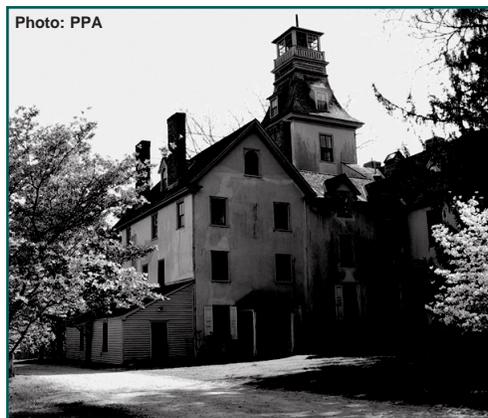
### Lenape Lifestyles

*Date:* Sunday, June 22, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

*Location:* Pinelands Preservation Alliance, 17 Pemberton Road, Southampton Township

*Speaker:* Bill Guthrie, professor of education, Rider University

*Description:* Bill Guthrie brings the work, play and ceremonies of the Lenape Indians to life in this lively and enjoyable presentation that illustrates the daily lives of New Jersey's residents before Europeans arrived. Dr. Guthrie has studied the lifestyle and material goods of the Lenape Indians for many years and has made five short videos and other teaching materials that incorporate his extensive knowledge.



*Photo: PPA*  
*Mansion at Batsto Village, Wharton State Forest*

### Elizabeth White and the Blueberry

*Date:* Sunday, July 13, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

*Location:* Whitesbog Village

*Speaker:* Nancy O'Mallon, filmmaker, *The Mighty Humble Blueberry*

*Description:* Take a walking tour of Whitesbog Village, birthplace of the cultivated blueberry, and learn what life was like for the workers at Whitesbog through a visit to the Interpretive Cottage, Agricultural Museum and Elizabeth White's home. The tour ends with blueberry picking, a summer treat for guests.

### Black Doctor of the Pines & His Family

*Date:* Saturday, August 2, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

*Location:* Corson Poley Center/Burlington County Historical Society, 451 High Street, Burlington City

*Speaker:* Francine Still Hicks, the great, great granddaughter of Dr. James Still

*Description:* Learn about Dr. James Still, the Black Doctor of the Pines, a man who gave of his soul and spirit to become a great healer. There were 18 children in the Still family, some who have continued to contribute to the longevity and legacy of the Still family.

*Optional:* Short walk to Underground Railroad Café.

### Railroading in the Pines

*Date:* Saturday, August 16, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

*Location:* Neighborhood Arts Center, 64 Hanover Street, Pemberton Borough

*Speaker:* Paul W. Schopp, historian

*Description:* Almost 175 years ago, the first primitive railroad penetrated the portion of New Jersey known as the Pine Barrens. Did the entrepreneurs who built these railroads achieve their objectives? What impact did this revolutionary transportation modality have on the Pine Barrens, its industries, and its residents? Historian Paul Schopp will explore these questions and others as he explains the history of railroading in the Pines.

*Optional:* Guided tour of Pemberton Train Station and guided walk of the Rail Trail in Pemberton.

### Working the Cycle

*Date:* Saturday, September 13, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

*Location:* Tuckerton Seaport, 120 West Main Street, Tuckerton

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*Speaker:* Jaclyn Stewart, Director, Jersey Shore Folklife Center at Tuckerton Seaport

*Description:* Examine the cycle of seasonal occupations practiced in the Pine Barrens and along the New Jersey shore. This program includes a gallery talk in the Seaport's "Working the Cycle" exhibit. You will learn how this tradition carries on today through historical research and artifacts and current fieldwork conducted by the Jersey Shore Folklife Center. Meet baymen currently working on the water and in the Pines.

*Optional:* Boat tour of Tuckerton Creek.

*Optional:* Walking tour of Tuckerton Seaport, boat-works, decoy carving shops, clam and oyster houses.

**Unearthing the Industrial Past: An Introduction to Archaeology in the New Jersey Pine Barrens**

*Date:* Saturday, October 11, Noon - 2 p.m.

