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TAKING ACTION THROUGH EDUCATION

*N*ature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.

—Robert Frost

This newsletter is a publication of the FRIENDS OF FORSYTHE, a non-profit, 501(c)3, tax-exempt corporation that works closely with the Refuge. Friends are the bridge between the Refuge and the community, and contribute to its future by helping people understand that their actions today determine the legacy we leave for tomorrow.

Our mission is to support the purposes for which the Refuge was established and includes the following:

- For use as a sanctuary for migratory birds and non-migratory animals
- For protection of natural resources
- For the conservation of non-game, threatened and endangered species
- For promoting environmental education and experiences for children and adults
- For the development of other wildlife-oriented experiences that do not interfere with the primary mission of the Refuge.

We invite you to join. You can serve on the Board of Directors, assist as members of Advisory Committees, work in the Visitor Information Center and Nature Store, or provide your support by being a member. Please share your interest and experience. For more information, please email friendsofforsythe@gmail.com or go to <https://friendsofforsythe.org/>

FRIENDS OF FORSYTHE TABLE AT OCEAN COUNTY DECOY SHOW

By Susan Ricciardi



It was a pleasure to work our display on Saturday, September 25th at the Ocean County Old Time Barnegat Bay Decoy and Gunning Show. Several hundred people passed by our booth between the hours of 7 am and 12 pm. Alex Majewski took over the booth at

that time, where we sold some merchandise and received many compliments on the refuge.

SCOTT'S LANDING BOAT LAUNCH PROJECT

By Virginia Rettig, Refuge Manager



Over the last year we have completed a few access projects at the Refuge. In Galloway Township, we created a new non-motorized

boat launch directly off of Lily Lake Road. You can now drive down to the lake and drop your boat to do a little fishing rather than drag a boat down to the dike. The Scotts Landing boat launch site in Galloway was LONG overdue for a rehabilitation and funds provided by the Federal Highway Administration allowed us to do just that with new and improved access for boats. We have organized parking and we installed a new bulkhead that will ensure this site is around for a long time to come. This is a good place to try for

some crabs! In Lacey Township, we transformed a grassy, wet field near the Oyster Creek area into a great parking site for hunting access.



Projects like these are supported by general operating funds and hunter fees. Please go and enjoy these sites.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION UPDATE

By Mar-Jo Atack

Les Murray and Mar-Jo Atack did an Environmental Education program at Full Life Academy located in Upper Township, NJ, on October 8, 2021. There were 13 students participating in the lesson on Coastal Wetlands, where we used the EnviroScape 3-D kit that Friends of Forsythe purchased several years ago. There were discussions on why the coastal wetlands are so valuable, what the effects of pollution are from different sources, and how they can help in the future to save our natural resources.



With the kit, the students were shown how pollution can affect habitats far down stream and miles away from the original contamination point. Each student was given printed material that they can look over at home to add to today's lesson.

**WINNERS OF THE FRIENDS OF FORSYTHE
2021 PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION ARE
ANNOUNCED**

By Susan Puder

The Friends of Forsythe announced the winners of the 2021 Juried Photographic Competition on August 27. Due to the coronavirus, the competition was conducted as a virtual event with over 240 entries for the open category and 9 entries for students. Our judges, Kevin Karlson and Dale Rossetet evaluated all the entries, which was a difficult task, as all the photos were outstanding again this year.

After careful consideration, the **Open First Place Award** went to Gloria Hansen for "Great Egret Take a Bow".



Second Place went to Bob Boyd's "May Sunrise", and Third Place was awarded to Dean Purdy's "King of the Mountain". The Artistic Achievement Award went to Ann Darlington's "Headless Snake". There were 16 Honorable Mentions also awarded.

For the Student Category, First Place was awarded to Dhruv Cohen for "Fiery Bandit".



Second Place was awarded to Neena Senavitis's "Evening Quiet Place". Congratulations to all. All the award winners can be viewed on our Facebook page.

We thank all who entered this year and the fine work done by our judges. Keep an eye open for the FOF 2022 Juried Photographic Competition coming next spring. So, get out there and take those award-winning photographs at E. B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge.

**PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE FOR
FRIENDS OF FORSYTHE**

The Friends of Forsythe are looking for a part-time accountant to help out with our quarterly tax filings. These are: WR30, NJ927, Federal Forms 940 and 941, plus employee W-2s and W-3s. We currently do these ourselves and happily have not gotten into any trouble, but we would feel more confident with professional (retired or still working) help. We are hoping for a qualified volunteer from among our friends and members, however, we are able to pay a fair amount for these services. Please send your interest and resume/qualifications to our email: friendsofforsythe@gmail.com.

FORSYTHE BIG NATURE YEAR



Just a reminder that the refuge is conducting another Big Nature Year for 2021. We invite you to track your refuge bird sightings for a friendly competition. We also hope you will use the year to explore all public use sites on the refuge. While you may often spend your time in our Galloway Township site, we have many other places to visit, including deCamp Wildlife Trail in Brick, Cedar Bonnet Island in Stafford, our trail at Eno's County Park, the Barnegat Boardwalk, and Holgate beach. Details can be found at:

<https://www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=6442451205>



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