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SPG Members Invited to Special Preview of "Coal Country"

New Film Profiles Appalachia's Coal Industry and Devastation Caused by Mountaintop Removal

Don't miss the advance screening of *Coal Country*—the new film profiling Appalachia's coal industry. The film, with underwriting from Sierra Club Productions, takes us inside the modern coal mining industry to meet miners, mining company officials, coalfield community residents and activists and see the devastation and pollution from the mountaintop removal mining that is tearing the region apart. The film will be aired on

the Discovery Channel in November, but don't miss this special chance to meet *Coal Country* producer Mari-Lynn Evans and director Phyllis Geller, and see this very compelling film on the big screen!

When: Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Bryn Mawr Film Institute, 824 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

Reservations required: Admission is free, but reservations are necessary. Donations will be most welcome! To reserve, go to: <http://pennsylvania.sierraclub.org/southeastern/>.

Questions: Call 215-508-3310 and ask for Rosemary.

We will also have on display at the theater photographs by SPG's own Mark Schmerling, a professional photographer who has been chronicling mountaintop removal and its impact on Appalachia.

For more on the movie, go to: <http://www.coalcountrythemovie.com/>.

For more on Sierra Club's outreach about the movie and campaign against mountaintop removal, go to: <http://www.sierraclub.org/scp/coal-country.aspx>.

If you miss this opportunity, stay tuned for information on hosting a house party to view *Coal Country* with family and friends early in November.

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Executive Committee News

The Executive Committee meets the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Meetings are open and members are encouraged to attend. Contact Pat Beaudet at pbeaudet@juno.com to confirm date, location, and time.

Choose Your Leaders: Vote for Executive Committee Candidates

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Group's Executive Committee performs a variety of tasks and makes key decisions on how local environmentalists respond to key issues in our region. The volunteers who serve on it provide direction for the group, and as an SPG member you can help promote environmentalism in our area by reading the statements and voting for the candidates whose views match your own. (See the ballot below for voting instructions.) Sierra Club regulations require that these statements and the ballot be presented in a print-version newsletter.

Robin Mann

I appreciate consideration for another term as a member of the SPG Executive Committee. The SPG needs to step up and seize the opportunity to engage and mobilize our members and others and help drive forward important local, state and national conservation objectives. We need to build vocal public demand for aggressive action at all levels to arrest climate change and address its impacts, and to elect leaders who will be strong and effective champions for environmental protection. We also need to take advantage of the resources made available by the national Sierra Club to help us reach out and strengthen relationships with a diversity of communities, to pursue shared goals. We also have the opportunity to take advantage of new communications tools that facilitate involvement and activism. I am very excited about these changes and the opportunities they offer to SPG to build on our progress to date and become an even more effective and powerful force in the region. I will look forward to continuing to support this work, if elected to another term.

Ron Weisen

I am a believer in the web of life philosophy where everything is connected to everything else. I first became an activist with the club fighting for preservation of ancient forests. I have served on the SPG Executive Committee for many years and am a former chair of the group. I have served on many other committees at the local, state and national levels and presently serve as volunteer leader of the national Global Population and Environment Program. I would like to continue to serve our group in its efforts to protect our environment.

Mark Barbash

I was asked to run for the Board of the Southeastern Pa. Group of the Sierra Club because of my interest and passion for various environmental issues. I was at Lobby Day in Harrisburg. I have attended many of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Group's Free Library lectures. I have done phone canvassing for the National Sierra Club on political issues. I am currently very active in the Marcellus Shale issue in Pennsylvania.

Also, I am a Philadelphia Tree Tender working with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. We are starting a new group called Art Museum Green.

I have always been involved in some way with the environment. Back in the 1960s I worked as an environmental specialist with Technicon Corporation, installing monitoring devices for state and federal regulatory agencies. I've always been an avid outdoorsman and have been involved with field, stream and fish biology as well. My professional background is in sales. I ran my own manufacturers representation company from 1980-2000. I am knowledgeable about the nutrients and other forms of toxic chemicals in both water and air.

I am also in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary as an environmental specialist teaching marinas and boaters how to avoid polluting.