*Location:* Brendan Byrne State Forest

*Speaker:* Scott Wiczorek, archaeologist, Louis Berger Group

*Description:* Since colonial times, New Jersey's Pine Barrens have been host to a vast array of historic and cultural treasures. Communities such as Batsto, Whitesbog, and Woodmansie, and Red Oak Grove developed around industries like the smelting of bog iron, blueberries, coastal salt works, paper mills, and saw mills. Over the past few decades these industries and their communities have been slowly disappearing from local memory. This program focuses on the story of one forgotten industry, the Pine

Barrens clay industry.

**The Mullica River & the Forks**

*Date:* Saturday, October 11, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

*Location:* Batsto Visitor Center, Wharton State Forest

*Speakers:* Robert Auermuller Jr, Superintendent, Batsto Park; Dale Denda of the Affair at Egg Harbor Historical Society; Timothy Hart, Executive Director, Tuckerton Seaport; and Thomas Farner, noted historian.

*Description:* Learn about the key role of the Mullica River and the Forks in the American War of Independence. Includes a discussion of the raid on Chestnut Neck October 1778 and the defense of Egg Harbor (Tuckerton) between Captain Ferguson and Casimir Pulaski. Also includes the story of Benedict Arnold and the court martial resulting from his alleged use of government wagons to transport his belongings.

*Optional:* Guided bus tour of Chestnut Neck, Batsto, Forks, and Affair in Egg Harbor (Little Egg Harbor).

**A Revolutionary Tavern in the Pines**

*Date:* Saturday, October 18, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

*Location:* Wells Mills County Park [Route 532, Waretown] and on-site visit to Cedar Bridge Tavern [Old Half Mile Road (off Route 72), Barnegat] following lecture.

*Speakers:* Tom Farner, local historian, author of New Jersey in History: Fighting to Be Heard; Tim Hart, president of the Stafford Township Historical Society and executive director of the Tuckerton

Seaport; German Georgieff, chief park naturalist, Wells Mills Park (Ocean) County Park

*Description:* A little-known, colonial tavern with a 200-year old bar tucked in a corner of its main room is still nestled within the Pine Barrens. Besides its remarkable longevity, the tavern was the site of what some historians consider to have been the last "battle" of the Revolutionary War. Tom Farner, Tim Hart, and German Georgieff together tell the story of Cedar Bridge Tavern: its origins, its life as a tavern, and its recent acquisition by Ocean County. After the talk take a tour of this extraordinary "Revolutionary Tavern in the Pines."

**Come Earnest Homeseekers: Ethnic Settlements in the Pines**

*Date:* Wednesday, November 12, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

*Location:* Pinelands Preservation Alliance, 17 Pemberton Road, Southampton Township

*Speaker:* Mark Demitroff, Pinelands geographer

*Description:* Large tracts of desolate land became accessible for development schemes when railroads began to criss-cross the Pine Barrens during the mid 19th century. Immigrants, beckoned by dubious promises of prosperity and independence, settled upon modest garden plots offered at bargain prices. This presentation commemorates the meaning of place for German, Italian, and Jewish settlers who sought security by taming an impoverished wilderness while overcoming social intolerance during a eugenics movement.

## 3RD ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT SALE

by Becky Free



PPA held its third annual Native Plant Sale on April 20th. This year we offered a Members Only Preview Sale on April 18th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Both events were a great success. We sold over 1,100 plants native to the Pine Barrens and/or South Jersey. Thank you to all who attended and purchased plants. PPA is grateful for the support of Pinelands Nursery, which provided the majority of plants for the sale. Thanks also to RareFind Nursery in Jackson and to Fernbrook Nursery in Chesterfield for supplying plants. We could not hold this event without the help of PPA's staff and volunteers—thank you very much for working so hard on this event!



*Gardeners came early to get the best selection*

We sold 423 plants at our first ever Members Only Preview Sale on Friday. Including sales from Sunday, the total number of plants sold this year was 1,142 (compared to 763 plants last year).

