

## THE CATALYST

### SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

**MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH. NEXT MEETING: 7 pm on 11/14/13 at Jennings Environmental Education Center, pizza and pop provided. 10/10/13 meeting attendance: C. Denholm, M. Dunn, V. Kefeli, B. Kuban, F. VanAtta, S. VanDerWal**

**WESTMINSTER COLLEGE STUDENTS to present their research on the Erico Bridge Passive Treatment System at the 11/14/13 SRWC meeting!!!!**

### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio River Watershed Celebration (ORWC)

*Another great year with a lot to celebrate!!!*

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual ORWC took place on Thursday, September 19, 2013. We had a glorious day on the Ohio River on board two cruise ships filled to capacity! The *Empress* hosted the Networker Cruise, where over 45 displays from local watershed groups, conservancies, as well as government, business, and industry explained to about 300 attendees how we are all "Working Together for Clean Water." Special guests included **Christopher Abruzzo**, Secretary of PA DEP; **Kristin Carter**, Assistant State Geologist; **Colonel Bernard Lindstrom**, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; **Commander Lindsay Weaver-Marcenelle**, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit, Pittsburgh; and **Rich Fitzgerald**, Allegheny County Chief Executive.

Pre-cruise activities at the dock included the opportunity to observe a working model of a lock and dam presented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - good preparation for guests who would "lock" through the Emsworth dam just a few hours later! The PA Fish & Boat Commission display featured a Stream Mat to demonstrate fish in the streams, while Westmoreland Cleanways showed attendees how to make paper. US EPA, Burgh Bees, PA Bureau of State Parks, and the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation also had informative presentations. Participants also had an opportunity to view many Alternative Fuel Vehicles in the upper parking lot, including a Honda Civic, a Chevy Volt, a propane van, Veteran's Taxi and a Bi-fuel truck. PA American Water demonstrated their "Puddles" vehicle as well.

On board, **Dennis Tubbs** of the PA Fish and Boat Commission gave the Keynote presentation - "Where are We?" He introduced the various watershed attendees by pointing out their locations on the map as well as where their displays were located on the boat. He also awarded certificates to those groups who have attended the ORWC for the last 10 consecutive years - these were the Kiski-Conemaugh Stream Team and Slippery Rock Creek Watershed Association. Also receiving awards for five years of attendance were the Cowanshannock Watershed Association, Crooked Creek Environmental Learning Center, Independence Conservancy, and Shade Creek Watershed Association. Special thanks to several presenters who gave very interesting and informative talks. **Andy McAllister**, WPCAMR, had us "Thinking Outside the Box - a New Use for AMD," **Tim Danehy** (BioMost, Inc.) and **Bruce Leavitt** (Consulting Hydrologist) presented "Sustainable Watershed Technologies", and **Dr. Lutitia Clipper** (Peoples Natural Gas) and **Tom Risley** (Life Cycle Engineering) spoke on "Preserving the Integrity of Our Inland Waterways."

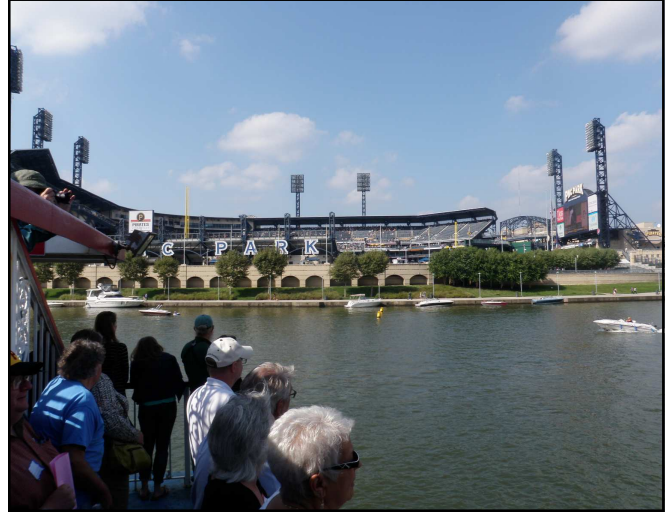
Each year a poster contest highlights the positive efforts and impacts that small local groups are doing to address watershed issues. Cash prizes were awarded to the watershed groups in four categories:

