

**July 6, Sunday, 9:30 AM-noon. Kayak Tour of Norwalk Harbor.** Co-hosted by Appalachian Mountain Club's Flat-Water Coastal Paddling Committee Chair Jean-Ellen Trapani. Commentary about local shellfish industry and biodiversity. Bring your own kayak or rent from the Small Boat Shop, 144 Water Street, South Norwalk. Call 203-221-7439 for reservations.

**July 18, Friday, 4 PM. Beautiful Stormwater Treatments Tour.** Landscape Architect Jane Didona will lead this tour to several Ridgefield sites to show rain gardens, pervious pavements, and other stormwater control options in action at residences and a small business. Meet at Ridgefield Town Hall Annex off Prospect Street between Main Street and Prospect Ridge to park and carpool. Call NRWA.

**August 23, Saturday, 10 AM-noon. Butterflies!** Lepidopterist Vic DeMasi, Research Affiliate for the Peabody Museum and NRWA Advisory Board Member, has been studying butterflies and moths in an area along the Norwalk River since 1977. He'll introduce area butterflies and moths, discuss their food and habitats, and show his remarkable collection. Meet at 10 Simpaug Turnpike in Redding, just east of Route 7 in Ridgefield. Easy walk. Call Vic DeMasi (203-938-9016).

**September 9, Tuesday, 4-5 PM. Meadow Walk at Keeler's Ridge.** Experience the meadow in late summer glory. See this alternative to the lawn, view the variety of wildflowers, and learn about birds that visit the area. Walk led by ornithologist Kim Young and other local and botanical experts on Wilton Land Conservation Trust open space. Park by the wooden fence across from 658 Ridgefield Road/Route 33 in Wilton. Bring magnifying glass, binoculars. Rain date: September 11, 4-5 PM. Call NRWA.

**September 17, Wednesday, 4-6 PM. Meadow in the Works.** Wilton Land Conservation Trust and Town officials are collaborating with other volunteer groups to create exemplary meadow and riparian habitats at Schenck's Island. A progress report and explanation of the work ahead will be presented at the Wilton Library by Larry Weaner, natural landscape designer, with photos and a late afternoon visit to the work-in-progress meadow. Made possible by the Wilton Library's Betsy and Jesse Fink Foundation's Environmental Initiative. See the NRWA 2008 Photo Exhibit on display, too. For reservations call 203-762-3950.

### 2008 PHOTO EXHIBIT

- April: Meadow Ridge, Redding
- May: Onatru Farm, Lewisboro, NY
- June: Ridgefield Parks and Recreation
- July-Aug.: Norwalk Community College
- September: Wilton Library



## OTHER CURRENT HAPPENINGS

### Opportunities to Learn and Make a Difference

To promote partnerships and efficient use of limited resources and volunteers to improve the watershed, NRWA lists other programs of interest.

**April 26, Saturday, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM. Weston's Household Hazardous Waste Collection.** Dept. of Public Works, 78 Old Hyde Road; call Board of Health (203-227-9571).

**May 17, Saturday, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM. Household Hazardous Waste Collection for Redding and Ridgefield.** Newtown Public Works Facility, 4 Turkey Hill Road, Newtown. Visit [www.firra.org/current\\_interest.php](http://www.firra.org/current_interest.php) for more information. **Norwalk Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 8:30 AM-2:00 PM.** Andrew's Field on County Street.

**May 3, Saturday. Record the Ribbit 2008.** Join hundreds of Frog Watchers across the country, and in as little as twenty minutes, you can help create a "snapshot" of the environmental health status of amphibians. Visit [www.nwf.org/frogwatchUSA](http://www.nwf.org/frogwatchUSA) for details.

**June 8, Saturday. Georgetown Day.** Take a tour of the Gilbert-Miller Park and enjoy all sorts of festivities near Gilbert & Bennett Brook and the Norwalk River.

**June 13, Friday, 8:30 AM-1:30 PM. CT Watershed Conservation Network Conference.** Northeast Utilities, Berlin, CT. Contact Rivers Alliance (860-361-9349).

**October 1, Wednesday. U.Conn's Invasive Plant Working Group Invasive Plant Symposium.** Contact [www.hort.uconn.edu/cipwgf/](http://www.hort.uconn.edu/cipwgf/).



Above and upriver: Twentyn people in two groups of boys and family members from Cub Scout Pack 26 in Ridgefield participated in cleanup on March 26. The group pictured here cleaned near the River Study Site on Route 7 and included l-r, front row: Christopher Macris, Ryan Reid, Jenner Hagele, Christopher Hagele; back row: Jack Reid, Kate Anthony, Lisa Macris, Teresa Cobleigh, Gale Hagele, Spencer Cobleigh, Richie Gordon, and Ingrid Gordon.

Below, far left: The Day boys were among 60 Cub Scouts and family members from Cub Scout Pack 116 in Ridgefield who were organized by Alex Amill for their annual cleanup in the Branchville area! Center photo: Down by Long Island Sound at Oyster Shell Park in Norwalk on March 26 students from Fairfield University worked long and hard retrieving trash from underbrush. Far right: members of Junior Girl Scout Troop #33094 from Fairfield did their part to "make the world a better place": l-r: Meghan Maciejewski, Katelin Adintori, Rachel Garton.

