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Save the Date:

March 16– Green Drinks, Wooly’s 5:30-7:30pm

March 17– SCRIP Board Meeting, Windber Hotel, 11:30 am

March 30– SCRIP Scholarship deadline

April 1– MLTU Banquet, Holiday Inn, Johnstown, doors open at 5pm, tickets \$35

April 8–Paint Creek Pick Up (*See p. 2.*)

May 19-21– Stonycreek Rendezvous. Details at www.benscreekcanooclub.com

June 1-4– Kiski-Conemaugh River Sojourn. Details at www.conemaughvalleyconservancy.org

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Stonycreek-Conemaugh River Improvement Project

A new book “Keystone Fly Fishing” has just been published by Headwater Books. The book covers fly fishing opportunities for the entire state of Pennsylvania. Although books of this type have been written before by a single author, this publication differs dramatically since it is a compilation of nine regional authors who live and fish in areas they cover.

Len Lichvar, Somerset Conservation District Manager and SCRIP Chairman wrote the southwestern regional component of the book. Len, in addition to being a professional conservationist, has been a professional outdoor writer for over 30 years and was selected as a co-author for his fly fishing expertise and writing skills.

Although the book is oriented to fly fishing, it is still a valuable reference book for fishing waters across the state, for trout and warmwater species for anglers of any type.

In the southwestern section of the book Len also covers time revived waters such as Quemahoning Creek, Wells Creek and the West Branch of the Susquehanna River for the first time on a national level. These waters have only in recent years become viable fisheries because of efforts of SCRIP and other partners. Waterways such as the Stonycreek River, Casselman River and many of their tributaries, that have been written about previously, are now covered in more depth and detail and with the latest information on their ever increasing recreational potential.

New Book Covers Fly Fishing Opportunities (and More) in Pennsylvania

by Len Lichvar

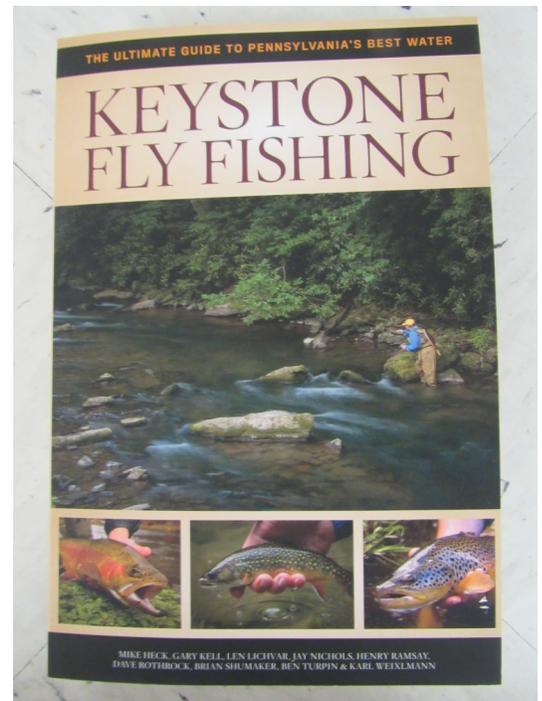


Photo by Len Lichvar

The book also serves as a great ecotourism promotion for the entire state as well as the southwestern portion including the Cambria-Somerset region. The book is 584 pages and is illustrated with outstanding photos throughout. The book sells for \$29.95 and is available from internet resources, fly shops, bookstores and also from Len himself if you would like an autographed copy.

Trout in the Classroom Projects Continuing This Year

by Melissa Reckner



Photo by Melissa Reckner

The Kiski-Conemaugh Stream Team is leading several Trout in the Classroom projects again this year. In the Upper Conemaugh River Basin, the Stream Team is working with the Mountain Laurel chapter of Trout Unlimited to raise funds for the TIC program and to offer technical assistance and environmental education programming. As has become our custom, after students release their fish into a state-approved body of water, they will participate in 3-6 Outdoor Discovery Workshops led by the Stream Team, MLTU and its partners. Volunteers are needed to help teach students how to cast a fly line and sometime fish, usually with spinning rods provided by the PA Fish and Boat Commission.

