

Summer Events and Volunteer Opportunities



To learn more information about our events, email isnyder@fohvos.org.

MAY 20

Mount Rose BioBlitz

6 am – 2:30 pm Mount Rose Preserve, across from 350 Carter Road, Princeton, NJ FoHVOS, the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, and Hopewell Township



are performing a BioBlitz on our jointly owned Mount Rose preserve. A BioBlitz is a period of biological surveying intended to record all the living species within a designated area in 24 hours. Join experts as we explore the preserve in search of all the plants and animals that call it home! There will be plenty of family-friendly activities to enjoy. Guided walks will run from 6 am to 2:30 pm.

Visit http://njconservation.org/MountRosePreserveBioblitz.htm for updates and the full schedule of guided walks.

MAY 20

Pennington Day

10 am - 4 pm

Main Street on Pennington – Green Street sustainability section FoHVOS will have a table at Pennington Day, a community street fair to connect residents with local businesses, artisans, and non-profits. Stop by our booth and pick up a preserve passport to guide you through our preserve system and a free trail guide for hiking in our area. See the faces of FoHVOS! Meet members of our board of trustees, Stewardship Director and naturalist Mike Van Clef, and new Executive Director Lisa Wolff.

JUNE 3

Mount Rose Preserve Grand Opening

9 am to 1 pm

Mount Rose Preserve, across from 350 Carter Road, Princeton, NJ Mount Rose Preserve is a nearly 400-acre preserve that is co-owned by FoHVOS, the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, and Hopewell Township. The preserve is a mosaic of forest, shrubland, and meadow, and is home to many rare and threatened species. FoHVOS staff and volunteers have been hard at work creating a trail system for this expansive ecological landscape. Join us for the grand opening! There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony, speakers, and hikes.

Mount Rose Preserve is owned and managed by New Jersey Conservation Foundation, Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space, Hopewell Township, and Mercer County. It was preserved in partnership with the following additional organizations: Hopewell Valley Citizens Group Inc., NJ Green Acres Program, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, Lawrence Hopewell Trail, Hopewell Borough, Pennington Borough, Friends of Princeton Open Space, D&R Greenway Land Trust, Lawrence Township and Princeton.

JUNE 24

PLSP Garden Tour with the Bean Family

10 am - 12 pm

9 Ringo's Mill Rd. Hopewell, NJ

FoHVOS Private Land Stewardship Program members Mark and Samantha Bean have transformed their backyard into an ecological paradise with the help of FoHVOS Stewardship Director Mike Van Clef and landscape architect David Hughes of Weatherwood Designs. They transformed their neighborhood detention basin into a thriving meadow and have implemented a number of environmentally beneficial features into their own yard. Stop by for a tour and see how you can turn your backyard into a sanctuary for native plants and wildlife!

Registration required. \$10 registration fee for FoHVOS members, \$15 for nonmembers. Click <u>here</u> to register!

JULY 2

Citizen Science Butterfly Count

9 am - 12 pm

Thompson Preserve and Baldpate Mountain

Spend the morning at our wildflower meadows and help tally butterflies for the North American Butterfly Association's Butterfly Count with FoHVOS Land Steward Beth Craighead. No knowledge of butterfly species is required. This citizen science effort will help scientists monitor butterfly populations and provide valuable information about the butterflies in our area.

Registration required. There is no cost to attend. Click here to register!

AUGUST 19

Pennington Farmers Market

9 am - 1 pm

Rosedale Mills 101 Route 31, Pennington, NJ

FoHVOS will be at the community table selling tickets for our 30th anniversary event. See what the area farmers are growing, purchase fresh produce, and support local vendors! We will have a few of our silent auction items on display as well as membership brochures, trail guides, and event tickets for purchase. Can't make the farmers market? Visit our website after August 18 to purchase tickets! We will be celebrating 30 years of preserving open space at the beautiful Glenmoore Barn in Hopewell. Join us for an afternoon of drinks, music, catered hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction!