

OCSWCD May 2018 Newsletter



Welcome May!

Take a few moments to savor the things you love about May ~ fresh air, open windows with curtains blowing in the breeze, peepers singing at dusk, clean laundry drying in the sun, earthy walks through fields and forests, flowers greening in the gardens and the soul-stirring smells of fresh-mown grass, apple blossoms and lilacs. Enjoy!

May 3rd - The Southwest Regional Envirothon

Envirothon is an outdoor natural resource competition for high school students. Teams are led by volunteer advisors and are tested in Aquatics, Forestry, Soils, Wildlife and a current national environmental issue. This year Franklin County will host the completion at Kineowatha Park in Wilton.

May 5th - Hooker Family Farm Open House & Native Conservation Plant Sale Pick-up

Demonstrations on composting and attracting pollinators, Felting, flowers, veggie & herb seedlings, bee products and hand made goat's milk soap for sale. Snacks and a free gift for all attending. Lots of fun! 9am to 2 pm at 195 Pleasant Street in Oxford Maine 04270. (See poster on our website.)

May 11- 13th - 6th Annual New England Mineral Conference

Michele will be at the Conference on the 12th for Education Day! The event will be held at the Grand Summit Hotel & Conference Center, Sunday River, Newry.

May 15th - September 15th - 2018 Oxford County Register of Big Trees

Once again we'll partner with the Maine Forestry Service to locate the largest of the 66 native Maine species of trees in our county. We're currently home to 8 trees on the Maine Register of Big Trees, 1 Co-Champion and we have 8 more that we've nominated. This is lots of fun for the whole family and a great way to teach tree ID for all! Nominees of winning trees receive t-shirts and the Centennial Edition 1908-2008 Forest Trees of Maine

May 25th - Maine State Envirothon

Winning teams from all over the state of Maine will compete for the National Envirothon. Event will be held at the LEA Maine Lakes Center in Bridgton.

May 26th - Cranberry Production for Beginners

Rick & Linda Woodward of Woodward Cranberry Farm in Albany will be the leaders and hosts of this workshop for beginner cranberry growers. Using a dry-pick method of harvesting, attendees will learn about growing this fall treat! Meet at 10 am, 41 Dundee Road, Albany Township, Maine 04217

For more information on any of these events, please contact me at 744-3119 or email me at oxfordcountyswcd@gmail.com. Please visit our website @ www.oxfordcountyswcd.org to check out the latest updates! Enjoy the month of May!

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