

# ECOS NEWS



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## **ECOS Ski & Snowshoe Leader Volunteers Needed**

Ski & Snowshoe leaders needed for Tuesdays January to March.

Leaders can choose their preferred date to lead an outing  
and their favorite location.

Contact Patrick at 370-4125 or [info@ecosny.org](mailto:info@ecosny.org) for more details or to volunteer.

## **America Recycles Day Sunday, November 15**

An initiative of Keep America Beautiful (KAB), America Recycles Day is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the U.S. Each fall, thousands of communities across the country participate in ARD on and around November 15 to promote environmental citizenship and encourage action. Through ARD, KAB, along with its affiliates and partners, inspires communities to directly engage their residents to recycle more and recycle right 365 days a year.

Since its inception in 1997, thousands of communities across the country have participated in ARD throughout the fall. With KAB's support, recycling ambassadors recruit thousands of organizations, schools, colleges and universities, businesses, and government entities to get involved in educating residents of all ages about recycling resources in their community through collection drives, demonstrations, competitions, tours, displays and other special events.

For more information visit [\*\*www.americarecyclesday.org\*\*](http://www.americarecyclesday.org)

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**Executive Director's Report**

Our Fall walks have ended which means we are one step closer to winter and the start of our cross country skiing and snow shoeing trips. Yes it is going to snow this year, maybe. And yes we need you to make these outings successful. We need skiers and snowshoers to lead these trips. Please give me a call if you can lead a trip to your favorite location.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Rachel Carson Celebration and to all the members and businesses who contributed to our silent auction and raffle.

Also, thank you to Jeff Leon for his Fringed Gentian walk at Strawberry Fields Farm on a beautiful fall day and to all the volunteers who came out to help clear the ski trails at Featherstonhaugh.

**President's Letter**

We have just completed our 15th annual Rachel Carson award dinner and I'm pleased to report it was a great evening for the friends of ECOS. Juliana Post-Good and Margie Litwin did a great job of co-chairing this year's event, and many of you helped to make the night a success by donating auction items. We thank you.

Aaron Mair was this year's Rachel Carson Award recipient, and Linda White of the National Park Service, based in the Saratoga National Park, provided our program.

Your ECOS Board is busy laying the groundwork for our future, and I will highlight some of those plans and actions in the coming months. I hope and expect that you will be part of the efforts that keep ECOS an active and useful organization for years to come.

Will Seyse

**COMMUNITY WINTER SPORTS  
EQUIPMENT SALE**

The 56th annual winter sports sale will be held from 9:00 am to Noon on Saturday, November 19th at the Burnt Hills United Methodist Church, 860 Rt. 50. This annual event gives the community an opportunity to recycle winter sporting equipment. There will be new and used winter sports equipment for sale. Items for sale may be delivered to the church between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm on Thursday, November 17th and 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Friday, November 18th. Older downhill straight skis and skis with outdated bindings will not be accepted.

Downhill and cross country ski equipment, boots, skates, snowboards, sleds and winter sports clothing will be sold. Sellers determine the cost of the articles for sale and receive 75% of the sale price.

Donations of goods for the sale are gladly accepted. For more information contact Greg Adams at 399-5875, Church Office at 399-5144.

**A PLACE FOR FOLK 2016**

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1221 Wendell Avenue, Schenectady 12308  
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ARE YOU READY?

The **BOXCAR LILIES** are coming!!

Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

\$20 per Adult, Students \$10

Reservations Recommended.

Combining spine-tingling three-part harmony and savvy song-writing, The Boxcar Lilies have made a name for themselves with their signature mix of folk, country, blues, and bluegrass-tinged Americana music. Though each member of the Massachusetts-based trio has a distinct and exceptional singing talent, Jenny Goodspeed (electric bass), Stephanie Marshall (washboard, cajón), and Susan Cattaneo (guitar) deftly weave their voices into a delicious whole – a sound that is sometimes delicate, sometimes gritty, but always innovative and soul-stirring.

Go to [www.aplaceforfolk.org](http://www.aplaceforfolk.org) or call 518-377-0002 for more information.

**Union College Kelly Adirondack Center Series****Dam that River!****Thursday, November 10 5:30 to 6:30 PM****Old Chapel, Union Campus****Free and open to the public****A discussion with Mary Jane Watson  
and David Gibson**

That's not an expletive, it's a structure that has meant habitat destruction, good jobs, conservation activism, and electricity. Two rivers in the Adirondacks present case studies of different outcomes.

Mary Jane Watson, a historian in Colton, will speak from her involvement in the Raquette River Oral History Project about the "most dammed river in the state." David Gibson, of the preservation group Adirondack Wild, will speak of Schenectady's own Paul Schaefer and his mobilization of the public to prevent dams on the Moose River.

Contact Caleb Northrup at 388-6305 or [northoc@uniojn.edu](mailto:northoc@uniojn.edu) with questions.

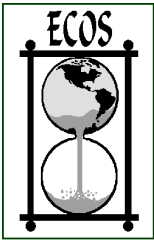
**North Chuctanunda Creek Tour****Sponsored by The Historic Amsterdam League****Saturday, November 5 from 10 am to 12 noon**

The tour will start and end at the parking lot above the Elks Club near the corner of 4th Avenue and Belmont Place. People will need shoes that might get soiled and be able to walk two miles over some uneven terrain. We will walk along the North Chuctanunda Creek, from the Stewart's Dam and Waterfall, near the Elks Club, to the old Mohawk Mills Powerhouse and Dam, and return via the trail near Mohawk Dairy Store on Forest Avenue. Some walking will be on sidewalk, but most will be on dirt trail and along the former Amsterdam Chuctanunda Northern Railroad line. The walk will be held rain or shine, unless it is really terrible.

We hope this walk helps support the establishment of a greenway through the heart of Amsterdam, along the North Chuctanunda Creek from the Pedestrian Bridge across the Mohawk River to Shuttleworth Park.



**Rachel Carson Award Presentation**



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