

# THE CATALYST

## SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

**THIS MONTH'S MEETING:** Thursday March 8 @ 7:00 PM, Jennings Environmental Education Center, Pizza and Pop will be provided!! 2/8/01 meeting attendance: F. Brenner, S. Busler, J. Cleary, C. Cooper, M. Cummings, T. Danehy, C. Denholm, M. Dunn, D. Johnson, V. Kefeli, D. Macurak, J. Reidenbaugh, S. Stevenson, and W. Taylor.



## **SRWC ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM - APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup>**

On April 5 and 6, the **Sixth Annual Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition Symposium** will be held at Jennings Environmental Education Center. Featured at this year's Symposium are a historical, interpretative speaker, field trips, and food!

*Everyone is welcome!!*

### **SOMETHING DIFFERENT!!! - April 5, 7:00 PM**

Most western Pennsylvania residents are all too familiar with the influence of past mining on their communities. Unfortunately this influence is primarily seen as a legacy of abandoned mine drainage, refuse piles, highwalls, and acres of desolate land. But hidden among these environmental scars, is a fascinating heritage. A heritage that built local communities, fueled local industry, and led to the technological advancements we enjoy today. Breaker boys, spraggers, greasers, and mule drivers are just a few of the colorful descriptions that portray the countless men and boys who worked the hundreds of now abandoned coal mines throughout Pennsylvania.

This year, in addition to focusing on the science of correcting the problems related to abandoned mines, the Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition would like to reveal this extraordinary history filled with tales of toil, sacrifice and examples of human perseverance. **Dr. Philip Mosley, Associate Professor of English, Communications and Comparative Literature at Penn State University, Worthington Scranton**, will kick off this year's Symposium by exploring the life and lore of the Pennsylvania miner through documentary and feature film clips and musical selections. His program entitled **Hard Coal, Soft Coal: Pennsylvania Mining in Film and Song** will provide the opportunity to reflect upon simpler times and acknowledge the men, women and children who sacrificed so much. Please come, enjoy the program, meet members of the Coalition, and share your own local mining memories!

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### **YOUTH PRESENTATIONS**

Last year, New Wilmington Area High School, Slippery Rock High School, Northern Area Alternative High School, and Boy Scout Troop 204 from Pittsburgh presented posters at the Annual Symposium.

The Symposium is a great place to present your findings, exchange ideas, observe restoration efforts, and have fun!!

If your school, Boy Scout troop, home school student, etc. would like to participate in this year's symposium, please call the Coalition at (724) 776-0161.

### **SYMPOSIUM FIELD TOUR**

On Friday, April 6, participants of the Coalition will conduct a field tour of the De Sale and Goff Station Restoration Areas. Work has been completed at De Sale Restoration Area by **Amerikohl Mining**, which features **two innovative passive systems**. **Quality Aggregates** is nearing completion of the Goff Station Restoration Area, which features **four Vertical Flow Ponds, a treatment wetland, and a bat hibernaculum (coming soon!)**.

**Please bring appropriate field attire (stuff that can get dirty).**

**Coming Next Month:** Virtual Field Tour, Symposium schedule, and more on the Get-Together!

## 2001 SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Attending:  Thursday  Friday  Both # of people attending \_\_\_\_\_

Please send monthly newsletter

Please respond by Monday, March 26, 2001

Return to: Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition c/o Stream Restoration Inc.  
3016 Unionville Road  
Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

or email: [sri@salsgiver.com](mailto:sri@salsgiver.com) (please write Symposium Registration in Subject, indicate when attending, and the number of people attending)

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To ensure "vast quantities" of **food** please fill out the above registration form.  
There is absolutely no cost to attend!

### SRWC SYMPOSIUM

**When:** April 5, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM and April 6,  
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

**Location:** The Jennings Environmental Education Center is located at the corner of State Routes 8 and 528 across from the Old Stone House about 8 miles north of Butler and 4 miles south of Slippery Rock.

### "GET-TOGETHER"

**When:** May 9, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Location:** Epiphany Catholic Church is located in Boyers, PA off of Forestville Road and State Route 308.

**Don't miss out on the door prizes, great food, and fun! Bring the whole family!!**

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