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## WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

As Schuylkill County's volunteer center, our goal is to help you promote your volunteer needs, events, and announcements. Submitted items can appear here, in our newspaper columns, on our website, or on our Facebook page.

*Take advantage of our free service to get your word out!*



## Make A Difference Day



MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE DAY  
NATIONAL DAY OF DOING GOOD

Just a reminder that Schuylkill *Make A Difference Day* is this month. Have you registered your project? No project is too small and every effort helps someone. To be included in the local campaign, a major component of your project must take place within one week of the national event on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The project registration form is at the back of the newsletter for your convenience. Email to [jjohnston@co.schuylkill.pa.us](mailto:jjohnston@co.schuylkill.pa.us) for electronic copies, project ideas, or help.



Right: Pediatrics Ward Jared  
Boxes by Joseph F.  
McCloskey School of Nursing  
Admin., Faculty, and Staff



For our last newsletter of 2016, we'd like to wish you an early scary Halloween, loving Thanksgiving, and a festive and joyous Christmas and holiday season. We'll see you in 2017!



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



**RSVP of Schuylkill County** is recruiting volunteers age 55 and above for several positions. Contact them at 570 628-3103 for details. Available positions are **MEDICAL and ERRAND TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS**: Drive consumers over the age of 60 to a variety of errands. Being able to go to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and other tasks are vital to maintaining independence. Volunteer drivers not only provide a means of getting there, but also provide companionship. Choose your assignment and use your own automobile with the option for mileage reimbursement. **OPERATION REACH OUT**: Using a provided list, call local Meals on Wheels clients on a Tuesday and/or Thursday morning—days when meals are not delivered—to check on them and engage them in friendly conversation. Calls would last no more than four hours. Choose your availability. Call from own home or agency office.

**Hospice of Central PA** is looking for some kind-hearted souls to reach out to hospice patients in need. All positions and trainings are located in Schuylkill County. Contact Maureen Griffin Hoepfer at 717 732-1000. **VET TO VET PROGRAM**: Spend time, chat, play games, share companionship, or provide a valuable listening ear attuned to the special experience that only another Vet can relate to. Volunteer must be a Veteran. **FAMILY SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS**: Provide comfort and companionship to the patient and support and respite care to their family. **NURSING HOME VISITORS**: Give some nursing home hospice patients the gift of extra attention.



**American Cancer Society** clients too often find that their greatest challenge is a lack of transportation. The Road to Recovery program provides free transportation to those who are unable to drive themselves to and from treatment. Drivers are needed now. **TIME**: Flexible, choose assignment. **SKILLS**: Valid driver's license, good driving record, reliable vehicle, background checks, and online orientation required. Use own or agency vehicle. **LOCATION**: In and out of county. **CONTACT**: Jennifer Washney, 570 562-9749 or [jennifer.washney@cancer.org](mailto:jennifer.washney@cancer.org).

**APPRISE Program** is in need of volunteers to help our seniors by answering a statewide hotline on Medicare questions. Volunteers work in pairs and receive training and support. **TIME**: 9 AM to 12:30 PM or from 12:30 PM to 4 PM on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays. **CONTACT**: Sue at 570 624-3026.



The **Ombudsman Program** is in need of volunteers for Golden Years Adult Day Care in Shenandoah, Evergreen and Providence Place Adult Day Cares in Pine Grove, Eldergarden Adult Day Care and Greenwood Hills Personal Care Home in Pottsville, and Heritage Mills Personal Care in Tower City to visit the facility monthly to welcome new residents and distribute materials including residents' rights. Call Eileen at 570 628-3931.



**Tamaqua Community Art Center** is recruiting holiday volunteers for December events. Call 570 668-1192 to help with events, shows, and more.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Make a Difference in Someone's Life



Hospice Volunteers work in their own community on a schedule that fits their availability. Non-medical volunteers may provide some of the following services:

- Friendly visits to the home or care center
- Reading to patients
- Patient caregiver relief
- Emotional and spiritual support
- Grief/bereavement support
- Office assistance

For more information, or to register for the next Hospice Volunteer Orientation, please contact:

Stacy Perlaki  
Volunteer Coordinator  
[Stacy.Perlaki@compassus.com](mailto:Stacy.Perlaki@compassus.com) or 1-800-557-7570



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# Events and Announcements

**Child Development, Inc.** is in need of children's scissors, crayons/markers, and glue sticks for supply kits for their young students for at-home activities to help improve their skills. If you'd like to help these developing young minds, contact Eileen Farber at [efarber@childdevelop.org](mailto:efarber@childdevelop.org). This could also make a fun and easy MADDay project by emailing to [jjohnston@co.schuylkill.pa.us](mailto:jjohnston@co.schuylkill.pa.us) or calling 570 628-1426.



