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Hunterdon Land Trust Farmers' Market Nature Day Is Aug. 12

Come learn about the birds and the bees when Hunterdon Land Trust celebrates “Nature Day” at its Sunday, Aug. 12 Farmers’ Market. The market is located at the Dvoor Farm, 111 Mine St. in Raritan Township and is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Nature Day begins with a bird walk led by Juanita Hummel at 8:30 a.m. (a half hour before the market opens). The walk will last about an hour, and will explore resident breeders on the property. Red-tailed hawks, yellow-bellied sapsuckers are among the species spotted on the farm.

Hummel will stop at several observation sites and discuss which species of birds are using the habitats and why their preservation was vital for birds and other wildlife. This is also a great time of year to check out other charismatic winged creatures like butterflies and odonates, such as dragonflies.

Hummel, an avid birder and nature lover, currently serves on the board of the Washington Crossing Audubon Society, and volunteers with the NJ Audubon Society, the Wildlife Conservation Corps and other conservation organizations.



At 10 a.m., HLT staff Stefani Spence and Dave Harding will lead an environmental and historical walking tour of the Dvoor Farm property. Spence will discuss the importance of the farm's wetlands, pollinator meadows and old-growth forest, while Harding will chat about the history of farming the land.

The day includes storytelling for kids in the Dvoor Farm wagon house with MaryAnn Paterniti. She'll share nature tales for children of all ages from 11 a.m. to noon.

And, Lauren Theis will demonstrate how to make a rain barrel.

The Northwest New Jersey Beekeepers Association, will bring a fully enclosed observation hive with live bees, a skep (a straw or wicker beehive), a honey extractor, products of the hive and informational pamphlets related to bees and beekeeping. The beekeepers will use the observation hive to discuss honeybee biology and why honeybees are so vital to our environment.

The Farmers' Market features about 20 local farmers and vendors offering organic produce, all-natural meat, pork, chicken, yak, honey, artisan breads, vegan burgers, fresh-cut flowers, cheese, milk, eggs, locally roasted coffee, native plants and more. Visitors can enjoy a flatbread pizza made with ingredients provided by local farmers while listening to live music with Michael Long.

Farmers' Market sponsors are Basil Bandwagon Natural Market, Northfield Bank, McPherson & Newland Insurance and Matt's Red Rooster Grill.

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