

ES Newsletter, Week of March 2, 2009

ON CAMPUS EVENTS

Protecting Russia's Forests: Communities, NGO's and International Actions *TONIGHT*****

Monday, March 2 7:30 pm

ES Common Room, Adams Hall

Dr. Tysiachniouk has spent years studying efforts to promote international forest certification in the forests of Karelia, Kamchatka, and the Russian Far East. She will speak about the interaction of transnational initiatives for sustainable forestry and the domestic Russian context, including the complex legal and political environment and the interests of local communities dependent on forest products. Her research highlights the role of Russian NGOs as mediators between communities and transnational environmental activists.

Dr. Maria Tysiachniouk holds a Master of Science in Environmental Studies from Bard College, NY, a Ph.D. in Biology from the Russian Academy of Sciences and a Certificate in Nonprofit Studies from Johns Hopkins University. She has taught at Herzen Pedagogical University in St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg State University, Johns Hopkins University, Dickinson College, PA, Ramapo College of New Jersey, Towson University, and short courses at several universities in Europe. Dr. Tysiachniouk has written more than hundred publications on topics related to the third sector and has had fieldwork experience in Kamchatka and the Far East. She is currently chairing the Environmental Sociology group at the Center for Independent Social Research, St. Petersburg, Russia.

The Future of Conservation in Maine

Kenneth D. Elowe '78

Wednesday, March 4 7:30 pm

Quinby House

Kenneth Elowe, the Director of Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, is coming to speak at Quinby House this Wednesday, March 4 at 7:30! He is an internationally prominent figure for conservation.

He has been working with conservation in Maine for over 15 years and he has recently worked with the European Union on designing structures and incentives for landscape conservation in Europe, based on his work with conservation here in Maine. He is also working with the United Nations and the Government of Jordan to design a cooperative rangeland restoration project for Jordan to restore wildlife and grazing lands on 15 million acres.

Again, you don't want to miss this! QUINBY HOUSE---WEDNESDAY AT 7:30: Come, have snacks, and enjoy an inspiring speaker!

For more information on alumnus Kenneth Elowe see:

http://www.bowdoin.edu/profiles/archives/alumni/ken_elowe_78director_maine_department_of_fisheries_and_wildlife.shtml

http://www.state.me.us/ifw/opinions_commentary/futureconservation.htm

The Fight to Save Appalachia from Mountain-top Removal Coal Mining

Thursday, March 5 7:30 pm

Beam Classroom, Kresge Visual Arts Center

Mountain-top removal of coal has resulted in the destruction of more than 450 mountains in Appalachia, involving 800 square miles of land and more than 450,000 acres of forest. More than 1,200 miles of streams have been buried or polluted with the “overburden” from mountain-top removal. Maine people are partly responsible for this damage, because we use electricity from Appalachian coal. An estimated 12 percent of electricity in Maine comes from coal-fired power plants in New England, several of which get their coal from Appalachia. The environmental and social impacts of mountain-top removal will be described in this presentation by people who live near the Appalachian coal fields and who are trying to protect their environment and communities from the impacts of mountain-top removal.

Larry L. Bush was born and raised in southwest Virginia and has lived there his entire life except for three years he spent in the military. He currently resides near Appalachia in Wise County. Larry worked for 12 years as an underground miner and for 13 years as a federal mine inspector with the Mine Safety and Health Administration. Larry has been involved with Southern Appalachian Mountain Stewards since the group's inception and has long worked to combat mountaintop removal and other destructive mining and logging practices in southwest Virginia.

Lenny Kohm is the campaign director for Appalachian Voices. Lenny worked for 15 years with the Gwich'In Indians of Northwest Canada and Northeast Alaska, traveling the country and presenting his slideshow presentation, “The Last Great Wilderness,” in support of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. A passionate advocate for both environmental protection and human rights, Lenny has devoted much of his life protecting the arctic and an indigenous culture that he has grown to love. Since coming to Appalachian Voices, he has applied the same principles of organizing to the stop mountaintop removal campaign, using visual aids and attempting to inspire people to recognize their connection to the issue.

OFF CAMPUS EVENTS

Meet Your Local Farmer

Thursday, March 5 6:30pm-8:30pm
Curtis Memorial Library

This discussion will be moderated by our own **Tom Settlemire**, Professor Emeritus of Biology and President of the Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust.

Panelists **Seth Kroeck** of Crystal Spring Farm, **Russell Libby** of Maine Organic Farmers & Gardening Association, and **Sue Sergeant** of Patchwork Organic Gardens will discuss their commitment to building a local economy that honors and preserves Maine's farming traditions. You can find out more about the 2009 Midcoast Community Read program and related events at:
<http://www.curtislibrary.com/CRweb09/index.htm>.

