

**Minutes NPSNJ**  
**NPSNJ Minutes**  
**Friday February 8, 2008**

**Next Meeting:** *March: 15, 2008 ANNUAL MEETING*

**Attendance:** Pat Eisemann, Bunny Jaskot, Kate Kogler, Hubert Ling, Isaac Martin, Tara McQuade, Kathy Salisbury, Bob Swain

Meeting called to order at 6:47 pm.

Discussion of the newsletter occurred. We order about 500 newsletters to accommodate approximately 350 members. Kathy would like to use the extras for giveaways at meetings she attends besides Membership forms. Tara would like to add an extra page depending upon the costs. Tara will contact Falcon in this regard. Tara reminded everyone to follow the guidelines for the newsletter. The next submission deadline is March 1, then June 1, September 1, and December 1.

PPA's list of workshops on native plants in the Pinelands will be included in the newsletter and Website. Tara will add a friendly message in regards to membership renewal. Kate will send an e-message to the Northern Jersey groups in regards to renewing dues. If Ann sends labels to Peggie, Peggie will send out the postcards for renewal. Kate will send a postcard layout to Tara and then to Falcon for postcard renewals. Kate will continue to communicate with Peggie to coordinate labels for renewals. We need to cull our lists and it would be nice to have Kathy send a nice letter to long lapsed members and a postcard reminder after one year of a lapsed membership. Kathy will forward Kate a new list of members since she just received one from Ann. Ann prints out labels for NPSNJ. Kate suggests that the membership list should be broken into North, South and Central Regions but there is really no South and Central Regions.

Isaac asked Kate to send out to everyone when the Northern Chapter gets requests for talks. Kate will add the whole Board to her email list. Hubert wants to keep a history of what we are doing.

Hubert has been putting some of our newsletter on Wikipedia and then we will be quoted by Google and asked for our input by media specialists. Hubert wrote about or added to eight plants (White Pine, slime molds, Cardinal flower etc). Hubert puts in references and that is what connects this to NPSNJ.

Atlantic City Press sent us an email to get information about endangered plants. Hubert spoke to Michelle Lee and the article will be in the Monday newspaper (February 11, 2008). Hubert will write an article about bees and the recent colony collapse.

Pat is involved in a Trout in the Classroom Project. The students grow eggs and release them in the spring. Brian Cowden was the State Director in Trout Unlimited and will be working with many restoration projects with which NPSNJ can partner according to Pat. We may be able to be helpful to them. Pat recommended that Brian come in contact with us.

Pat submitted the following information after the Meeting: Here are the specifics from the new contact information I spoke about at yesterday's meeting. The article about Brian's move from a Trout in the Classroom volunteer to an official position in the Musconetcong Home Waters organization can be found at <http://www.nj.com/starledger/stories/index.ssf?base/sports-0/1202016986159760.xml&coll=1> His work has been in the area of stream bank restoration/riparian plantings and the like, and he plans to be applying more and more for these funds in his new position. He is very interested in working for watershed health and education. It looks like a wonderful connection for both sides - Home Waters AND NPSNJ. The Trout in the Classroom project can be found at

<http://www.troutintheclassroom.org/site/c.juLTJ6MTKvH/b.1302851/k.BD7E/Home.htm> Kathy, as I said, this would be wonderful for you. If anyone knows of other educators who may benefit from such a program, please pass the information on.

Isaac indicated he needs to get the flyer finished for publicizing. Pdf can be printed, emailed and then put up around with information sent to newspapers and on radio stations.

Kathy wanted to make sure that everyone has an assignment for the Annual Meeting:

- The Chestnut Society is coming and may do a short talk about Chestnuts (15 mins)- Hubert will check to see if they are bringing their own equipment.
- Bob will be exploring whether we should buy foods or continue to hire the caterer.
- Bob does Raffle (for plants) Tara suggested having people put their tickets in front of each plant for which they want to be included in the raffle.
- Isaac will talk to Don Knesick in regards to plant donations.
- Peggie and Kate will probably take care of membership
- **Minute will have to be taken at the meeting.** Bunny will run again for the office of Secretary but may have to possibly take a temporary leave in the fall. This is tbd but for the Annual Meeting due to a conflict with a previously scheduled BTANJ Workshop, a secretary will be needed to take minutes. Bunny will look for last years Minutes and provide a synopsis to Kathy before March 15.
- Bob will bring extension cords
- Isaac will check on the cost of the cord for the LCD projector
- Check to see if Michael is bringing his own slide projector.

