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Hunterdon Land Trust to Host Moth Night at Zega Lockatong Preserve

DELAWARE TWP. -- Join the Hunterdon Land Trust and entomologist Dr. Randi Eckel of Toadshade Wildflower Farm for Moth Night at the Zega Lockatong Preserve on Thursday, July 17 from 8 to 10 p.m.

HLT Land Steward Tom Thorsen and Dr. Eckel will point out a variety of moths and offer an educational look at wildlife and plants at the Delaware Twp. preserve.

The event will occur just before National Moth Week, which runs from July 19 to 27, as this is the ideal time for mothing (the preferred term for moth-ers, or people who like to spot moths).

So, why should we care about moths? Well, they are important bioindicators that offer clues about the health of an ecosystem. A greater diversity of moths typically means a greater diversity of plant species and, in turn, a greater diversity of other species as well. Moths also help monitor food plant populations and serve as important food sources for many nocturnal and diurnal organisms.

And while moths may seem a little bit of a nuisance when they are banging against your window screens on a hot summer night, they can be quite lovely to observe. Many of them have very interesting patterns and are beautifully colored.

To register and for more information, please contact Thorsen at 908-237-4582 or email tom@hunterdonlandtrust.org. Please wear long pants and close-toed shoes. Flashlights are recommended. This event is free but donations are appreciated.