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS/JOBS

Washington Internship Program

Monday, March 2nd
7:00 PM
Career Planning Center, Moulton Union

Take a quick study break and meet with representatives from the WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP PROGRAM. We will be visiting Bowdoin to hold a SHORT information session on Monday, March 2 at 7:00 pm. Come hear how you can apply and be placed in guaranteed internships virtually anywhere in DC in and any field. With over 25 years of experience, the Washington Internship

Program has placed students all over the nation's capital in every field imaginable. Visit our website <http://www.washingtoninternship.com> for more information and come meet with us on March 2.

Maine Coast Heritage Trust Stewardship Crew Members and Crew Leader (reposted 3-2)

Note: Deadline Extended to March 15

Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT) is looking for two crew members who will work under the direction of a crew leader on many of the Trust's 70 mainland and island preserves over the summer months. Work will include trail clearing, trail improvement (including building steps and erosion control structures), boundary marking, painting of structures, basic carpentry, and vegetation control (brush saw work, clipping, etc.) Although not directly responsible for public education, the crew will be representing MCHT and will be expected to interact positively with the public when there is an opportunity. The crew will move frequently, although will occasionally work on the same site for more than one week.

Accommodations for the crew will vary, depending on location. There will be cabins at some sites, other sites will require camping. Days will be long and days off will be clustered (possibly 8 on, 4 off). Some basic gear will be provided.

Some personal work gear, camping equipment, and mainland transportation will be needed. Boat transportation will be provided to island sites.

Please visit http://www.mltn.org/view_jobs.php for more information. Send a cover letter, resume and references by March 15, 2009 to:

Peg Adams at: padams@mcht.org OR
Maine Coast Heritage Trust
One Bowdoin Mill Island, Suite 201
Topsham, ME 04086
207-729-7366

Marshall Island Caretakers (posted 3-2)

Maine Coast Heritage Trust

Island Stewards needed for Marshall Island. Two people to monitor public use and natural resources. Live in tents 5 days on island, 2 off, 40 hrs/wk. 11 week season. Small boat skills required. Apply as a pair. Send resumes and letter of interest to Peg Adams, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, One Bowdoin Mill Island, Suite 201, Topsham, Maine 04086 or padams@mcht.org. For more information go to http://www.mltn.org/view_jobs.php.

Damariscove Island Stewards (posted 3-2)

Boothbay Region Land Trust

Deadline: March 22, 2009

The Boothbay Region Land Trust is seeking a pair of qualified island caretakers to help with the management and stewardship of Damariscove Island, a, nearly treeless island located five miles southeast of Boothbay Harbor. **CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY AS A TEAM.**

The stewards live in a rustic cabin and will monitoring recreational activity, provide stewardship services, and educate island visitors about the island's cultural and natural history, the Boothbay Region Land Trust (BRLT), and The Nature Conservancy (TNC).

Qualified applicants must be self-reliant, able to live in isolated/primitive conditions, and must enjoy communicating with many types of people. Familiarity with Maine coastal flora, fauna and culture, and experience with equipment maintenance are important and helpful skills for the caretakers.

This is a 12-week seasonal position that will be shared by two people working closely together for the duration of the recreational boating season. Both individual and joint applications will be considered. Each caretaker will receive a small living stipend paid every two weeks.

For more information and application instructions please contact Nick Ullo, Lands & Stewardship at: nullo@bbrlt.org or visit our website at: www.bbrlt.org by **March 22, 2009**.

Field Ecology Intern (posted 3-2)

Maine Natural Areas Program

Preference will be given to applications received by Friday February 27th, 2009.

The Maine Natural Areas Program seeks a summer intern to assist with the inventory of rare plant and natural community sites in various locations throughout the state of Maine. Fieldwork activities include recording data, collection and identification of plant specimens, and use of hand-held GPS. Some office work required, including creating GIS maps, data entry, and landowner contact. Individual must be able to work outdoors for long periods of time under a wide variety of conditions, including long hikes and some canoeing. Requires a strong interest in plant ecology, ability to read USGS topographic maps, and unmitigated enthusiasm. Familiarity with GIS software such as ArcMap or ArcView a plus, as well as familiarity with New England's flora or related field experience. Position is 40 hours/week @ \$11.00/hour. Some overnight travel required. Position runs from approximately May 2009 to September 2009. Preference will be given to applications received by Friday February 27th, 2009.