Popular plants species this year included New York Aster, Sweet Pepperbush, Sheep Laurel, and Sand Myrtle.



*Getting a head start on a "piney green thumb"*

After expenses, PPA cleared approximately \$3,394, all of which goes towards supporting our mission. In addition, merchandise sales at the Visitor Center exceeded \$1,000 over the course of both days.

On a related note, PPA's new *Gardening with Nature: A Guide to Native Plant Landscaping in the New Jersey Pinelands* will soon be available. This 8-page guide will include a background on native Pinelands plants, the benefits of using them in landscaping, alternatives to lawns, advice on how to create wildlife habitat, and a handy plant list of common natives that are commercially available (includes common and scientific names, blooming period, soil preference, sun/shade and height). **Call (609) 859-8860 to request a copy, or stop by the Bishop Farmstead.**

### PINELANDS COMMISSION MEETINGS

Friday, June 13, 9:30am

Friday, July 11, 9:30am

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**CALL (609) 894-7300 FOR DETAILS**

## FAIRS & FESTIVALS

**JUNE 28**

### *WHITESBOG BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL*

WHITESBOG VILLAGE, BROWNS MILLS

**JULY 8 - 13**

### *OCEAN COUNTY FAIR*

ROBERT MILLER AIRPARK, BERKELEY

**JULY 23 - 26**

### *BURLINGTON COUNTY FARM FAIR*

LUMBERTON GREEN, LUMBERTON

**AUGUST 16 & 17**

### *MONMOUTH COUNTY FRIENDS OF CLEARWATER 29TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL*

SUNSET PARK, ASBURY PARK

**Stop by the PPA exhibit and check out our broad selection of Pinelands resources, information and merchandise!**

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**Bass River State Forest (BRSF),** 762 Stage Road, Tuckerton, NJ 08087, (609) 296-1114

**NJ Audubon Society Rancocas Nature Center (NJA),** 794 Rancocas Road, Mount Holly, NJ, 609-261-2495, www.njaudubon.org

**Outdoor Club of South Jersey (OCSJ).** Call leaders to confirm trip. www.ocsj.org

**Pinelands Preservation Alliance (PPA).** 17 Pemberton Rd., Southampton. (609) 859-8860. www.pinelandsalliance.org. 10% discount on Pinelands Adventures programs to PPA members. Pre-registration required for all PPA programs.

**Wells Mills County Park (WMCP),** Waretown, (609) 971-3085.

**Whitesbog (W).** All events meet at the Whitesbog General Store. Historic Whitesbog, mile marker 13, Rt. 530, Pemberton Township. (609) 893-4646, www.whitesbog.org.

**Saturday, June 14-Sunday, June 15**

**Overnight Canoe Trip**

We'll start about 8 am and paddle down the Mullica River. Mom or Dad come free with a son or daughter. Night life includes campfire, music, stories, and a hike in the dark at Mullica River Campsite (primitive). Reservation required. \$45/person. + (approx.) \$80 per canoe payable to the canoe livery. Call (609) 859-8860 for information. **PPA.**

**Saturday, June 14**

**Moonlight Walk**

7:00 p.m.. Strawberry Moon. **W.**

**Wednesday, June 18**

**Almost Summer Solstice Full Moon Hike**

7 miles, moderate pace. Stroll under a full strawberry moon. Hear a symphony of hunkers, screamers, whistles, and croakers. Meet at 8:00pm at Batsto Village Parking. Leader: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792. **OCSJ.**

**Saturday, June 21**

**Snakes of the NJ Pine Barrens**

8:00 p.m. Fee: None. Lake Absegami Beach Complex. (609) 296-1114. Sponsors: Bass River State Forest & Herpetological Associates. Live specimens to observe! Bring chairs. **BRSF.**

**1st Annual Maurice River Cleanup!**

Help support National River Cleanup

Week while enjoying a paddle on the Maurice River. The main focus of the cleanup will be the section of the river between Almond Road and Sherman Ave. Gloves and trash bags provided. Contact leaders at least 2 days before trip date to confirm trip participation, time and meeting place. Leaders: Dawn Perry-Dunnam, (856)-453-1007 or day-breakdelights@verizon.net. **OCSJ.**

**Monday, June 23rd – Friday, June 27th**

**Special Volunteer Work Week at Whitesbog Village. W**

**Thursday, June 26**

**Freshwater Wetlands Walk**

Wetlands support an abundance of plant and animal species – many of which are rare. Join a naturalist as we explore this important ecosystem.