**Serendipity**  
Gifts With Meaning

Join us for our **Holiday Open House**  
Saturday, November 12, 2016  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy light refreshments as you search for the perfect gift for anyone on your list!  
\$100 Gift Basket Giveaway  
Special Gift for First 10 Giveaway & Free Gift Wrapping

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10% OFF your next purchase when you mention "Fall 16" to cashier  
Expires 12/31/16  
\*Can be combined with other discounts  
\*Must mention Fall 16" to cashier

## West End Wandering Bus Bash

Saturday, October 15, 2016 — 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
\$19.00 per person

**TOUR ITINERARY**

- Visit a real working farm featuring soil and water conservation practices.
- See Swatara Furnace and Ironmaster's Mansion.
- Take a "selfie" at the purple pump - a major west end landmark.
- Check out the Old Mill near Hegins.
- Where is the oldest church and cemetery?
- Swoon over an old covered bridge.
- View a preserved farm.
- What and where is the Tulpehocken Path?
- Learn about Best Management Practices.
- Scenic vistas, pristine countryside and good ole country air!

- Begins at Schuylkill County AG Center in Pottsville with free all day parking.
- Travel in a comfortable motor coach with AC and convenient restroom.
- Lunch is on your own with a stop planned at McDonald's or Arby's in Pine Grove.
- "Porcupine Pat" will be your tour leader with help from friends.
- Info or to register: "Porcupine Pat" at 570.622.4124 x 113 or by email [porcupinepat@yahoo.com](mailto:porcupinepat@yahoo.com)

Sponsored by the Schuylkill County Historical Society, Schuylkill County Conservancy, Schuylkill Conservation District and the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness Committee with funds received from a Department of Environmental Protection Environmental Education Grant

## LESSIE'S GARDEN

Greenhouse & Gift Shop  
Plants with a purpose

Let US help you with your holiday needs!  
From Decorations to Gifts!

- Poinsettias with Decorative Foil - 6" (6-8 Blooms)
- 10" (10-12 Blooms) - 22" Fresh Wreaths with Red Bow
- 34" Fresh Window Swags with Red Bow
- 20" Fresh Door Swags with Red Bow - Cemetery Boxes
- Holiday Snack Baskets

\*Made To Order Baskets by request. Prices will vary. We Deliver!

Holiday Hours: M-F 8 am - 4pm  
Sat. 9 am - 2pm  
Park St. - Pottsville, PA 17904  
(570) 688-7368

## Art & The Upper Schuylkill River

an afternoon of art, music and a documentary on our rich heritage

Sun. October 16th ~ 2-4pm

Documentary Video & Q&A  
w/ Marisa Marlowe

Acoustic music by members of Blind Pigeon Records

Art by Joevanowsky—the Coal Mining Artist

The documentary "Art & the Upper Schuylkill River" delves into the rich culture of art and music that is found in our region. Through the narratives of four local artists, the history and breadth of the area's identity are explored. Glimpses of the hardship and pride of the once-booming coal mining industry are viewed through a creative lens, as well as how the natural geography of the landscape speaks to the rock and roll written and performed by local contemporary musicians. The river is a metaphor that connects our past to our present as it weaves through the small mountain towns along its banks.

Tamaqua Community Art Center 135 Pine Street Tamaqua, PA 18251 [www.Tamaquaarts.org](http://www.Tamaquaarts.org) 570-648-1192



## PENN STATE SCHUYLKILL

### Gift Card and Gift Basket BINGO

benefiting **THON**

(All regular game prizes are valued at \$75 or higher)

**Cost:** \$20.00 in advance/ \$25.00 at the door and includes 20 regular games and 4 specials

**Date:** Sunday, December 11, 2016  
**Time:** Doors open at noon  
Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Walk In Art Center, Schuylkill Haven, PA

**Ticket information:** Contact Patty Shoener at 570-385-6262 or Karen Beruck at 570-385-6115

Refreshments and a 50/50 raffle will be available for purchase. All proceeds from the kitchen will benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund at Penn State Schuylkill. This event is sponsored by the Penn State Schuylkill Alumni Society Board.

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# Schuylkill County MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY Registration Form Saturday, October 22, 2016

NAME OF GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL: \_\_\_\_\_

If group, name of contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

Zip

Note: Addresses are used for mailing purposes so make sure the appropriate address is listed. This address belongs to:  
the group \_\_\_\_\_ or to the contact person for the group \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO.: Daytime \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Phone numbers are for internal use only and will not be published unless you want others to join your project. This phone number belongs to \_\_\_\_\_ the group \_\_\_\_\_ or the contact person for the group \_\_\_\_\_

NAME AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

WHO OR WHICH AGENCY/GROUP WILL THIS PROJECT BENEFIT? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL THIS PROJECT BENEFIT? \_\_\_\_\_

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATING: \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING ON OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup> IN RELATION TO YOUR PROJECT? **Note, MADDay is a national event and as such, we must abide by their timeframes. Your entire project does NOT have to occur on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, but a portion of it DOES need to take place within 7 days. It could be a donation delivery or check presentation, etc. Please be as specific as possible about time and location of activity.** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**We hope to see you at your event and remember to have fun with your project.**

**Please mail, fax (8:30 to 4:00 only please), or email to**  
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