

THE CATALYST

SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

THIS MONTH'S MEETING: Thursday 3/9/06 at 7 pm at Jennings Environmental Education Center, pizza and pop provided. 2/9/06 Meeting Attendance: J. Belgraden, C. Cooper, C. Denholm, N. DiBiase, M. Dunn, K. Durret, D. Johnson, V. Kefeli, S. Smith, S. VanDerWal

SRWC A "Runner-Up" for the Carnegie Science Center Environmental Award!!!

The **Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition** is honored and excited to be a "runner-up" of the **10th Annual Carnegie Science Center Awards for Excellence** in the "Environmental" category!!! Several participants of the SRWC were present at the Announcement Reception which was held at the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh on February 1. **Margaret Dunn, Cliff Denholm, Shaun Busler, and Valentin and Galina Kefeli** had an enjoyable evening at the Science Center, where awardees were treated to a delicious pasta bar, among other tasty foods. On this evening, the winners of the Awards for Excellence were officially announced, which included categories such as Entrepreneur; Elementary, Middle Level, and High School Educator; Media; Life Sciences; and Corporate Innovation, among others.

The Awards for Excellence program was established by the Carnegie Science Center in 1997 to recognize and promote outstanding achievements in the fields of science and technology in the Western Pennsylvania region. Since its inception, over 100 individuals and organizations have been honored for their commitment, courage, and contributions to improving the lives of those in the area. The Carnegie Science Center and **Eaton Corporation** have partnered together for the past nine years to present the Awards for Excellence. An Eaton Corporation representative stated, "As a company that values contributions to science and technology, Eaton is proud to sponsor the Awards for Excellence. The awardees have achieved success in areas that contribute to Western Pennsylvania and the world." Awards for Excellence recipients will be honored formally on May 3 with an Awards Celebration to be held at the Carnegie Music Hall.



Set Sail with the SRWC on September 21!!!

Try to think beyond the cold, cloudy, snowy days of winter... and fast forward to late summer and the **5th Annual Ohio River Watershed Celebration!!!** That's right, we're already thinking about and planning for the annual riverboat cruise aboard the Gateway Clipper Fleet's *Majestic!!!* Mark your calendars early! Be sure to save the date, **Thursday, September 21**, and meet us at the docks of the Gateway Clipper in Pittsburgh for an exciting, educational, FUN experience! We hope you plan to join us for pre-cruise festivities at the dock and the 3-hour riverboat tour highlighting the best of the resources, ecology, history, commerce, transportation (and much more!!!) of Pittsburgh's rivers.

Hundreds of individuals participated in the 4th Annual Ohio River Watershed Celebration, which was held on July 27, 2005, and we expect this year's Celebration to be even bigger and better! Everyone is welcome to come, including folks from watershed groups, private foundations, local businesses, students and educators, local residents, mining companies, local, state, and federal agencies, environmental professionals, and private industry. It is always exciting to have a variety of participants learning more about the Ohio River Watershed! With over **70** Celebration Sponsors and Partners volunteering their time and talents in years past, the spirit of cooperation and the generation of new ideas has never been stronger. Look for more information on how to register or volunteer for the 2006 Ohio River Watershed Celebration in future editions of the *Catalyst*.

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Herschel Mathews, Jr. (landowner) and Buddy Pecjak installing drill roads for Mike Hollobaugh and John Ridings of McKay & Gould Drilling to install piezometers at the Dunkard Creek AMD Project.