**Most Innovative Program:** 1<sup>st</sup> place **Evergreen Conservancy**; 2<sup>nd</sup> place **Shade Creek Watershed Association**  
**Best Overall Display:** 1<sup>st</sup> place **Washington County Watershed Alliance**; 2<sup>nd</sup> place **Kiski-Conemaugh Stream Team**  
**Best Partnership Effort:** 1<sup>st</sup> place **Westmoreland Cleanways**; 2<sup>nd</sup> place **Crooked Creek Watershed Association**  
**Community Education & Outreach:** 1<sup>st</sup> place **Paddle without Pollution**; 2<sup>nd</sup> place **Independence Conservancy**.

Congratulations to this year's Environmental Award winners: **Gary Stokum**, Washington County Conservation District (government category); **Tom Risley** of Life Cycle Engineering (business category); **Elizabeth Klevens**, Elizabeth Klevens Mosaics (individual category); and **Range Resources** (environmental conservation).

Aboard the *3 Rivers Queen*, about 250 students and parents were part of the Imagination Cruise. Thanks to the staff of Jennings Environmental Education Center who coordinated multiple presenters to give the young participants an understanding of the importance of maintaining our watersheds.

Thanks to our **Sponsors** and **Partners** (*please see back page!*) for making this a wonderful and educational learning experience for all who attended! And a special thanks to the **ORWC Steering Committee**, for all of their hard work and effort put into making this event so fun and successful year after year! The ORWC Steering Committee members are: **Maggie Hall, Anne Daymut, Joe Dinkel, Ryan Falcone, Marcia Reinstadtler, Barrie Gibbs, Sylvia Danehy, Dave Plank, Amy Miller, Manny Miller, Tish Clipper, Brian Schimmel, Denny Tubbs, Barb Kushner, Diana Stares, Lauren Eckels, Sandy Egley, Sarah Koenig, Deb Storch, Mandy Smith, Miranda Crostley, Kristie Niekamp, Rick Price and Margaret Dunn.**



Hundreds of participants enjoyed a fun day sailing the Three Rivers of Pittsburgh as part of the 12th Annual Ohio River Watershed Celebration (see front page).

## Save the Date!

### Student Symposium on the Environment Thursday, December 5th, 2013

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Join **Westminster College, Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition**, environmental professionals, educators and watershed organizations for an evening at Westminster College showcasing student research and creative works. The Student Symposium on the Environment is held each December to highlight environmental study, research, artistic expression, and service work being done by students in the region. Students from all disciplines, ranging from high school through graduate school, are encouraged to participate. Research posters, art work, oral presentations, and even performances are welcome.

Last year more than 100 attendees took part with nearly 30 presentations from seven regional institutions. And don't forget... there are cash awards for the best presentations!

**What:** Annual Student Symposium on the Environment

**When:** December 5, 2013

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** Witherspoon Rooms of McKelvey Campus Center, Westminster College

#### Schedule:

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Networking and Poster Session
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Oral Presentations
8:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Special Presentation followed by Awards Ceremony

To be a presenter at the Student Symposium, please submit an abstract at [http://www.westminster.edu/acad/biol/dept/ep/symposium\\_submission.cfm](http://www.westminster.edu/acad/biol/dept/ep/symposium_submission.cfm). For more information, contact Helen Boylan at (724) 946-6293 or by email at [boylanhm@westminster.edu](mailto:boylanhm@westminster.edu). Hope to see you there!



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## SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION FUN ACTIVITY



### Thanksgiving Word Search

Try to find all of the words hidden in the puzzle below. They can be written horizontally, vertically, backwards, or diagonally! If you mail us your completed Word Search we'll send you a free gift certificate! Good luck, and have a happy Thanksgiving holiday!

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Autumn	Thanks	Feast
Pumpkin pie	Pilgrims	Cold
Harvest	Indians	November
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Football	Parade	Nap

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