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March Flyway Gallery Exhibit



Flyway Gallery Nature photography by Melissa Buesing and Jonathan Glick will be on display at the NJMC's Flyway Gallery from March 2 through March 30. The Rutherford residents will be showcasing work focused on the Meadowlands District. The Flyway Gallery is located in the Meadowlands Environment Center and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekends. A reception for the artists is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. March 8. For more information, call 201-460-8300 or visit www.njmeadowlands.gov/ec.



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Greetings from Chairman Doria

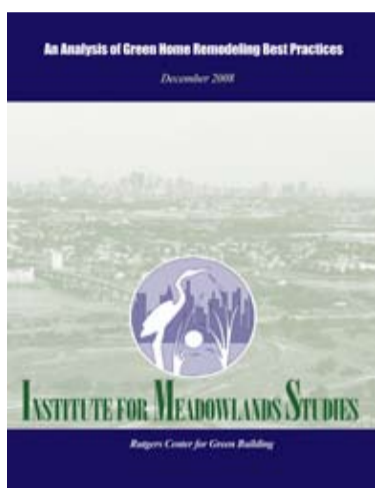


Welcome to the March edition of NJMC Today, the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission's electronic newsletter. One of the NJMC's most important mandates is to pursue economic development while protecting and improving the environment. In the last month the Commission issued the latest in a series of green development guidelines that show how economic and environmental growth are complementary rather than competing goals. These guidelines are valuable tools, especially in the current economic climate, for developers and property owners who want to cut energy costs, help the environment and qualify for NJMC financial incentives.

research. These studies allow us to better understand and improve the unique urban wetlands habitat that makes the Meadowlands District so special. Looking ahead to March, we have a number of exciting educational and family events scheduled as part of our 40th Anniversary Celebration, including an appearance by bestselling science author Dava Sobel and a family clean-up day at the Skeetkill Marsh in Ridgefield. We hope you can join us.

Thank you,
Joseph V. Doria, Jr.
Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Chairman, New Jersey Meadowlands Commission

February also saw the NJMC enter the fifth year of its partnership with the Rutgers-Newark University Research Fellow program, a collaboration that greatly enhances the scope and depth of the NJMC's scientific



Go Green, Save Green

This month the Commission released the latest in its series of green development guides to help builders become more energy efficient and environmentally-conscious, while also cutting their costs and qualifying for NJMC financial incentives. The Transportation Efficient Development guidelines show how developers can qualify for NJMC financial incentives by implementing energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly transportation initiatives. This include taking cars off the road by encouraging employees to carpool and providing access to mass transit and other alternative modes of transportation. The Green Home Remodeling analysis offers a variety of energy-efficient strategies that allow homeowners to help the environment and save money when installing heating, cooling, and lighting systems, or creating landscaping. Other guides in this series include Guidelines for Green Building (January 2009), Guidelines for Low Impact Development (November 2008), and the Developer's Guide to LEED in the Meadowlands (October 2008). All can be viewed on the NJMC Web site, www.njmeadowlands.gov.

40th Anniversary Celebration Continues

The NJMC has several fun and educational special events planned in March as part of the Commission's year-long 40th Anniversary Celebration. Science writer Dava Sobel, the bestselling author of "Galileo's Daughter," will talk about her books and the International Year of Astronomy 2009 on March 14 at 1 p.m. at the Meadowlands Environment Center. On March 28 the entire family can learn how to be environmentally-conscious consumers at our "Environmental Shopping" program, also at the Environment Center. For more information, call 201-460-8300 or visit www.njmeadowlands.gov/ec. To keep up-to-date with all of our 40th Anniversary programming, visit the 40th Anniversary section of our Web site, www.njmeadowlands.gov/anniversary/intro.html.

In addition, on March 26 we invite you to join the Meadowlands Conservation Trust for its annual Family Clean-up Day. This year the Trust will remove debris from the Skeetkill Marsh in Ridgefield. The clean-up will take place from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. A rain date is scheduled for April 2. For more information, call Laura Machuca at 201-460-2802 or e-mail her at laura.machuca@njmeadowlands.gov.



Birding for Beginners

The NJMC is hosting a free "Birding for Beginners" workshop with the Bergen County Audubon Society at 1 p.m. on March 29 in the Meadowlands Environment Center. The session, also part of our 40th Anniversary Celebration, is a fantastic opportunity for those who want to learn more about some of the 250 bird species that live in or visit the Meadowlands. Participants can test their new skills following the program on a short, guided bird-walk in DeKorte Park. Registration is required. For more information, call Bergen County Audubon's Don Torino at 201-636-4022 or email him at greatauk4@aol.com.

NJMC/Rutgers-Newark Partnership Enters Fifth Year

This month the NJMC renewed its partnership with the Rutgers-Newark University Research Fellow program for a fifth year, continuing a collaboration that plays an important role in the NJMC's scientific research. The partnership allows the Commission to conduct more expansive and complex studies. The graduate students work on projects for the Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute (MERI), the science and technology arm of the NJMC. This includes recent studies that showed an increase in the Meadowlands bird and fish populations, and improvements in water quality in the Hackensack River. The fellowship program also gives the NJMC access to sophisticated scientific instruments and technology that are only available at large research institutions.

NJMC Nature and Business Blogs Keep You Informed

Whether you want to keep track of the latest bird sightings in the Meadowlands or look for tips on cutting your company's energy costs, the NJMC's blogs can help. The NJMC Nature blog, www.meadowblog.net, is dedicated to all things nature-related in the District. The site, which is updated daily, features photos of birds and other wildlife from around the District and information on upcoming NJMC birdwalks and other events. The Commission's Economic Growth & Sustainability Weblog, www.njmcbiz.net, provides valuable information and news that can help businesses grow and cut costs, with limited environmental impact. The blog features energy conservation tips, green development and redevelopment guidelines, and links to the NJMC's green building incentives. The blog also features a Business Spotlight section that profiles Meadowlands District companies. Businesses interested in being profiled should contact the NJMC at 201-460-1700 or info@



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