



The Beaver Lake Watershed Rain Garden Project and Watershed Photography Contest start next month! Read more about these programs, find out how you can volunteer with us during Earth Month, and join us in welcoming Steve Ford to the BWA Board of Directors in our April eNews.

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April 2015



rain garden *project*

Rain Garden Academy

Saturday, May 2nd • 9 am to 3 pm

Registration begins at 8:30

Hobbs State Park Conservation Management Area
20201 Arkansas 12, Rogers, AR 72756

Learn How to Build a Rain Garden!

Rain gardens capture and filter rain water.

ATTENDEES RECEIVE:

- General information on rain gardens
- DIY tips for creating cost-effective rain gardens
- Opportunity to apply for rain garden mini-grants
- Lunch



RSVP required for this FREE workshop! Call us at 479-750-8007 or email info@beaverwatershedalliance.org to register.



About BWA

The Beaver Watershed Alliance was formed in 2010 to establish programming to maintain high quality drinking water in Beaver Lake and improve water quality in the Beaver Lake Watershed. The Alliance represents a diverse stakeholder group from conservation, education, water utilities, technical and science, agriculture, recreation, business, and local government groups working together for the goal of clean water.

Please take a minute to
update your contact

Rain Garden Academy offers Information and Financial Assistance for Rain Garden Installations in Beaver Lake Watershed

The Beaver Lake Watershed Rain Garden Project starts next month! The Rain Garden Academy will kick-off the project with a one-day workshop and opportunity for financial assistance through a mini-grant program for

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Upcoming Events

April 15

Live United Day Highway 412 Cleanup - Valero Gas Station, Sonora

April 22

Mullins Creek Cleanup - University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

April 25

East Fork Cleanup - Bunch Park, Elkins

May 2

Rain Garden Academy - Hobbs State Park

May 2

Forest Management Landowner-to-Landowner - Durham Community Building

May 9

Art Talks: Art and Environmental Stewardship - Fayetteville Underground

May 16

West Fork Cleanup - Walker Park, Fayetteville

May 21

Speaker Series - Washington County Cooperative Extension, Fayetteville

May 30

War Eagle Appreciation Day - Withrow Springs State Park

May 31

installations on properties in the Beaver Lake Watershed. If you are interested in learning more about rain garden functions and values for stormwater management, design and installation considerations, native plants, and cost-effective tips for installing gardens at homes, businesses, and public places, this workshop is for you! Workshop attendees will also be eligible to apply for financial assistance and will receive applications for the mini-grant.

RSVP is required for this free workshop. Call (479) 750-8007 or email info@beaverwatershedalliance.org for more information and to sign up.

Join us for the 2nd Annual

East Fork of the White River Cleanup

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Check-in:
Bunch Park Pavilion, Elkins
Park is located behind the white church on Hwy 16 and 1st Ave.



Saturday, April 25th

10a.m. - 1 p.m. Check-in & Cleanup
1 - 2 p.m. Lunch & Door Prizes

Cleanup will take place at various sites along the river – volunteers will be directed to sites at check-in



For more information, contact Alli Chlapaty at alli@beaverwatershedalliance.org or by calling (479) 750-8007

Announcing the 3rd Annual

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Watershed Photography Contest

May 1st — May 31st

"Beaver Lake Watershed Appreciation Through the Seasons"

Questions? Contact Alli Chlapaty at alli@beaverwatershedalliance.org or 750-8007

Forest Management
Workshop - Hobbs State Park

May 31
Photography Contest
Submission Deadline

July 11
Lakes Appreciation Cleanup
- Hobbs State Park

Check out our [online calendar](#) for more detailed information on upcoming events!

Please share this newsletter with your friends and neighbors so that they can have the opportunity to become active members in the Beaver Watershed community.

This year's Watershed Photography Contest, "Beaver Lake Watershed: Appreciation Through the Seasons" will be open for submissions May 1st through May 31st. Save the dates and look for more details soon!

Don't forget - it's not too late to give your feedback!

The comment period for the Beaver Lake Master Plan Revision is open until April 3rd. Find out more information about the revision of the plan and download a comment form by visiting the Master Plan Revision website here: <http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/BeaverLakeMasterPlan.aspx>

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission is still accepting comment and input for the Northwest Arkansas Open Space Plan. Visit www.nwaopenspace.com to learn about the plan and fill out a public comment form.

Steve Ford Joins BWA Board of Directors



We are excited to announce the addition of Steve Ford to the BWA Board of Directors! Steve is a resident of Huntsville and holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Agriculture from Arkansas Tech University. He recently retired from the Natural Resources Conservation Service after 35 years of service as the District Conservationist for Madison County, where he worked on countless projects that helped local landowners conserve and improve their land and water quality. Steve is a Water Commissioner for the City of Huntsville, where he has served for over ten years. He is a

member of the Huntsville United Methodist Church and serves on the Huntsville School Board.

"Make a Difference March" Stewardship Moments



80 volunteers removed 2,000 pounds of trash from the Middle Fork of the White River at this year's Middle Fork Cleanup. What an awesome group of volunteers and event sponsors, including Keep Arkansas Beautiful, the City of Elkins, Arkansas Game & Fish Stream Team, Washington County, Pack Rat Outdoor Center, Jose's, Casey's General Store, Beaver Water District, Boston Mountain Solid Waste District, Coca-Cola, Cargill, Arkansas Environmental Education Association, and the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension!



3,000 pounds of trash were removed by 50 volunteers from War Eagle Creek and rivers

that flow into the War Eagle, as well as streamside areas and roadside areas at the War Eagle Creek Cleanup. We would like to say a huge THANKS to our volunteers, as well as event sponsors - War Eagle Mill, Hobbs State Park, Keep Arkansas Beautiful, Pack Rat Outdoor Center, Arkansas Game & Fish Stream Team, Ozark Mountain Trading Company, Arvest Bank, Arkansas Environmental Education Association, Cargill, Boston Mountain Solid Waste District, and Coca-Cola!



Volunteers came out to plant 500 seedlings at Devil's Eyebrow Natural Area to reforest dirt roads that are being closed to prevent erosion, improve water quality, and increase wildlife habitat in this area. Thanks so much to our hard-working volunteers and to the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission and Arkansas Game & Fish Commission for supporting these efforts!

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