



## Lawrence Nature Center

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### **MINUTES of January 24, 2012 Education Committee Meeting**

**ATTENDANCE:** Janet Kane, Anne Demarais, and Sue Herrmann

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm

**ARBOR DAY WALK** will be co-sponsored by Lawrence Township Shade Tree Committee and the Friends of Lawrence Nature Center, and held on April 27 at 6:30 pm. LNC Naturalist, Rick Dutko, and members of the Shade Tree Advisory Committee will lead the walk through Drexel Woods. We are considering having refreshments after the short hike. We also will have informational materials about TREES for the public, and have informal questions and answers.

Lawrenceville, NJ is a "Tree City, USA" town. This title was first awarded to us in 1997. Lawrence Elementary School parents contacted Shade Tree Committee to plant a tree at LES on Arbor Day. This will be their second year doing so.

**SUSTAINABLE LAWRENCE FLYERS** shared at the meeting: (1) Green Mapping meeting is tomorrow, Jan 25, at the Mercer County Library - Lawrence HQ Branch. Sue H will attend.

(2) The SL EXPO will be held Saturday, March 17, at Lawrence HS. The Nature Center will have an information table. **HELP** from the FLNC community **is needed** from 11 am – 4 pm.

**VOLUNTEER OPENING on Lawrence Shade Tree Advisory Committee** - There is an immediate opening - - - any nominations or volunteers? Shade Tree members all must be Lawrence residents. Do you have an interest in our township trees, their identification, the care and planting of various varieties? Please contact Andrew Link at Lawrence Township, if you are interested.

Anne has a tree booklet with poems that she will locate for the LNC library.

**MOTHER NATURE FESTIVAL** will be held May 12, 2012, the day before Mother's Day! Time will be Noon – 5pm. This is always a terrific event for families, adults, teens and children. The Shade Tree Advisory Committee will have a table, as will numerous other non-profit organizations, environmental clubs, and the scouts. The FLNC will have several tables. There will be speakers, hikes, music, kids' activities, and food for sale.

**EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEES:**

FLNC Library and Archives – Anne Demarais and Sue Herrmann

Grants/ Projects – Janet Kane + Linda Burroughs

Green Mapping for LNC – Tahirih Smith, Sue Herrmann + Virginia Tomat

Guest Speakers – Pepper Evans + FLNC

Tree Species Identification – Janet Kane + FLNC

**MORE CALENDAR EVENTS:**

February 11 – Temple University Teaching Fellow and Doctoral candidate, Sherry Schweighardt, will present a program from 2-3:30 pm, “Health, Academic, and Behavioral Benefits of Nature-Based Physical Activity for Children and Teens with ADHD and Learning Differences.”

Feb 15 – Sue Herrmann will present a program for Pre-K-1 at 10:30 pm – noon, **“I LOVE NATURE and BOOKS!”** open to the community.

Feb 20 – Sue Herrmann and others will present a program for Lawrence Day Schoolers (25-30 three and four year-olds), at 10:30 - noon, **“I LOVE NATURE and BOOKS!”**

**LAPTOP COMPUTER** – Arrived. We need to locate a locking legal size file cabinet, 13” x 23” to store the computer. John Gaskins will set up the computer programs.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 9pm. Sue Herrmann, Chairperson

**NEXT 2012 meetings: March 27; April 24; May 22; June 26.**

**NO EDUC meetings in July or Aug 2012 due to Summer Family Nights every Tuesday at 7 pm.**

Education Committee meetings will resume: Sept 25; October 23; and November 27; the **December 2012 meeting will be on December 18** (NOT DEC 25).

Thank you for your participation!