



Photo Contest

We are asking photographers to capture subjects promoting the beauty and uniqueness of the natural environments found within Middlesex and Monmouth Counties. Enter the Freehold Soil conservation district annual photo contest and possibly win a prize!



“Sunset Among History” by Jerica Biggs of Freehold, won third place in 2013.



(Left) “Three Horses” by Bob Kwitkin, of Allentown, was selected as a winning entry in 2012

Prizes

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

RULES

- Photos can be submitted by mail, in person or by email to: hreynolds@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

The contest is open to adults (ages 18+) as of the entry deadline of October 17, 2014.

Entry Forms and Rules can be found at:

www.freeholdscd.org under Events



Tara Downing, of Freehold, won for “Perching Place.”

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Rutgers Day



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

Tour Des Farms



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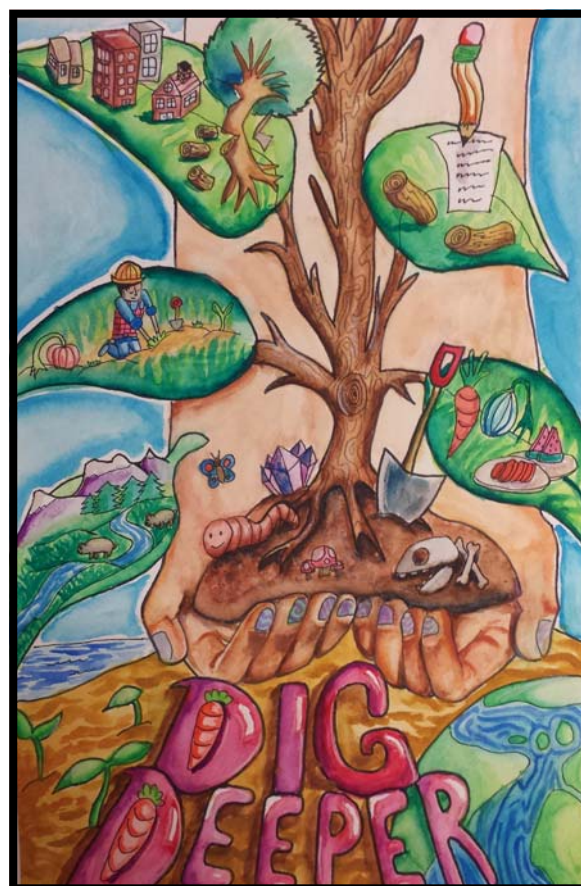
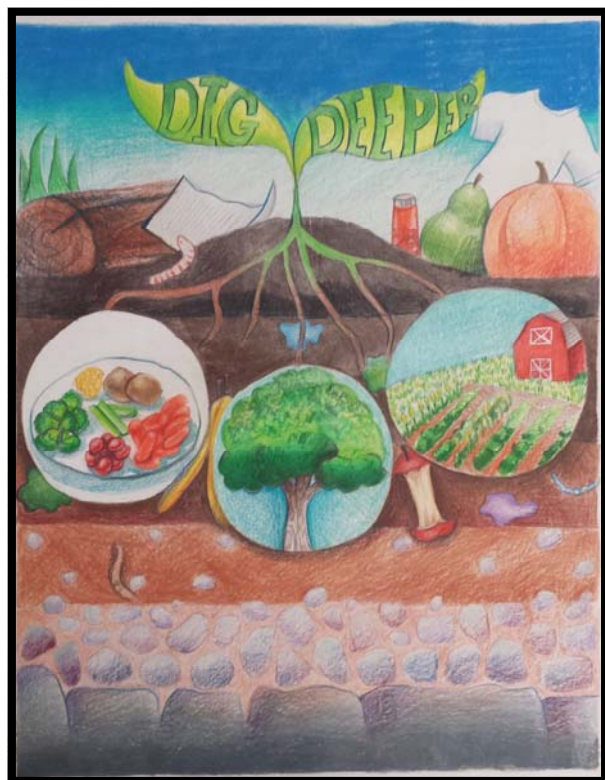
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Please join us once again
for the eighth annual Tour
des Farms. We're looking
forward to another success-
ful event and having your
participation!



Save the Date!

Winning Posters



Two of the district level first place *Dig Deeper: Mysteries in the Soil* poster contest entries that were submitted by Joyce Huang (left) of Morganville and Matthew Li (right) of Dayton

Poster Contest Winners

Winners of the “Dig Deeper: Mysteries in the Soil” Conservation Poster Contest were selected in four grade divisions out of the 100 poster entries received.

Students in Middlesex and Monmouth counties were invited to create a poster highlighting their artistic talents while exploring the theme “Dig Deeper: Mysteries in the Soil.” Students were encouraged to learn about the important role soil plays in our daily lives.

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

2014 Poster Contest Winners

(Listed in 1st—3rd order)

Grades 10 – 12 Division

Jessica Young — Freehold
Jessica Wolf — Clarksburg
MyKayla Tyrrell — Freehold

Grades 7-9 Division

Joyce Huang — Morganville
Priya Shah — Iselin
Grace Tan — Piscataway

Grades 4-6 Division

Matthew Li — Dayton
Renee Cai — Edison
Emily Huang — Plainsboro



Grades 2-3 Division

Megan Wong — Manalapan
Catherine Jiang — E. Brunswick
Noah Sommo — Metuchen

All first place winning posters were submitted to the State level contest. Joyce Huang, Matthew Li and Megan Wong each received a check and certificates from the New Jersey Conservation Partnership for placing at the state level. Joyce Huang and Matthew Li's first place posters will be sent to the National level contest.

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

2015 Poster Contest Theme

Pollinator/Habitat

Details will follow in early 2015

Trout in the Classroom

We have now completed our eighth year in the Trout in the Classroom Program raising brook trout, with 20 schools and one environmental center. Two new schools will join TIC in the upcoming 2014-2015 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 600 trout have been released into NJDEP permitted waters this past year through FSCD Trout in the Classroom tanks.

2013-2014 TIC Participants

Middlesex County

Dunellen High School
Middlesex County Vo-Tech HS
Warnsdorfer School
Voorhees Elementary
Bright Beginnings Learning Center
Samuel Shull School
Central Elementary
Sayreville Middle School
Jonas Salk Middle School

Monmouth County

Allentown High School
Eisenhower Middle School
Freehold Intermediate
Greenville School
Middletown High School South
St. Jerome School
St. Rose High School
Swimming River School
Voyagers Community School
Manasquan Reservoir
Environmental Center
Howell Middle School South



Trout Release Day

2014



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2014 NJ Envirothon

The 21st annual New Jersey Envirothon was held on May 3, 2014 at the NJ School of Conservation, which is located on Lake Wapalanne in Stokes State Forest in Sandyston Township, Sussex County. The Sussex Soil Conservation District was the host district for this years Envirothon.

Thirty three teams from 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 the 2014 event was:

“Sustainable Local Agriculture/Locally Grown.”

Students had the opportunity to network with 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 fifth year in a row. The second place team was High Tech High School and West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North took third place in the event.