### **NPSNJ Board Meeting Schedule:**

#### **ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

Location: Holly House

The Rutgers Horticultural Garden off of Ryders Lane in New Brunswick

Saturday, March 15 10:00AM-1:00 PM

Special Speaker: Michael Hogan

#### **WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT**

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Board meetings are held at one of two locations

Meeting Dates:

*April: 11, 2008 Bunny*

*May: 9, 2008 Bunny*

*June: 19, 2008 Bunny*

*July: 17,2008 at Kracji Preserve*

*August: 14,200 Turkey Swamp*

*September: 11,2008 Greater Newark Conservancy*

*October: 10, 2008*

*November: 14, 2008*

*December: 12, 2008*

### **Northern Chapter 2008 Meeting Schedule:**

*Chapter meetings are held:*

*7:00PM - 9:00 PM on the fourth Tuesday of every month except for Nov. and*

*Dec. when the meeting will be on the third Tuesday.*

*Meetings will be at the:*

*Frelinghuysen Arboretum*

*53 East Hanover Ave.*

*Morristown, NJ 07960-1295*

*Interesting outings will be scheduled for the June, July, and August meetings. Additionally, scheduled speakers are noted with the appropriate date. The topic will be updated as this information becomes available.*

**Meeting Dates:**

*February 26: Kathy Salisbury*

*March 25 : Mike VanClef*

*April 22 : Bill Young*

*May 27 : Hubert Ling - Gardening with Native Plants*

*June 24*

*July 22*

*August 26 Randi Eckel*

*September 23: Sandy Goodson-at her garden*

*October 28: Eric Olsen-The Nature Conservancy*

*November 18*

*December 16*

Everyone is invited!

**STANDARD CONTENT FOR THE NEWSLETTER (next deadline is February 20)**

- President's Message
- Upcoming Events for NPSNJ only from the NPSNJ
- Other Native Plant events
- Chapter News (North, Central, South) + contact information
- Past Meeting Minutes (summation of accomplishments keeping people current)
- Save the Date (Annual Meeting)
- Native Notes (Other articles related to our mission)
- Native Plants in Government
- Note to Retailer
- Helpful Resources
- Other Great Links
- Frequently Asked Question
- Web Links (Sources)
- Thank You/Recognition (Millie's Grant)
- Membership Information (January-January )

# Guidelines for Newsletter Submissions

**In Subject text of email:** please state to which of the following categories your submission should be part of:

- President's message
- Calendar of events- NPSNJ
- Other Native Plant Events
- Chapter News (North, Central, South)
- Past meeting minutes or other accomplishments
- Save the Date (for important events; i.e. the Annual Meeting)
- Native Notes
- Native Plants in Government
- Helpful Resources
- Other Great Links (for nice websites or like minded organizations)
- FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions)
- Thank You/Recognition- for grants, contributions etc
- Membership Information

We truly appreciate any submissions that you make. Please follow below guidelines to ensure that your submission is useful and easy to work with.

- Please send your contribution in a **Word document** as an attachment.
  - Please start the submission with a **title and the author.**
  - Please keep submissions to roughly one page of text.
  - Please do not write articles with many footnotes. Keep in mind that this is a newsletter, not the American Journal of Medicine. If it is essential to cite sources, it may be best for newsletter space to suggest the sources as suggested reading in additional resources section of the newsletter. Footnotes can also be listed on the website, but again, this creates additional work for Millie who is extremely busy!!
  - **Please do not send forwards.** *I don't know what to do with them.* If you read something, find it newsletter worthy, ***then write it up as described above.*** The best way to do this is to copy the text into a word document, give it a title and give credit to the source. For instance, if there is an interesting event, describe the event, date, time, and contact info or directions.
  - **Please proofread your work for content, grammar and spelling!!!**
  - **Newsletter submission deadlines** are approximately:
    - March 1
    - June 1
    - September 1
    - December 1
- *These dates are approximate, but the goal is to have members receive their newsletter around the Solstices and Equinoxes.*

**Thanks again for helping our newsletter inform, invigorate and communicate the public about our mission!!!**

**Any questions: please feel free to contact the Co-Editors: Tara McQuade (tmmcquade@optonline.net) or Bunny Jaskot (BunnyJ19@aol.com).**

CARRYOVER FROM DECEMBER MEETING:

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Bunny Jaskot

Send Minutes to Peggie once Tara sends Guideline for Newsletter.