I believe I would make a good addition to the SPG Executive Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Dennis Winters

Dennis Winters has been active in environmental issues since 1970. Now retired, Winters chairs the PA Chapter of the Sierra Club and also serves as its Political Chair. He is Conservation Chair of the Southeastern PA Group of the Sierra Club and serves on its Executive Committee. Winters is currently the President of the Green Woods Charter School Board of Trustees and secretary of the Bicycle Coalition. In addition he also served six years as Chairman of the Regional Citizens Committee of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, the region's MPO.

Winters has three grown children and seven grandchildren.

Matt Freeman

For nearly four years I have served SPG as its newsletter editor, drawing on more than 20 years of experience in journalism and publishing. I coordinated our recent transition to an electronic newsletter format, and want to help enhance the group's Web presence in the future. As an avid hiker, bicyclist, and angler, I am concerned about development in my native Chester County and across the region. Preserving what is left and steering our neighbors toward wiser choices are goals that I will continue to work faithfully to achieve as an executive committee member.

Anne Lovatt

Having now served two terms on the executive committee, I have increased my knowledge base and can now contribute much more if elected to a third term. I have attended trainings, conferences, lectures and chapter meetings and now have a solid foundation as to how the overall Sierra Club operates and its mission.

I have been a member for about 17 years, but did not become active until the 2004 election. Although we lost that one, I continued volunteering before running for office. I've also been leading hikes for the group on a regular basis. I first became interested in the environment when, as a child, I received a book for a Christmas present. That book was *The Sea Around Us* by Rachel Carson. When I was a little older I read *The Silent Spring* and have been an environmentalist ever since. I fully believe in the Sierra Club for its remarkable work and will always support it.

SPG Executive Committee Ballot 2009–2010 Term

The Executive Committee is elected by the membership to set conservation priorities and oversee the management of the group.

Instructions: Vote for no more than six candidates. If you are a single member household, record your votes in the first column; if you live in a two-member household, record your respective votes in the two columns. Clip the ballot, fold in half, tape shut and enclose in an envelope along with the mailing label from your newsletter, or write your name and address on a slip of paper and attach. Mail to SPG Election, PO Box 34659, Phila. PA 19101 before December 31, 2008.

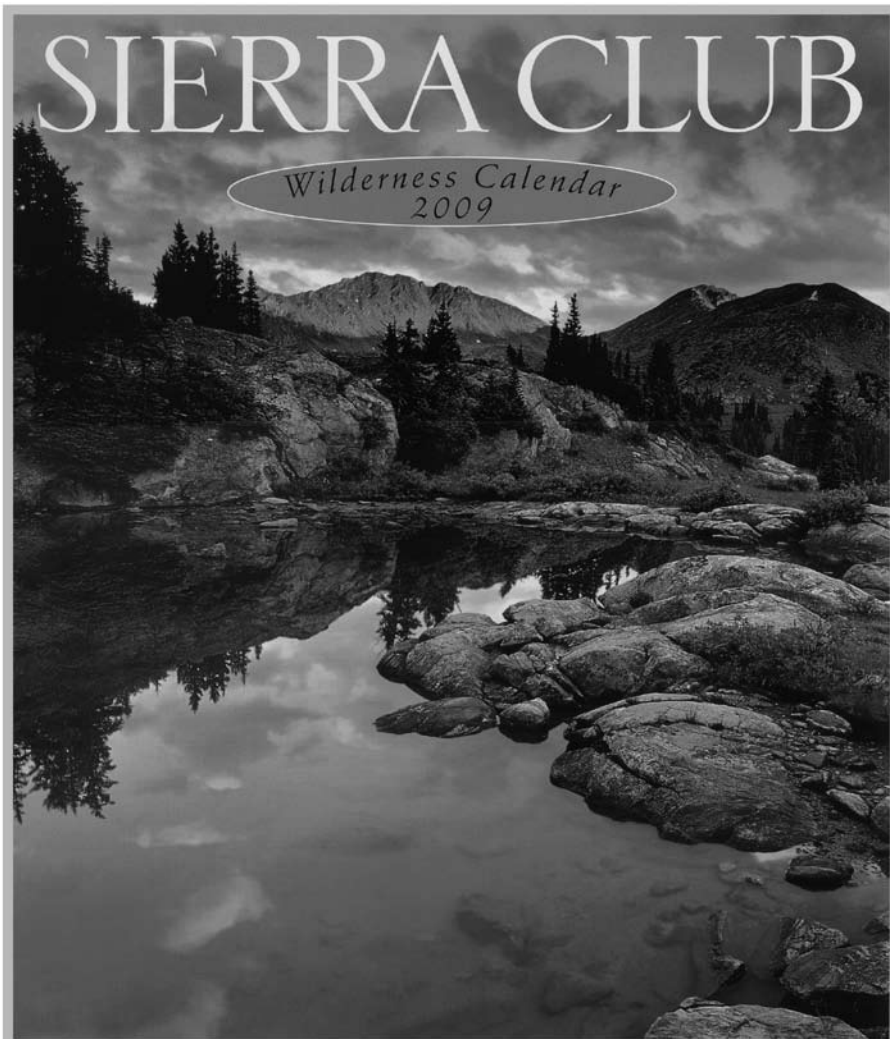
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Robin Mann	_____	_____
Anne Lovatt	_____	_____
Dennis R. Winters	_____	_____
Matt Freeman	_____	_____
Mark Barbash	_____	_____
Ron Weisen	_____	_____