We will be walking in wet and muddy areas. Please be prepared. Bring your lunch. Location: Parking Lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown Traveling to southern Ocean and Burlington Counties. 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Ages: 9 years and up. \$5.00 per person. **WMCP.**

**Friday, June 27**

**Friday Nite Fitness Hike**

8-10 miles, fast pace. Meet at 7pm. Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, or alison@mikebaker.com. **OCSJ.**

**Saturday, June 28**

**Canoeing Piney Rivers**

A day-long naturalist tour of one of the beautiful and historic Pinelands rivers. Foliage and wildlife make this an exhilarating and memorable experience. A great introduction to the history and ecology of the Pine Barrens. Leisurely paddle, but may be moderately challenging for some. Rent a canoe or kayak (approx. \$40 per canoe, made payable to canoe livery, by cash or check only), or bring your own. (609) 859-8860. **PPA.**

**25th Annual Blueberry Festival at Whitesbog Village.**

Celebrate all things blueberry at this old-time festival. Great family fun – arts and country crafts, food, blueberry picking, historical tours, music and more. \$7/carload. 10:00 a.m.–4:00p.m. **W.**

**Sunday, June 29**

**O' We Go Paddle the Oswego**

We meet at 10 a.m. at Oswego Lake Put-In. Pack lunch. Call or email to confirm. Leader: Vicki, 856-256-9568 or rav-ingwriter@netzero.com. **OCSJ.**

**Saturday, July 5**

**Star Gazing at the Beach**

Sunset to 10:00 p.m. Fee: None. Lake Absegami Beach, (609) 296-1114. Sponsors: Bass River State Forest & Willingboro Astronomical Society. Note. ADA accessible (beach wheelchair available). **BRSF.**

**Monday, July 7**

**Franklin Parker Preserve Nature Walk**

Explore some of the 10,000 acres in the heart of the Pinelands near Chatsworth (former DeMarco bogs now owned by NJ Conservation Foundation). Explore the variety of habitats teaming with flora and fauna. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Meet at parking lot, Wells Mills County Park, Waretown and travelling by van. \$5.00 per person. Ages: 9 and above. **WMCP.**

**Saturday, July 12**

**Whitesbog Village Tour**

1:00 p.m. \$5/person. **W.**

**Saturday, July 19**

**Moonlight Walk**

7 :00 p.m. Buck Moon. **W.**

**Saturday, July 26**

**Forest Fire and its Effects on the Landscape**

8:00 p.m. Fee: None. Bring chairs. Lake Absegami Beach Complex. (609) 296-1114. Sponsors: Bass River State Forest, NJ Forest Fire Service & Drexel University. **BRSF.**

**Saturday, August 2**

**Folk Life of the Pine Barrens and Bay**

8:00 p.m. Free. Bring chairs. Lake Absegami Beach Complex. (609) 296-1114. Sponsors: Bass River SF & Tuckerton Seaport. **BRSF.**

**Saturday, August 16**

**Moonlight Walk**

7:00 p.m. Sturgeon Moon. **W.**

**Ongoing through October 20**

**Blown Glass, South Jersey and Others**

Ocean County Historical Society, 26 Hadley Avenue, Toms River. The exhibition includes wine bottles, mugs and tumblers, wine glasses, bowls, open salts, flasks, scent and cologne bottles, snuff bottles and whimsies. Several examples were made by Wistar (NJ). www.oceancounty.history.org.

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