



SOUTHERN  
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CHAPTER

Soil and Water Conservation Society

September 2018

# NEWSLETTER

## **Erosion and Sediment Control Field Day Workshops**

Information will be posted on the [swcssnec.org](http://swcssnec.org) website soon about this October's Erosion and Sediment Control Field Days! Just as last year, the SWCS SNEC is working with E.J. Prescott, Inc. on holding one (1) day workshops in Connecticut and Rhode Island. Registration discounts will be available for SWCS SNEC members and certificate of attendances will be available.

## **Annual Summer Meeting: Coastal Erosion Field Tour**

Last month's Annual Summer Meeting was held in Wakefield, Rhode Island on a beautiful day at the ocean! The morning began at the nearby South Kingstown Land Trust Barn with presentations, following a delivery of large delicious subs and a Chapter meeting, and ending the day with a walk along the beach viewing evidence of coastal erosion. We have posted several photographs of this day on our FaceBook page and website for viewing.

### **Figure 1:**

*Shown below is a photograph of Janet Freedman, Coastal Erosion Field Tour guide during our 2018 Annual Summer Meeting.*



## **International Coastal Cleanup!**

Speaking of the coast, this year's International Cleanup Day is on September 15, 2018. Please go to <https://oceanconservancy.org/trash-free-seas/international-coastal-cleanup/volunteer/> to find a location closest to you in the Southern New England area to volunteer!



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## **Fiscal Year 2019 SWCS SNEC Board of Directors**

All SWCS SNEC Members in good standing were mailed ballots and the SWCS SNEC election results were announced at the 2018 Summer Meeting. Our current Board of Directors are as follows:

*President:* **TOM AKIN**

*Vice President & President Elect:* **DR. TIMOTHY RANDHIR**

*Secretary:* **CAROL GRASIS**

*Treasurer:* **CHRISTINE ODIAGA**

*Rhode Island Representative:* **JEFFREY PETERSON**

*Massachusetts Representative:* **JOHN DUDULA**

*Connecticut Representative:* **DEVLEENA GHOSH-BROWER**

## **Annual Winter Conferences**

Our Annual Winter Conference this past March was titled 'Healthy Forests, Healthy Habitats'. It was held at the Publick House Historic Inn in Massachusetts where we had over one hundred (100) professionals join us for great speakers, exhibits and food! We are planning another Annual Winter Conference to be held in the Southern New England area on a Friday in March of 2019. We expect to offer professional development credits to attendees for use to apply towards various continuing education requirements they may have to maintain licenses and certifications.

### **Figure 2:**

*A photograph of the well attended 2018 Annual Winter Conference held in Sturbridge, Massachusetts.*



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## **SWCS SNEC Memberships**

Please don't forget to renew your SWCS Memberships! We need your support and involvement is vital for the chapter. All membership renewals offer:

- One-year subscription to the *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation*
- Monthly e-newsletter *Conservogram*
- Discounted registration to the SWCS International Annual Conference and SWCS SNEC events, conferences, meetings, and workshops
- Discount on SWCS publications
- Discounts on author page charges

## **SWCS SNEC Student Memberships**

The SWCS SNEC subsidizes new student memberships for full timers who are enrolled in at least 12 credits a semester. Students becoming first time members to the SNEC, UConn or UMass Student Chapters will be reimbursed 50% (\$20.00) of the student membership fee. New student memberships also include a free book: *Aldo Leopold: The Man and His Legacy*. This special subsidy is only for new student members, for the first year. As the new school year begins, please pass along this information to college students!

## **SWCS Gift Memberships**

These gift memberships are always available to purchase, email [info@swcssnec.org](mailto:info@swcssnec.org) for a gift membership form or go to our Facebook page for one. It's a great idea for birthdays and the holidays approaching us! A one-year gift membership as a *Conservationist* is only \$58 (half price) and includes a free book, by *Aldo Leopold: The Man and His Legacy*.

## **'Like SNEC' on Face Book**

The SNEC is keeping this site updated by sharing topics and news as they arise and invite you to 'Like' us to follow the Chapter on this page! Go to <https://www.facebook.com/SWCS.SNEC.ORG/> . Also, Like the SWCS face book at <https://www.facebook.com/soilandwaterconservation/> .

## **'LinkedIn' is coming!**

Stay tuned, the SWCS Southern New England Chapter will have its own LinkedIn page soon to help connect professionals and share news in this field!

## **SWCS Conservation Career Center**

The SWCS offers professional employment and internship listings on their website from all across the nation and internationally. You may visit <https://swcs.careerwebsite.com/jobs>, and here you can also sign up for automatic notifications on new job listings!

Thank you for reading our Newsletter and if you would like to contact the SWCS SNEC, feel free to e-mail Megan at [info@swcssnec.org](mailto:info@swcssnec.org) or call (518) 669-5902.

Sincerely,

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