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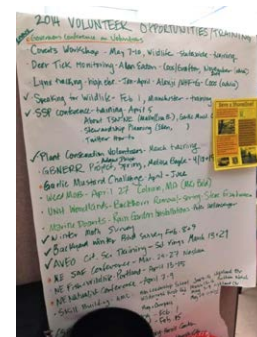
News

Dear Friends, Partners, and Volunteers,

Here's a photo of our office wall, with a growing list of upcoming **volunteer training and workday opportunities**. We can't wait for these to populate our new website this spring!

Meanwhile, Ellen Snyder is collecting sites and partners to participate in the **Garlic Mustard Challenge**, to begin in April (see below).

In the **Seacoast Hub** (that's what we're calling it), we look forward to getting partners and volunteers together to plan local workdays, training workshops, and to share expertise. Emma Carcagno will be setting a meeting date soon, so stay tuned!



Malin Clyde

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Volunteers Needed

Save a Shoreline! Volunteers Needed at Great Bay
Friday April 18 & Saturday April 19, 2014 (10 am - 4 pm)

Located in Durham at the mouth of Great Bay, Adams Point is one of the bay's best bird watching locations and is ideal for viewing bald eagles. Volunteers are needed to help restore the shoreline zone of this special property, managed by NH Fish & Game. We'll be adding soil and planting native shrubs to help prevent shoreline erosion. Just in time for Earth Day - help make this part of Great Bay strong enough to last for generations!

Sign up to help by contacting [Melissa Brogle](#) at the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, 603-778-0015. [Link to their Events Calendar here.](#)



The Garlic Mustard Challenge (April - May 2014)

The Stewardship Network: New England is organizing a Garlic Mustard Challenge this spring (April-May). Garlic mustard is considered an "early detection" invasive plant in NH, meaning it is not pervasive yet and therefore we can do something to control it. In NH we know there are

concentrations of garlic mustard in the seacoast and along the Connecticut River, and that it is common in southern New England. We'd like to hear from people through NH and in neighboring states about known populations.

We will help organize volunteers to join existing garlic mustard pulls and to assist in new efforts. Let us know if you are interested in helping and if you know of garlic mustard populations in your area. We hope that a concerted effort will be fun, inspiring (collective impact), and result in real ecological benefit on conservation lands. Contact ellen.snyder@unh.edu if you are interested in helping with garlic mustard. For more information about garlic mustard, the Town of Lincoln, MA has some good information on their website: [Lincoln Conservation](#)



Garlic Mustard
Alliaria petiolata

Skill-Building

Invasive Plants: Issues, Challenges, and Discoveries Webinar Series

January - May 2014

The USFS is sponsoring a series of webinars focused on invasive plants this spring, bringing experts from across the country to this online forum. Anyone can join through the following link:

[US Forest Service Webinar Schedule and Sign Up Instructions](#)



More Forestry Tours Coming up

Saturday, Feb. 22, Taves Forest, Roxbury

Saturday, Mar. 15, Eagle Pond Farm, Wilnot



Join these free tours of active timber harvest sites to see what a responsible timber harvest looks like. Dave Anderson of the Forest Society reports, "Most people who come to a tour like this take away something that helps them think about their own properties, but what always steals the show is the equipment. People love to see the skidders and loaders and log trucks." Tours are co-sponsored by The Society for the Protection of N.H. Forests (Forest Society), UNH Cooperative Extension, and Meadowsend Timberlands Ltd. Admission to the tours is free, but please pre-register by contacting Tina Ripley at 224-9945, ext. 313 or triple@forestsociety.org.

Wilderness First Aid Training - Appalachian Mountain Club

March 15 & 16, Pinkham Notch - [Register Online Here](#)

The ability to apply basic backcountry first aid is vital for any outdoor enthusiast, whether it's for yourself or others. Moving beyond urban first aid, this course teaches the skills necessary to identify and treat medical issues common to wilderness settings and to prepare for



long-term care scenarios. Includes hands-on practice and lectures. Upon completion, participants receive 16-hour Wilderness First Aid certification. This course may be used to re-certify a current WFR certification. Minimum age 18 (16 if accompanied by an adult). A CPR certification MAY be offered if the instructor is trained and willing to offer the course in the evening.

Volunteer Training

Vernal Pool Project - Volunteer Trainings

Wednesday, April 16 & Saturday, April 19 - Peterborough
Thursday, April 17 & Saturday, April 19 - Keene

In an effort to protect vernal pools, the Harris Center's citizen science program (AVEO) trains volunteers to identify and document vernal pools, with special focus on lands where information is needed for conservation planning. We'll cover the building blocks of vernal pool ecology in the indoor training session (midweek), then venture outside for hands-on instruction in vernal pool identification and documentation at a field site on the weekend. Interested volunteers must attend one indoor and one outdoor training session (in either Peterborough or Keene) to participate. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center for Conservation Education, the Monadnock Conservancy, and the Peterborough Conservation Commission. Trainings are free and open to the public, but registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact Brett Amy Thelen at thelen@harriscenter.org or (603) 358-2065.



Citizen Science

Signs of the Seasons: A New England Phenology Program - Volunteer Training

Tue, March 4, 7pm - 9pm, Keene State College Science Center (Room 154)



Using their backyards as laboratories, participants in the "Signs of the Seasons" program help scientists document the local effects of global climate change by observing the phenology (seasonal changes) of common plants and animals. Volunteers record the growth of milkweed, the nesting of robins, the timing of fall foliage, and more. The goal is to build a rich, detailed record of New Hampshire's seasonal turns. Join Alyson Eberhardt of the UNH Cooperative Extension and NH Sea Grant to learn more about this new citizen science project, and to sign up as a "Signs of the Seasons" volunteer. [Read an article about the program here](#). Once you've been trained, the time commitment will vary depending on species and season, but count on 15 to 30 minutes every week or two from spring through fall. Registration by February 26 is required. [Register online here](#)

For more information, please contact Brett Amy Thelen at thelen@harriscenter.org or (603) 358-2065

Reminders

- [Harris Center Trail Maintenance - Feb. 15](#)
- [Plant Conservation Volunteers](#) - Volunteer Training (March 2014)
- [Salamander Crossing Brigades Training](#) - March 13 & 29, Keene & Hancock
- [Saving Special Places](#) - Save the Date (April 5, Laconia)
- Release of Stewardship Network: New England report on fall 2013 meetings

Full Report

Executive Summary

Do you have stewardship news, trainings, or events you'd like us to include in the next

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