

Streamwatch Program Seeking New Volunteers

By Stephanie Uhranowsky

EAST STROUDSBURG - Would you like to be a Streamwatcher? The Brodhead Watershed Association is hosting its annual volunteer training on Saturday, May 18 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. to welcome new “water warriors” into its popular Streamwatch program. The training will be hosted at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center located in East Stroudsburg.

For over 30 years, Streamwatch volunteers have been monitoring the streams and creeks throughout the Brodhead watershed - playing a crucial role in safeguarding the health of our water. BWA is looking for new volunteers to join the program which spans seven sub-watershed regions. This training is also a good refresher course for veteran Streamwatchers.

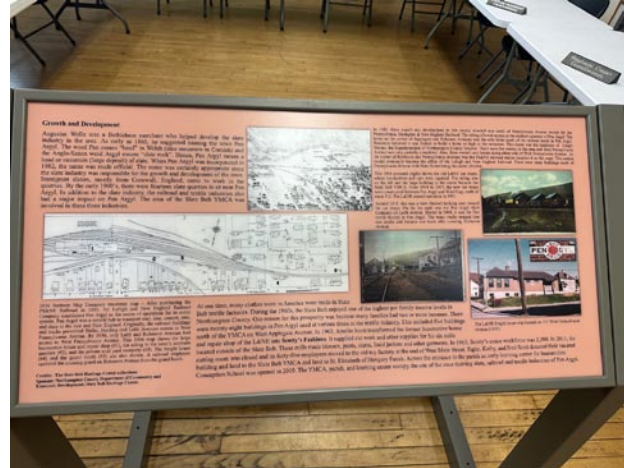
The Streamwatch Program exemplifies the concept of citizen science, where members of the public actively contribute to data collection and monitoring projects, becoming advocates for water quality protection through their efforts. By collecting data at various sites over time, volunteers can detect changes or pollution events early, allowing for timely intervention and mitigation efforts. As the eyes and ears of our watershed, Streamwatchers are an invaluable resource to BWA and the community. Consider joining this incredible team of dedicated volunteers!

To register, visit the BWA website at brodheadwatershed.org and go to the events page. Or use this direct link: brodheadwatershed.org/events/streamwatch-training-5-18-24/. Please register by May 14, 2024. For questions, email admin@brodheadwatershed.org.



On-stream training with Darryl Speicher for new volunteers

Dedication of the Pen Argyl's “Walking Tour Boxes”



By Slate Belt Heritage Center

PEN ARGYL - The Dedication of the Pen Argyl's “Walking Tour Boxes” that were made possible by the Northampton County Hotel Tax Grant and directed by Walter Cole was held Saturday at the Pen Argyl Borough building.

“Beyond the Museum” was awarded to the Slate Belt Heritage Center. earlier this year. The panels are funded by the Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development Hotel Tax Grant and by the Slate Belt Heritage Center. The units follow national park service standards and join three similar units that were placed in Bangor last year.

The Slate Belt Heritage Center celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding with exhibits.

SBHC's founding is an amazing story of citizens coming together to preserve an iconic building and diverse community stories. To mark the occasion of the founding, Slate Belt Heritage Center will host a spring exhibit that highlights the energetic volunteers who created the Center, the organization's development to collect, preserve and interpret histories and artifacts from all nine Slate Belt municipalities and many ethnic groups, and the Center's current and future projects to share that history with the public.

“25 Years: Then and Now at the Slate Belt Heritage Center.” Each of the nine rooms will also have a special display.

A gala banquet will take place on May 11, from 6-9 pm at the Elks Home in Bangor, PA. See the Heritage Center Facebook page, [Slatebeltheritagecenter_SBHC](https://www.facebook.com/SlateBeltHeritageCenter) for details in the near future.

The Slate Belt Heritage Center is a not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 organization located at 30 North First Street, Bangor, PA, 18013, in the former Bangor Town Hall. Starting April 13, the Center will be open on Saturdays and Sundays, from 12-3 pm (except holidays). Private tours, research

time, and program speakers are available by contacting the Center at SBHC@frontier.org or (610) 599.4339.