To apply, send a cover letter and resume with names and contact information for references to:

Maine Natural Areas Program

Attn. Kristen Puryear

93 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0093

Kristen.Puryear@maine.gov (electronic applications also accepted)

For more information on MNAP: www.maine.gov/doc/nrimc/mnap

Maine State Government Summer Internship Program (posted 3-2)

Deadline: March 16

The Maine State Government Summer Internship Program is a full-time, 12-week, paid work experience and runs from May 26th to August 14th. The Program combines work experience with an educational program designed to provide students an opportunity to participate in and contribute to Maine State Government. Most interns will be placed with state agencies in the Augusta area. All interns will receive a weekly salary of \$340 gross pay, funded by the state agency.

In order to compete for the Internship Program, a student must be currently enrolled in a Maine college, or be a Maine resident enrolled elsewhere, and have successfully completed a minimum of two years of college. Students currently graduating from undergraduate and graduate programs are also eligible.

The Internship Selection Committee reviews the applications and makes the final selections.

Consideration is given to participation by both men and women, education of the applicant, and previous work experience in relation to the internship positions available with state agencies.

Application information available through: <http://mcspolicycenter.umaine.edu/?q=MSGSSIPstudents>

JOBS FOR SENIORS

Internship for Global Warming Campaign (posted 3-2-09)

National Wildlife Federation

The intern for the Global Warming Campaign will work to build support for domestic legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to promote greater understanding about the impacts of global warming on wildlife. Duties include preparing communications with congressional staff as well as staff across NWF on global warming impacts and policy solutions. The intern will be expected to learn details about legislative solutions to global warming, and to speak and write clearly about those solutions. The intern will also research recent scientific studies about the impacts of global warming on species and ecosystems and write fact sheets and articles on those impacts. Other duties include communications with coalition partners, administrative agencies, and other general advocacy activities

BA or BS, with strong course work or work experience in political science, wildlife science/ecology, climate science, environmental policy, or economics preferred. \$10/Hour

NWF is an equal opportunity employer committed to workplace diversity.

For more information and to apply:

<https://secure.nwf.org/careergateway/index.cfm?fuseAction=view&positionID=10556>

Ecology Project International – Yellowstone Ecology Program Instructors and Intern

Early June – End of August 2009

Montana USA

Ecology Project International, an international non-profit science education organization based in Missoula, Montana, is currently seeking instructors and an intern to teach 9 to 12 day field ecology courses to high school students in Montana, USA. Our programs introduce students to real-world scientific study, raise cultural and ecological awareness, and promote international conservation efforts. EPI offers residential ecology courses to U.S. and international student groups from June through August 2009 in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Students camp in the Gallatin National Forest while working with the US Forest Service to collect data for various wildlife research projects. They also spend time exploring Yellowstone National Park, whitewater rafting, and participating in service-learning projects. For more complete job descriptions please visit http://www.ecologyproject.org/english/about_epi/jobs.html. To apply please send a cover letter, resume, and an EPI instructor or intern application to info@ecologyproject.org by April 3rd, 2009.

Also, check out the site listed above for other opportunities with Ecology Project International.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Maine Tree Foundation and Maine Project Learning Tree

2009 Forest of Maine Teacher Teachers' Tours- 4 day tour of Maine's Forests and Mills

Reserve your place on one of these tours:

Leen's Lodge on West Grand Lake in Downeast Maine July 14-17

Rangeley Lakes & Western Mountains July 28-31

Become certified as a Project Learning Tree Teacher. You'll earn contact hours plus 3.0 CEU's

Registration fee is \$75 per person

Space is limited- call or e-mail:

207-621-9872 or mtf@gwi.net For more info: <http://www.mainetreefoundation.org>

National Student Lobby Day on Climate Change (posted 2.9.09)

As leaders of organizations that are focused on social justice issues around the world, an important part of your role in social change is political activism. Many problems can only be fixed by influencing policy at the local, national, and even international level. If your organization is looking for an opportunity to get involved in helping shape policy at the national level, please attend the National Student Lobby Day on Climate Change, which will be held on March 27th, 2009.

Lobby day organizers will work with you and your organization to set up meetings with your representatives prior to lobby day, and will help you organize lobby training on your own campus, if you wish. In addition, we will provide you with some information on how to obtain funding from your own campus for travel to and from Washington, D.C. Housing will be provided at little or no cost on a first come, first served basis on the night of March 26th, so get your school signed up soon! Groups and individuals should plan on arriving in Washington D.C. on Thursday evening, when we will have a group meeting. Friday morning, the 27th, there will be a short training session. At the conclusion of training, groups of students will meet with their senators and/or representatives about specific pertinent climate change legislation which will be determined closer to the time of lobby day. No one will have to lobby alone.

Registration begins January 21st, 2009 at <http://vsa.vassar.edu/~operationdonation/> and registration will end Wednesday, March 18th, 2009

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