Blacklick Valley – April 28 – Stewart Run
Bishop McCort – May 10 – South Fork Bens Creek
Conemaugh Township – May 15 – South Fork Bens Creek
Berlin-Brothersvalley – May 17 – Stonycreek River
Divine Mercy – May 22 – South Fork Bens Creek
Shade-Central City – May 30 – Laurel Run

Also, on May 23, Shanksville-Stonycreek Elementary School students will participate in an Outdoor Day at the Central City Sportsmen's Club. After a few morning sessions, students will fish at the pond and many hands are needed to help the third graders.

If you can help, please contact Melissa Reckner at 814-444-2669 or mreckner@kcstreamteam.org for details. Thank you.

Picking Up Paint Creek Scheduled for Saturday, April 8

by Melissa Reckner

The Paint Creek Regional Watershed Association and Kiski-Conemaugh Stream Team are again collaborating to plan the 8th annual Picking Up Paint Creek litter cleanup on Saturday, April 8 from 8:30 – 11:30 AM. As always, volunteers are asked to meet at the pull off along Route 160 between Windber and Elton, where Little Paint Creek passes under the road.

Volunteers should wear pants and boots or other closed-toe shoes and dress for the weather. Gloves, safety vests, garbage bags, and light refreshments will be available. Efforts will focus on Berwick Road and a portion of Route 160 from the pull off up to Wingards.

Contact Melissa Reckner at 814-444-2669 or mreckner@kcstreamteam.org to register or if you have questions.

SCRIP Participates in NatureWorks at the BottleWorks

Over 250 people attended the first NatureWorks event held on Saturday, March 4 from 10am-2pm at the BOTTLE WORKS on Third Avenue in the Cambria City Section of Johnstown.

Collegeville, PA artist, Michael Reimer demonstrated the ancient technique of Gyotaku (GHEE-OH-TAH-KOO), a Japanese art of making fish rubbings. His art work will be exhibited at the BOTTLE WORKS from March 3-25.

SCRIP joined many other conservation and outdoor organizations in offering interactive 'hands on' activities and educational displays. It was sponsored in part by the EADS Group and SCRIP. Proceeds benefited the BOTTLE WORKS Ethnic Art Center, a 501 (c) 3 non-



Isabella Dull (left) makes Iron Oxide (IO) chalk at the SCRIP table, using IO collected from abandoned mine wetlands.

SCRIP \$500 Scholarship

The Stonycreek Conemaugh River Improvement Project will be awarding a \$500 Scholarship to a worthy student for the current academic year. Deadline to submit is March 30, 2017.

Eligibility—Applicant must:

Either be a dues-paying SCRIP member or the child of a SCRIP member

Reside in one of the counties that includes the Kiski-Conemaugh Basin (Armstrong, Cambria, Indiana, Somerset, or Westmoreland). Residency means the student lives in or is a resident at a school in one of these counties.

Be in an accredited environmental field of study at a Pennsylvania college or university.

How to Apply:

The application should contain these three parts:

Part I- A cover sheet with the following information: name, mailing address, email address, phone number, college or university attending, year and course of study

Part II- A typed statement, double-spaced, 12 pt font size, no longer than two pages explaining applicant's professional goals, how the course of study will meet those goals and any involvement to date in the field.

Part III- A copy of applicant's latest transcript

Applications must be received by March 30, 2017. Please send to: SCRIP, Scholarship 2017, P.O. Box 164, Windber, PA 15963. Award notification will be no later than April 30, 2017.

Award check will be sent directly to the Financial Aid Office at the college or university.

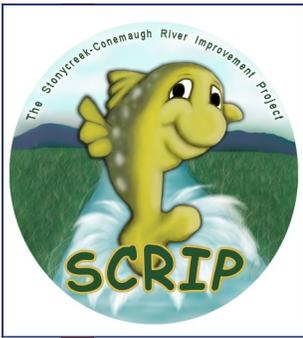
Award recipient will be required to inform SCRIP of his or her personal academic achievements, graduation and future career plans in article form for publication in the SCRIP newsletter. This information will be used to assist with promotion of any future SCRIP scholarship awards.

Any questions about eligibility or other parts of the application should be addressed to SCRIP at: info@ScripPA.org.

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____ Sponsor (\$500) _____ Lifetime (\$1000)

Make your check payable to **SCRIP**, or for a tax-deductible contribution, make the check to **Southern Alleghenies Conservancy/ SCRIP**. * *If you are not sure of your membership status contact SCRIP's secretary at 814-444-2669 or mreckner@kcstreamteam.org.* Send donations to: **SCRIP, P.O. Box 164, Windber, PA 15963**



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 restore and promote the Upper Conemaugh watershed.

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