



Photo Contest

Do you like to take pictures? If so, you should enter the Freehold Soil Conservation District annual Photo Contest and possibly win a prize!

We are asking photographers to capture subjects promoting the beauty and uniqueness of the natural environments found within Middlesex and Monmouth Counties.



“Farming in Glorious Morning” by Zheng Xu, of Manalapan, was selected as a winning entry in 2011.



The contest is open to adults (ages 18+) as of the entry deadline of October 19, 2012.

Entry Forms and Rules can be found at:
www.freeholdscd.org under Events

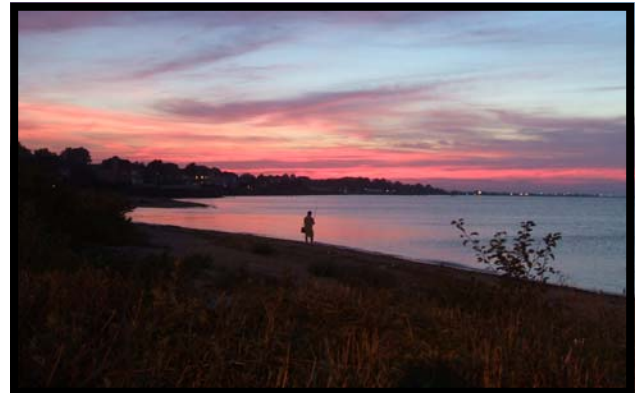
(Left) Nancy A. Smith, of Neptune City, won for her “Beach Turtle” entry last year.

Prizes

- 1st Place — \$200
- 2nd Place — \$100
- 3rd Place — \$75

RULES

- Photos can be submitted by mail, in person or by email to: krowe@freeholdscd.org
- Photographers retain photo rights, but photos will not be returned
- Photo size: 8”x10” or larger
- An entry form must be included with each photo; limit 2 entries per person
- Photos must be taken in Middlesex or Monmouth County



Dusty Sodon, of Leonardo, won for “Fishing at Sunset.”

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Scholarships Awarded 33 Consecutive Years

The Freehold SCD Board of Supervisors awarded three local college students with scholarships, marking the 33rd consecutive year awards have been provided by the district. Scholarships are presented to students from Middlesex or Monmouth County majoring in conservation related fields.

Charlie Buscaglia, Board Chairman, presented students with a \$2,000 check and a certificate of achievement. "We are fortunate to be able to

provide scholarships to students in honor of Neal Munch, Mac Clark and William Schauer, three men who each dedicated many years to local conservation efforts," said Buscaglia.

Timothy Von Thun, Monmouth Junction, received the Bill Schauer Scholarship. Timothy is a junior at the University of Maryland majoring in agriculture science and technology.

Victoria Bartley, Monroe, received the Mac Clark Scholarship. Victoria is a senior at

Rutgers University majoring in ecology and natural resources.

Kelsey Brennan, Howell, received the Neal W. Munch Scholarship. Kelsey is a junior at The Richard Stockton College of NJ majoring in sustainability studies.

The 2013 scholarship application will be available in December on our website under Education at: www.freeholdscd.org or by calling our office at 732-683-8500.



Scholarship Winners (left)
Pictured (l-r)
District Manager
Ines Grimm,
Timothy Von
Thun, Victoria
Bartley and
Charles
Buscaglia,
Board Chairman



Rutgers Day — Thousands of people viewed the NJ Conservation Partnership's Soil Tunnel at Rutgers Day held in late April.

Winning Posters



Two of the district level first place *Soil to Spoon* poster contest entries that were submitted by Dennis Zhang (left) of Edison and Katherine Mu (right) of East Brunswick.



Poster Contest Winners

Winners of the “Soil to Spoon” Conservation Poster Contest were selected in four grade divisions out of the 115 poster entries received.

Students in Middlesex and Monmouth counties were invited to create a poster highlighting their artistic talents while exploring the theme “Soil to Spoon.” Students were encouraged to learn about the important role soil plays in providing an abundance of healthy food, and that most everything we eat originates in fertile soil.

Prizes awarded were \$100, \$75 and \$50 for each grade division.

2012 Poster Contest Winners

(Listed in 1st—3rd order)

Grades 10 – 12 Division

Dennis Zhang — Edison
Louisa Ge — Morganville
Vincent Chen — Edison

Grades 7-9 Division

Victoria Tang — Perth Amboy
Jenny Huang — Edison
Jessica Liu — Edison

Grades 4-6 Division

Claire Zhu — E. Brunswick
Joyce Huang — Kendall Park
Sonal Mahindroo — Morganville



Grades 2-3 Division

Katherine Mu — E. Brunswick
Ashley Hu — Edison
Annie Zhou — S. Brunswick

All first place winning posters were submitted to the State level contest and were all chosen as 2nd place winners. Dennis Zhang, Victoria Tang, Claire Zhu and Katherine Mu each received \$100 and certificates from the New Jersey Conservation Partnership. Awards were presented by the Secretary of Agriculture, Douglas Fisher, and other dignitaries.

Please visit the district website at www.freeholdscd.org and click on Events to view the other district level 1st place winning posters.

2013 Poster Contest Theme



Details will follow in early 2013.

Trout in the Classroom

We have now completed our sixth year in the Trout in the Classroom Program raising brook trout, with 17 schools and one environmental center. Two new schools will join TIC in the upcoming 2012-2013 school year.

By raising trout, students are taught the importance of conservation of wildlife and our natural resources, through a hands-on approach to learning. In partnership with NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife and Trout Unlimited, schools receive brook trout eggs in mid-October from the Pequest State Trout Hatchery. They are hatched and raised throughout the school year, where water quality is closely monitored by the students. At the end of the school year the fish are released into approved trout streams.

It is estimated that over 642 trout have been released into NJDEP permitted waters this past year through FSCD Trout in the Classroom tanks.

2011-2012 TIC Participants

Middlesex County

Dunellen High School
Middlesex County Vo-Tech HS
Warnsdorfer School
Voorhees Elementary
Bright Beginnings Learning Center
Samuel Shull School

Monmouth County

Allentown High School
Eisenhower Middle School
Freehold Intermediate
Greenville School
Middletown High School South
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Shrewsbury Borough School
St. Jerome School
St. Rose High School
Swimming River School
Voyagers Community School
Manasquan Reservoir
Environmental Center

Photo (right) by Paul Califano



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2012 NJ Envirothon

The 19th annual New Jersey Envirothon was held on May 5, 2012 at Camp Sacajawea Girl Scout Camp in Farmingdale, in Monmouth County. Freehold Soil Conservation District was the host district for this years Envirothon.

Teams from 33 New Jersey high schools participated in the competition. The five-membered teams were tested on their knowledge in the areas of forestry, soils, aquatics, wildlife, a current issue and a team presentation. The current issue for 2012 was: “Nonpoint Source Pollution/Low Impact Development.”

Students had the opportunity to meet with and learn from a wide

range of professionals in environmentally related fields and interact with hundreds of other students from other New Jersey high schools.

MATES Team #1 (Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science) from Stafford won the event for the second year in a row. MATES Team #2 took second place in the event. The top team will go on to represent New Jersey at the National Canon Envirothon at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania in late July.



MATES Team #1 members include: Ryan Sullivan, James Geddis, Alex Hascha, Kelsey Lardiere and Michelle Predi. Team Advisors are David Werner and Adam Sprague.