

# Tertiary Treatment

The Newsletter of the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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## SCCTU Endowment

In 2013, the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited established an Endowment Fund through the Centre Foundation. By contributing to the SCCTU's endowment, donors can make a lasting difference for the Spring Creek Watershed. More information regarding the [Centre Foundation](#) can be found at [www.centrecounty.org](http://www.centrecounty.org). For more information regarding the SCCTU Endowment [CLICK HERE](#)



Volunteers Preparing a Multi-vane Log Deflector near Milesburg

The Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited Endowment Fund conserve, protects, and restores Spring Creek and its tributaries. It is essential to the future of the watershed that we continue to support it.

To contribute to the endowment fund directly on line, [CLICK HERE](#) or print the [PLEDGE SHEET \(pdf\)](#) and send to the address below:

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
c/o Rick Van Horn  
425 Canterbury Rd.  
State College, PA 16803

For more information, email [pres@springcreektu.org](mailto:pres@springcreektu.org)



### Support the Chapter

Please support the important conservation and education work of the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Donate securely with your credit card by clicking the button below.



### Current Chapter Membership:

**453**

### Officers

**Judi Sittler**  
President

**Bob Vierck**  
Vice President

**Rick Van Horn**  
Treasurer

## Volunteer of the Month - Jim Purtell



Jim Purtell served on the Board of Directors for four years and has been chair of the Annual Banquet for the last three years. Before taking the helm of the banquet, he served on the banquet committee for a year. He didn't skip a beat taking over from Dick Stevenson. It's a big responsibility since the banquet is our major fundraiser for the chapter. He will turn over the lead to Jim Lanning for our 2014 "conservation fundraiser" banquet. Jim did a terrific job and we owe him a big thank you for all his efforts on behalf of the chapter.

## Countdown to Banquet -



Scott Brumbaugh  
Secretary

### Board of Directors

Bob Donaldson

Jim Purtell

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### *Member Meetings*

Our membership meetings, free and open to all, are held the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the first floor meeting room at the Comfort Suites on North Atherton Street in State College.

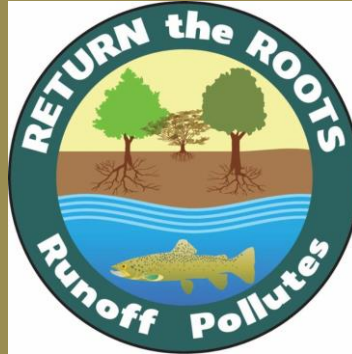
**Nov. 7**

Steve Sywensky of Flyfisher's Paradise will be speaking on two topics during the meeting. The first

The Spring Creek TU Conservation Fundraiser - Protect our Community Jewel is only 148 days from now - We have placed a [Countdown Timer on our website](#) so that nobody will miss it! Make plans now - March 29, 2014 at the Mountain View Golf Club.

## Outreach to Harris / College Townships

'Return the Roots, Runoff Pollutes' is the slogan for our latest campaign to encourage more private streamside property owners to keep or plant a deep rooted buffer along the streambank. The highlight of this campaign will be a "backyard makeover" for one lucky streamside property owner in the spring of 2014. We mailed out a postcard announcing the makeover, to streamside property owners between Boalsburg and Houserville. We had nine responses. Our "site evaluation team" has visited those sites and talked with the property owners. Our team includes Katie Ombalski, conservation biologist for ClearWater, Neil Henry, from Green Horizon Landscape, Bob Vierck, and Judi Sittler. The winner will be determined in the next month.



College Township Outreach

To announce this campaign to the College and Harris Township communities, we held two community outreach events in October. We offered free hotdogs and seedling shrubs to attendees. Thanks to Joe Boston and Art Kempf for cooking up some pretty delicious hot dogs! The first event was held on the

First National Bank site in Boalsburg. ClearWater did some buffer zone planting there, years ago. It is the location of a little stream they named Tannery Run. Katie Ombalski was on hand to explain to attendees what they had done there.

The second event was on the Stan & Darlene Smith property. They are strong advocates of a healthy buffer zone. ClearWater did some planting there as well. Katie Mann, riparian conservation program technician for ClearWater, was on hand at that property to talk to community members

topic will be 'Using Wild Materials for Fly Tying.' The second topic will be about 'The Economic Value of Fishing in Pennsylvania.

### Dec. 5

Barry Eckwahl will be sharing some of his angling wisdom and steelhead patterns.

### Save the date

for the Annual Spring Banquet  
March 29 at Mountain View Country Club

### [Click Here](#)

for a complete Calendar of Events

## Board meetings

Are open to all chapter members and are held two Mondays after the first Thursday of the month, also at the Comfort Suites, at 7 p.m.

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and leaders. At both events, we had board members attending from both Harris and College Township councils. Bud Graham and Nigel Wilson from Harris Township and Richard Francke and Mary Shoemaker from College Township. Both townships are partners in this projects as well as the University Area Joint Authority.

In November we will be mailing the Trout Unlimited publication "My Healthy Stream - A Handbook for Streamside Owners" to the same streamside property owners between Boalsburg and Houserville. Funding and other support is being provided by the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Citizen Education Fund through a Growing Greener grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.



A Free Seedling

## ***Lower McCoy Bank Stabilization***

On October 30 Volunteers turned out to plant native shrubs at the Lower McCoy project site. Some 310 shrubs were planted at the two sites.



Above Commercial Street Bridge  
Before and After Construction of 200' Mudsill



Kristen Saacke-Blunk, Judi Sittler,  
Paula Sowers, and Denise Lanning

Art Kempf and Tyler Neimond

For More Pictures of the project [CLICK HERE](#)

## SCCTU membership

Do you have fishing equipment and related items in your closet which have never or almost never been used? Perhaps a rod you often used and is still in good shape, but now you favor a better rod. We are considering a "yard sale" type event in the spring that would offer unwanted/no longer used fishing equipment to the community, just in time for "opening day."

Let us know if you have things you would donate. We need to know if there is enough equipment out there to hold such an event.

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### ***Our Mission***

**The mission of Spring Creek Trout Unlimited is to  
conserve, protect, and restore Spring Creek's  
coldwater fishery and watershed.**

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