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## Hunterdon Land Trust to Host Amphibian Walk at Kingwood's Idell Preserve

KINGWOOD -- Take a walk on the wild side when the Hunterdon Land Trust hosts an amphibian event at the Idell Preserve in Kingwood on Thursday, April 3 at 6:15 p.m. The event is free and everyone is welcome.

Participants will likely see salamanders, American bullfrogs, spring peepers, turtles, birds, owls and some emerging plants.

Tom Thorsen, land steward at the Hunterdon Land Trust, will lead the walk with Dr. Randi Eckel of Toadshade Wildflower Farm. He said early evening is the perfect time to meet the amphibians.

"Many amphibians are either crepuscular – which means they come out at dawn and dusk – or nocturnal," Thorsen said. "Hopefully we'll catch them when they're migrating from the vernal pools and to their upland habitat."

Thorsen advises participants to wear waterproof footwear, bring a flashlight and not to bring pets. Visitors should park at the kiosk near 32 Barbertown-Idell Road.

Rain date is Thursday, April 10.

The Land Trust recently preserved additional acreage at the now 57-acre Idell Preserve. The additional land allowed for easier access onto the property.

“The first time I saw the property I thought it would be great for an amphibian event,” Thorsen said. “I’ve seen turkeys out there and all kinds of habitat, amphibian eggs, Eastern box turtles and more. There’s great birding, and the first time I visited I could hear spring peepers, and it was barely April. So, it’s really alive out there.”

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