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David Southgate passed away on May 14th of this year. He was a tremendous trustee for KGA from its inception in 1998, and a dear friend to all of us who knew and worked with him. He took on every challenge, every project with vigor, creativity, diligence, and distinction. His imprint on KGA is indelible, his character unforgettable. We miss him greatly, and our sympathy is with his wife, Gwen, and her family.

You are invited to join us at these coming events:

FALL FOLIAGE WALK

Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 2 PM

We will walk the new trail in the Cook Natural area, completed late this summer as Marc Gambino's Eagle Scout project. This work redressed the damage done to KGA's 2015 Trails Day project, when we cleared a path through the wooded sections, laid sections of the old boardwalk across the wettest places, and installed trail markers. Within 48 hours, all of the markers and boardwalk segments had been removed by person(s) unknown, and "No Trespassing" signs placed along the trail.



The trail runs through two short wooded sections and along field borders, offering pleasant views of hillside, fields and forest, as well as a glimpse of the Heathcote Farm house.

In addition to building and installing new and more robust boardwalk and replacing the trail markers, Marc and his team also rebuilt the Carter Brook Bridge, damaged by a fallen tree (photo on page one). We are grateful to Marc for his dedication and efforts to re-create this pathway through one of Kingston's preserved open spaces.

The walk will be a leisurely one. It will last an hour or so, and is on mostly level ground. However, access to the trail and parts of the trail itself could be quite boggy due to recent heavy rainfall. **Walkers are encouraged to wear sturdy footwear, preferably waterproof!**

Parking is limited at the Ridge Road entrance to Cook, so those coming by car should plan to meet in the Mapleton Preserve at 145 Mapleton Road before 2 PM to carpool to the starting point. For those arriving on foot, we will meet you in the small parking lot on Ridge Road where Ridge, Heathcote, and Division intersect.

FRIENDS OF PRINCETON NURSERY LANDS THANKSGIVING DAY WALK

Thursday, November 22, 2018, 10 AM

This popular annual event will begin in the Mapleton Preserve, entrance at 145 Mapleton Road. This year, the fields of the Princeton Nursery Lands will be the focus of exploration. Come search for signs of local wildlife and enjoy the abundance and subtle beauty of late fall. Open to all, but preregistration IS requested. Call Karen at 609-683-0483 to reserve a spot.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Sunday, December 16, 2018

The Kingston segment of this year's Audubon Christmas Bird Count begins at 7:30 AM and goes until noon. After a break for lunch at Palace of Asia, we will continue with the count in the afternoon. You can join us for morning, afternoon, or both. Experienced birders and novices are equally welcome to participate.

If you are interested, give Karen Linder a call (609-683-0483) or an email (karen.e.linder@gmail.com) for more information and to register.

RECENT EVENTS

WILDLIFE AMBASSADORS DEMONSTRATION

Sunday, September 16th, 2018

An enthusiastic crowd gathered to meet three permanent residents from the Mercer County Wildlife Center, which exists to rehabilitate ill, injured or displaced wildlife, and release them back into their natural habitats. The animals that visited us are, for various reasons, not releasable back into the wild, but serve as ambassadors for their wild counterparts.



Our wildlife guests were a saw-whet owl, an Eastern striped skunk, and a red-tail hawk (read his story here: <http://www.wildlifecenterfriends.org/a-first-year-red-tail-hawk>)



The Center is a state and federally licensed facility that cares for injured, ill and displaced native wildlife. Last year Mercer County Wildlife Center treated 2,472 animals of nearly 130 different species.

If you find a wild animal needing help, please call the Wildlife Center at (609) 303-0552. The animal may not actually need assistance, and removing it from its environment may cause more harm. The Center staff will help you decide whether the animal needs care and, if necessary, ask you to bring it to the Center. Learn about co-existing with wildlife, and lots more about the Wildlife Center at [Wildlife Center Friends](#)

KGA ANNUAL MEETING AND PROGRAM ON TICKS AND TICK-BORNE DISEASES WITH DR. ALVARO TOLEDO OF RUTGERS

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Dr. Alvaro Toledo is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Entomology at Rutgers. His primary focus is to establish a research program on Lyme disease, ticks and the vector-borne pathogens at the Center for Vector Biology. Ticks are the most important vectors for infectious diseases in the northern hemisphere, and second after mosquitoes worldwide. Ticks are parasites that feed on the blood of different vertebrate species. Typically, ticks have 4 stages (egg, larvae, nymph and adult) that feed on three different hosts in a two-year life cycle. Ticks can transmit different diseases, including Lyme disease, Human granulocytic anaplasmosis and Babesiosis among others. The causative agent of Lyme disease, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, is a spirochete and is transmitted to humans through the bite of infected ticks (this is the only way one can get Lyme disease). **The safest way to remove ticks is by grasping and pulling them out with tweezers, as close to the skin as possible. Other methods (vaseline, nail polish remover, matches) may stress the tick, and make it more likely that you could be infected!**

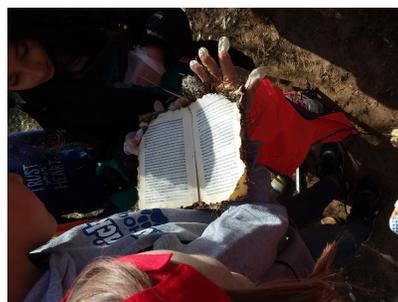
Dr. Toledo has kindly provided to KGA a copy of his fascinating and informative presentation, which may be viewed here: [Dr. Toledo's Tick Talk](#)

EARTH DAY CLEANUPS

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Our thanks to the many people who joined us to celebrate Earth Day by removing garbage from our open spaces, woods, and roadsides. The cleanup of Laurel Avenue and the environs of Rockingham Historic Site was ably undertaken by the morning crew.

In the afternoon, volunteers collected litter in areas adjacent to Mapleton Road, Division Street, Heathcote Road, Ridge Road, Greenwood Avenue, and Railroad Avenue. South Brunswick Girl Scout Troop 82416 amassed an eye-popping motherlode of trash from within the Mapleton Preserve, and made some unusual finds.



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