



# Sleepy Creek Watershed Association

Protecting and Preserving Sleepy Creek in Morgan County, West Virginia

Fall 2001

## Time to Renew!

To ease bookkeeping, all membership dues will be renewable on October 1 of each year. Please send your check and current address information (including e-mail address) to:

Sleepy Creek Watershed Assn  
Gale Foulds, Treasurer  
P.O. Box 991  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

Show your support:

Individual Membership:	\$10
Family Membership:	\$15
Group/Organization:	\$25
Supporter:	\$100

## Apple Butter Help Needed!

Can you help staff the booth at Apple Butter Festival? Just a few hours would give Susan a break.

**258-6611**

*Reduce, Reuse,  
Recycle  
and Rebuy.*

## Message from the President

# Call for Volunteers for Apple Butter Festival

GOSH, the Apple Butter Festival is right around the corner and it seems it was just yesterday that we were out in the sunshine of October talking to people about SCWA. This year we are going to do more than talk. We have decided on a logo and have bought T-Shirts and bumper stickers to sell at Apple Butter.

Gale, your new treasurer, and I will take care of setting up our tent on Friday night and have volunteered to staff the tent Saturday morning.

How about some volunteers for Sunday?!! Of course, we will take any help setting up the tent and materials and in taking down. It should be much easier this year because Garith (Gale's husband) has mounted our large map on lightweight material so it's easy to haul and set up. He has also made a large sign with all the words spelled out (he couldn't stand my misspelled Asso.). Plus he built us a display board that will not blow

down. Hooray and thank you Garith!!

Abby Chapple of Friends of the Cacapon River and I have been working on getting more environmental groups to participate in the Apple Butter Festival. We really would like to make the environment area at the festival an ongoing thing. The Rotary Club is again sponsoring the environmental area, so if you know someone in the Rotary Club, be sure to thank them for all of us.

We have more groups than last year and we are still growing. If you know of a group that might like to participate, call me with a contact or phone number. We can always start early to sign people up for next year.

Oh! You want to know what the logo is?!! I guess you will have to wait for the T-Shirts!

—Susan Taylor, President



## Growing Native— October 20-21st

On October 20-21, 2001, conservation groups throughout the Potomac Watershed will be organizing volunteers at dozens of selected sites to collect acorns and seeds that will be used to increase the diversity of native tree stock for local restoration projects.

State nurseries are experiencing a shortage of native sapling stock due to the ever increasing demand for trees, particularly for ecological restoration projects. To replenish the supply of native seedlings and ensure diversity in the tree stock, the Potomac Watershed Partnership is sponsoring this effort to collect large numbers of seeds. The seeds collected will be

planted and ready to transplant in approximately 2 years. These tree seedlings will be used to create diverse and healthy streamside forests, which are the key to maintaining and improving water quality and providing wildlife habitat.

### Technical Assistance

The Partnership will provide all of the materials and assistance local groups need to sponsor a collection site including:

- Training for a volunteer to coordinate the event, or the Partnership will provide a volunteer coordinator;
- Educational community seminars on forest buffers with slide show;
- Materials to conduct the seed collection such as tree identification charts, burlap bags, and buckets for float testing;
- Promotional materials, banners, and media support;
- A forest ecologist to identify and assess potential seed collection sites;
- Liability insurance for the event.

For more information please contact: Christine Rodick, Growing Native Coordinator, at [trees@potomac.org](mailto:trees@potomac.org), or 703.276.2777 x208.

The Potomac Watershed Partnership is one of 15 U.S. Forest Service-sponsored watershed restoration efforts working to

expand collaborative relationships among the local, state, and federal natural resources agencies, private conservation groups, and communities.

The Partnership is organizing Growing Native in order to increase the stock of diverse native saplings in state nurseries as well as raise public awareness about restoring streamside forests in the Potomac River Watershed.

## WV Save Our Streams Workshop

Are you interested in participating in a "Save Our Streams" workshop in our area?

We actually wade into Sleepy Creek and catch bugs—the kinds of bugs we catch will tell us how healthy our creek is, and we will keep track from year to year. It is fun and interesting.

If you live on Sleepy Creek, we may be able to set up a "station" to monitor the creek on your property. It would be great to have one every several miles along the creek.

If you're interested in this workshop, contact Susan Taylor, 258-6611.

The Sleepy Creek Watershed Association is an organization of citizens working to protect and preserve Sleepy Creek and to educate the community on the value of this precious natural resource in Berkeley Springs, WV.

### Officers

President: Susan Taylor  
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