Conservation News & Updates

Practical and Beautiful: Sierra Club Calendars

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Pennsylvania Group's efforts to preserve the environment and help us all live sustainably right here at home. Use the order form below to get your calendars today.



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Hikes & Happenings

Saturday, October 24, 1:00 p.m.
Hike in the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust

A four-mile hike during which participants can learn about this natural tract in Upper Moreland Township, Montgomery County. Address: 2955 Terwood Road. Meet at the rear office. Contact laurenfloyd@verizon.net.

Saturday, October 31, 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Hike the Wild Wissahickon

Discover and explore the trails less traveled as you learn about the lovely and wild Wissahickon Creek part of Fairmount Park. Meet at Hill House, 201 W. Evergreen Ave., in Chestnut Hill. For more information, including directions, go to <http://hike.mrbasketball.net/> or e-mail Sidney Goldstein at sg@mrbasketball.net. Telephone: 215-247-4459.

Saturday, November 7, 8:00 a.m. until dinner

The Atglen and Susquehanna Railroad (The Low Grade Line)

View the extraordinary bridges, culverts, and trestles of this abandoned Pennsylvania Railroad line, recently sold to local municipalities with the

possibility of trail development. The day will conclude with a discussion over dinner of land, trail, and park planning in Lancaster County. Trip fee of \$25 for members of Sierra Club and a number of other environmental groups, \$30 for nonmembers. Trip fee includes full hiker's breakfast but not lunch or dinner; transportation will be via car pools—participants are asked to share expenses. Information and reservations: Philadelphia Parks Alliance, 215-879-8159.

Sunday, November 8, 2:00 p.m.
Hike the Darlington Trail

A three-mile hike to help participants learn about this section of the trail network in Middletown Township, Delaware County. Meet in the parking lot on the west side of Valley Road, a quarter-mile north of Baltimore Pike. Contact wbrainerd3@gmail.com.

Monday, November 16, 6:45 p.m.

SPG Free Library Lecture Series: Geoengineering: Creative Ways to Combat Global Warming

The Sierra Club of Southeastern PA presents the latest in its lecture series featuring Dr. Alan Robock, Department of Environmental

Sciences, Rutgers New Brunswick. Location: The Free Library of Philadelphia, 19th and Vine Sts., fourth floor. Contact: wbrainerd3@gmail.com

Saturday, November 21, 1:00 p.m.
Hike the Greenbank Farm and Natural Lands Trust

A 1.5-mile hike at this Marple Township, Delaware County site meant to help participants learn about the role such preserved land plays in maintaining water quality. Address: 991 Palmer's Mill Road. At the stop sign go straight down a long driveway past an Asian-style house, past an old stone house, over a speed bump, to the first of two small white houses on the right. Contact: wbrainerd3@gmail.com.

Saturday, November 28, 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

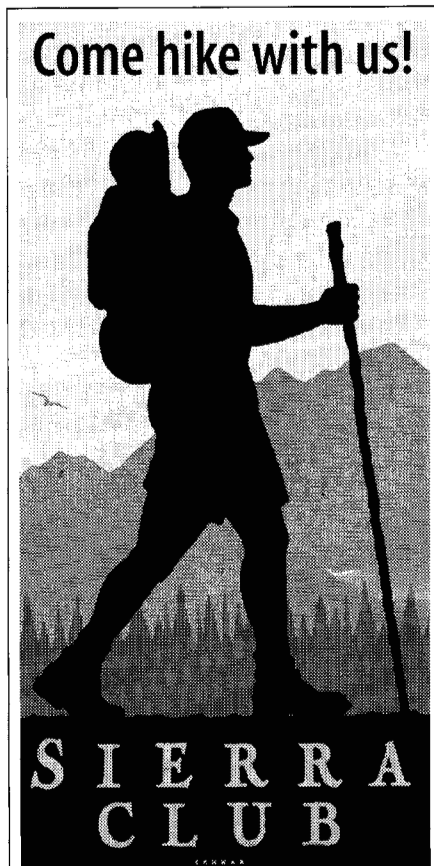
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Service Projects



Wissahickon Park

First Sat. of the month, 10 a.m. / Trail Work Party in the Wissahickon.

Join Sierra Club and Appalachian Mountain Club for trail work from 10 a.m. -12:30 p.m. followed by lunch at a local spot. Meet at Hill House, 201 W. Evergreen Ave. in Chestnut Hill. Call Sidney at 215-247-4459. The Sierra Club sponsors this project.

2nd and 4th Sat. of the month / Wissahickon Service Project.

Contact David Bower at 215-685-0120 for time and meeting place. Various tasks to help restore and maintain the Wissahickon. This project is sponsored by the Fairmount Park Commission.

Pennypack Park

2nd Sat. of the month 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Pennypack Restoration Volunteers. Contact Jackie Olson at 215-685-0470 for the day's projects. This project is sponsored by Fairmount Park and Pennypack Environmental Center.

2nd Sun. of the month, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. Pennypack Volunteer Opportunities. Join the Northeast Cyclists for a variety of projects in support of park restoration.

Contact Jackie Olson at 215-685-0470. This project is sponsored by Fairmount Park and Pennypack Environmental Center.

Ridley Creek State Park

First Sat. of the month 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Projects involve a variety of activities to help maintain the trails in this beautiful local park. Due to state budget cutbacks, the park is more short-staffed than ever and needs help. Family and friends are welcome also. Regular trail work. For details and to register, contact Gary Sawyer at muddyboots@comcast.net. This project is sponsored by the Friends of Ridley Creek State Park.

Philadelphia Recycling

1st Sat. of the month. Join Sierra Club members and neighbors to recycle plastics, cardboard and other items not part of the city's general recycling program. Contact ajthomson175@hotmail.com.

Note: Service projects sponsored by organizations other than the Sierra Club are offered to Sierra Club members as opportunities to participate in worthy projects that enhance, protect and preserve the environment.

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ing directions, go to <http://hike.mrbasketball.net/> or e-mail Sidney Goldstein at sg@mrbasketball.net. Telephone: 215-247-4459.

Saturday, December 5, 8:00 a.m. until dinner
Hike the Upper Pennypack in Montgomery County

Hike the trails and back roads of the Upper Pennypack, visiting the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust, the magnificent architecture of Bryn Athyn, and new and proposed trails along the Pennypack. After picnic lunch in the countryside, the day concludes over dinner with a discussion of land and park planning in Montgomery County. Trip includes train fares, but not meals. Trip fee of \$25 for members of Sierra Club and a number of other environmental groups, \$30 for nonmembers. Travel to the area hiked will be by train; you may board at any of several stations. Trip fee includes train fare but not meals. Information and reservations: Philadelphia Parks Alliance, 215-879-8159.

Saturday, December 26, 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

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