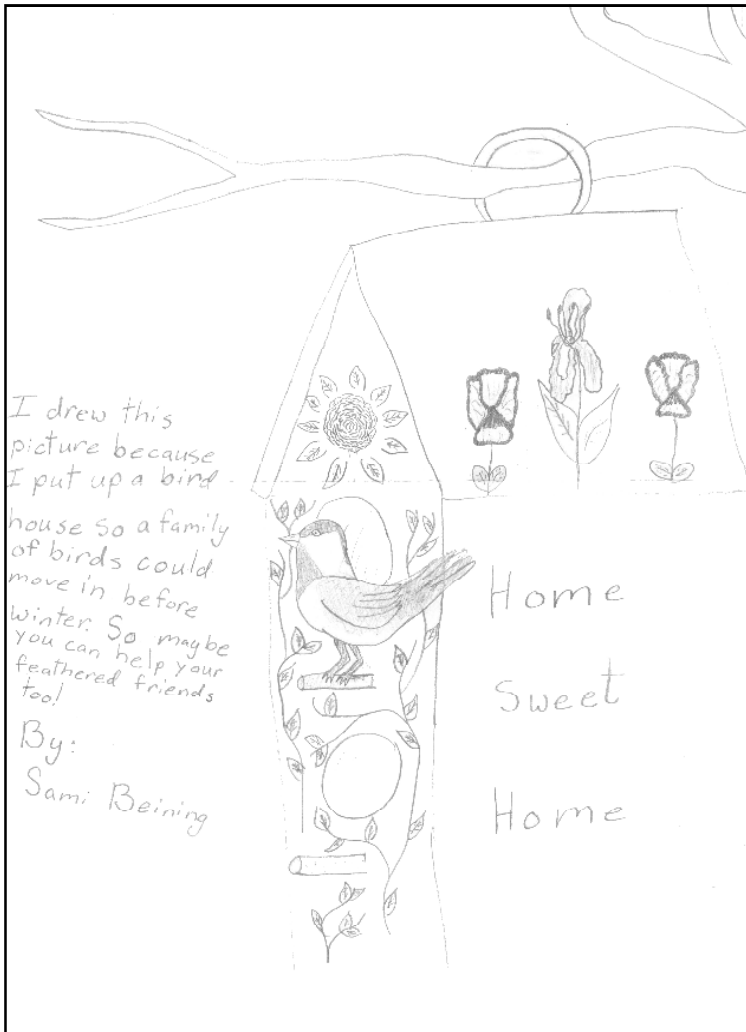
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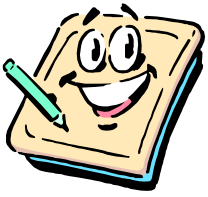
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Creative Kids in the Catalyst

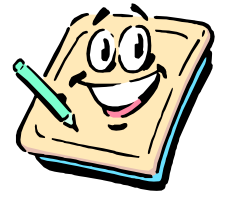
Check out this great art work sent in to us by two young *Catalyst* readers, Sami and Madi Beining! We love to receive pictures from kids, and these two are fabulous! We believe anyone can, and should, take an interest in their local environment, and that includes kids! It's fun to learn more about things like habitat and wildlife, and we welcome any and all drawings, colorings, stories, poems, etc. by kids about any topic dealing with the environment. If you are a Creative Kid and would like to send us an original piece of art or other creation, you just may see it published in a future issue of the *Catalyst*, read by over 1200 people in several different countries! Spring is a great time to get outdoors and get inspired to draw!





