

ES Newsletter, week of September 10, 2007

ON CAMPUS EVENTS

Coastal Studies Summer Student Research Fellowship Poster Session

Wed. Sept. 12 4:00-5:00 pm
Morrell Lounge, Smith Union

Join us for refreshments and see what the CSC Fellows did this summer!

Poetry Reading: Sebastian Matthews

Fri. Sept. 14 7:00-9:00 pm
Schwartz Outdoor Leadership Center

Matthews, author of the memoir *In My Father's Footsteps*, will read his poetry on Friday, and that weekend will take a group of students for an experiential writing workshop in the Western Maine mountains, culminating in a student reading Sunday evening, September 16. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan's MFA program, teaches part-time at Warren Wilson College and edits *Rivendell*, a place-based literary journal. His chapbook, *Coming to Flood*, was published by Hollyridge Press in 2005, and a full-length collection of poems, *We Generous*, was published by Red Hen Press in February 2007. His visit is sponsored by From the Fishhouse, an online audio archive of emerging poets, in conjunction with the Bowdoin Outing Club and the Bowdoin College Residential Life Office.

OFF CAMPUS EVENTS

Frontier Farm Tour and Picnic Dinner

Wed. Sept 12 6:00-9:00 pm
Crystal Spring Farm, 277 Pleasant Hill Rd at the corner of Woodside Rd, Brunswick

Enjoy an evening walking tour and picnic dinner with local farmers and growers as Frontier Café and Crystal Spring Farm present a Food+Journey Tour and Picnic Dinner at Crystal Spring Farm. Tickets are \$25/pp and include the tour, dinner and dessert. Beverages are available for purchase. Please bring appropriate shoes and clothing. The tour begins promptly at 6pm at Crystal Spring Farm, 277 Pleasant Hill Rd at the corner of Woodside Rd, Brunswick. For more information and to make a reservation, please call Frontier Café at 725-5222.

Seminar: Renewable Energy Options for Maine's Homes and Businesses

Thurs. Sept. 13 7:00-8:30 pm
F.W. Horch Sustainable Goods & Supplies, 56 Maine St. Brunswick

Fortunat Mueller, of Energyworks, will cover photovoltaic solar (converting sunlight directly to electricity), solar hot water, solar space heat and residential wind. An overview of the renewable energy systems on the market today, including how much they cost and how well they perform, will be provided for those who have been considering ways to switch to more dependable and affordable sources of power or heat. Mueller is a co-owner of Energyworks South LLC in Portland. Energyworks is the most experienced installer of renewable energy systems in Maine, specializing in solar hot water, photovoltaics, residential wind turbines and high efficiency gas and wood boilers. Free informational handouts will be provided. Seating is limited, so those

interested in attending are encouraged to call the store at 729-4050 to reserve a seat. The talk is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 729-4050 or visit www.FWHorch.com.

Lecture: The Gilded Lobster Trap: Is the Success of Maine's Lobster Industry Masking Bigger Problems?

Thurs. Sept. 13 7:00-8:00pm – doors open at 6:30

Sam L. Cohen Center for Interactive Learning, Gulf of Maine Research Institute
350 Commercial Street, Portland

The Gulf of Maine Research Institute's (GMRI) summer/fall public lecture series presents Robert Steneck of the University of Maine giving a talk entitled "The Gilded Lobster Trap: Is the Success of Maine's Lobster Industry Masking Bigger Problems?" The GMRI is dedicated to supporting the science, education, and community that will sustain the Gulf of Maine for future generations. The lecture series provides a unique opportunity to learn about the current challenges facing the Gulf of Maine ecosystem from the leading experts. Seating is limited, to reserve a spot contact Meredith Mendelson: (207) 228-1645 or lectures@gmri.org.

Common Ground Fair Country Fair Sept. 2, 22, 23 in Unity, ME

Come to the Fair and see why *Downeast Magazine* calls Common Ground "Maine's most authentic country fair, uniting, as it does, old-time folkways with progressive ideas about living the good life on a fragile planet."

MOFGA celebrates its 31st Common Ground Country Fair on September 21, 22 & 23, in Unity, Maine. The Fair allows fairgoers to make connections with a rapidly expanding base of organic farms in the state of Maine. Hundreds of vendors, exhibitors and demonstrators, more than 1,000 volunteers, and roughly 50,000 fairgoers will gather to: share knowledge about sustainable living; eat delicious, organic, Maine-grown food; buy and sell beautiful Maine crafts and useful agricultural products; compete in various activities; dance; sing and have a great time. For more information, follow the link:

<http://www.mofga.org/TheFair/tabid/135/Default.aspx>

Maine Audubon Society Weekly Bird Walk

Thursday Mornings 7:00am

Gilsland Farm Sanctuary, Falmouth

Maine Audubon Staff Naturalist Eric Hynes leads a weekly bird walk. Bring binoculars and field guide, and there is a cost of \$5. For more information, call 781-2330.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Chill Out: Campus Solutions to Global Warming National Competition

Entries Due November 30

National Wildlife Federation's second annual national competition, **Chill Out: Campus Solutions to Global Warming**, is one of the key ways that NWF and partners are working to advance and recognize innovators of global warming solutions on campuses all across the country. Through energy efficiency, renewable energy, habitat restoration and transportation, students, faculty and staff are leading the way. The purpose of the competition is to highlight

positive, practical solutions to global warming on campus and to share these with a national audience. Enter your project to win grant money and a feature in our multimedia broadcast on April 16, 2008. STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF are all eligible to enter the written OR video contest!

To enter Chill Out, go to: www.nwf.org/chillout

All Entries Due November 30

Power Shift 2007: Igniting our Generation

November 2nd – 5th

University of Maryland – College Park

www.powershift07.org

Power Shift 2007 will be the first-ever national youth summit on global warming. Thousands of young people from across the country will hear from leaders and experts in the global warming movement such as invited speakers former Vice President Al Gore, Majora Carter of Sustainable South Bronx, James Hansen and comedian Jon Stewart. In workshops such as "Leadership Development" and "Working with the Media" students will also learn skills of organizing and activism from the best in the business. The summit culminates on Monday with a rally on Capitol Hill.

Learn more about Power Shift and register for the summit at www.powershift07.org. To volunteer to become a recruiter for your campus call Vanessa at 877-328-1633, or email vanessapowershift2007@gmail.com.

It is our generation that will face the consequences of not acting to halt global warming now, and it will be our vision, our will and our power that finally tips the balance in the global warming struggle.

"If global emissions of carbon dioxide continue to rise, there will be disastrous effects. **We are getting close to a tipping point.**"

- James Hansen, Director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, June 2007.