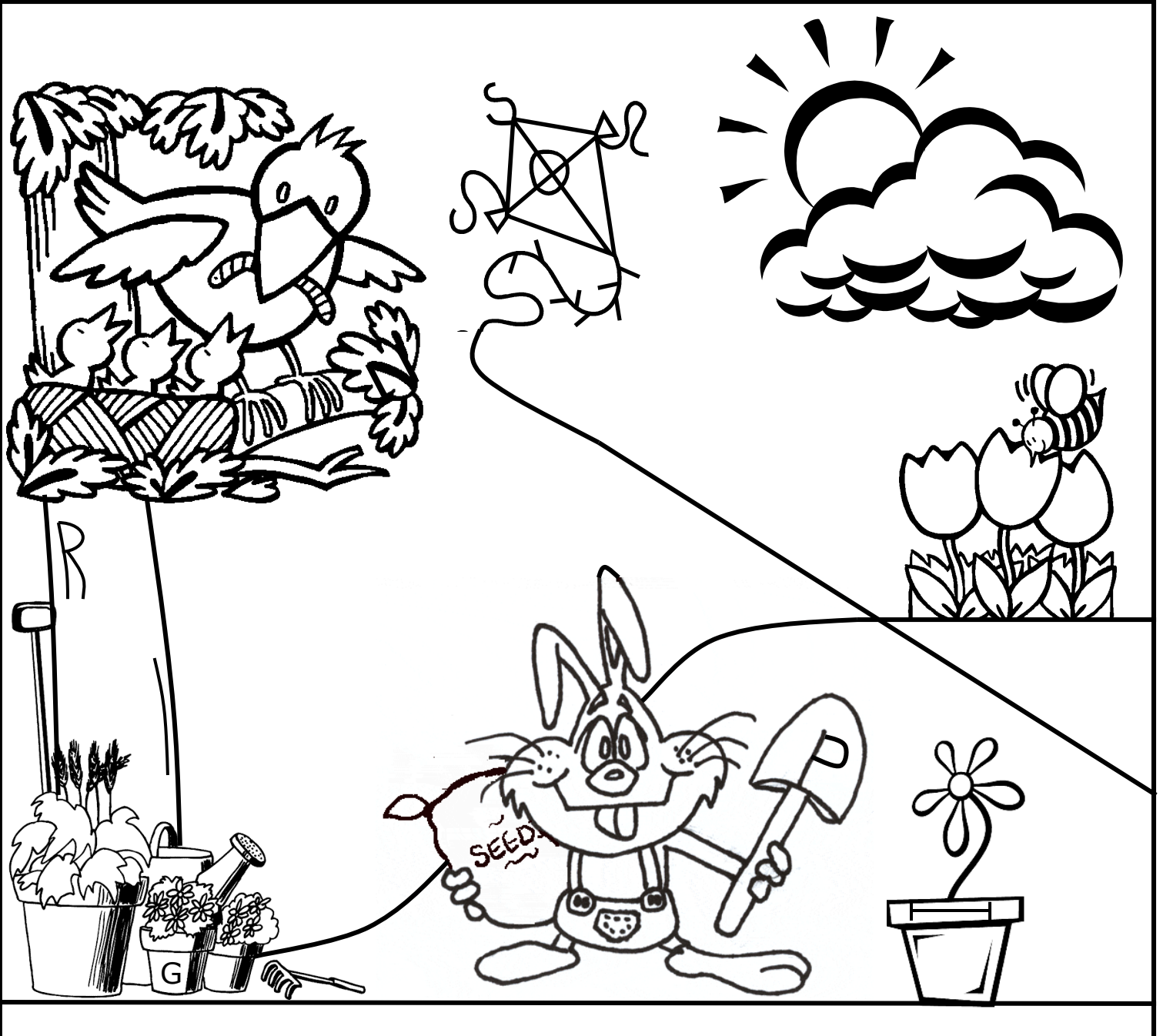
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SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION FUN ACTIVITY



Seeking Spring

What do you think of when you think of spring? It's time to plant a garden or fly a kite! It's time to enjoy the flowers, the sunshine, and the warmer temperatures! Baby birds are chirping everywhere, animals come out of their winter hibernation, and insects are starting to buzz all around us! The first day of spring is March 20. In honor of spring, the 6 letters that spell S-P-R-I-N-G are hidden in the spring coloring picture below! Try to find all 6 and circle them, then color the picture! If you mail us your paper, we will send you a free gift certificate!



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Highlighting Other Partnership Efforts (HOPE!)

Dunkard Creek



On a cool February morning in southwestern Pennsylvania the sounds of bulldozers and heavy equipment could be heard rumbling through the river valley around Dunkard Creek in Greene County. Construction on the first passive treatment system in the Dunkard Creek Watershed was begun by **Mathew's Farms** and **McKay & Gould Drilling**. **Terri Davin** (above left) from the **Greene County Watershed Alliance** couldn't be happier to see this abandoned mine discharge (lower right) finally being treated. This project will dramatically improve aquatic life in the lower 6.2 miles of the stream by removing over 40 tons of iron and aluminum every year! Thanks go out to the **Mathew's Family**, the **Greene County Watershed Alliance**, and **Quality Aggregates**, who



are working in conjunction with **Stream Restoration Incorporated** and **BioMost, Inc.** Without all of these groups working together, this monumental step towards restoring this degraded watershed would not be possible.