Good news travels fast and the Board has some to share. Delaware Association for Environmental Education has officially become a 501c3 organization! Anyone who has served on the Board in the past knows that this has been a long time coming. We are all very excited about this important step for DAEE! Thank you to all those who assisted in the process over the past few years. We still have lots to do including a winter gathering to celebrate this milestone for DAEE.

Committees- We want you!
The Delaware Association for Environmental Education (DAEE) is currently seeking out current members that are interested in volunteering on one of our committees and becoming involved in our 2017 Conference and Events! We have several committees looking for additional members to join and we want you! If you are interested and available to help serve on a DAEE committee please email us at daeeonline@gmail.com or Lisa.Watt@state.de.us, we would love to have your energy to help with fun ideas and planning! Being on a committee would entail attending meetings and volunteering at the conference or events. Committee meetings are generally once a month, but can be as frequent as twice a month or as infrequent as quarterly, depending on the time of year. Feel free to contact Lisa with any questions you may have about joining one of our committees.

DAEE committees are a great way to meet other educators, both formal and informal, share ideas with other professionals, and develop your EE skills!

Below are lists of the current committees and members, we want THANK YOU all for your continued hard work and we welcome the new committee members as well!

**New members—WELCOME and thank you for joining in the fun!**

Susan Eggert  
Patricia Gerken  
Jennifer Bowman

**Current Committees & Members:**

**Marketing & Media Committee**  
Chris Petrone  
Claire Mickletz  
Angel Burns  
Lisa Watt

**Events & Program Planning Committee:**  
David Pragoff  
Rick Mickoski  
Angel Burns  
Lisa Watt  
Trish Gerken  
Susan Eggert

**Membership Committee:**  
Ashley Peebles  
Angel Burns

**Conference Planning:**  
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Lisa Watt  
Angel Burns  
Susan Eggert  
Trish Gerken  
Jennifer Bowman  
David Pragoff  
Rick Mickoski  
Ashley Peebles  
Austin Conely

**Upcoming Workshops and Conferences**

**Guidelines for Excellence: Best Practices in EE**  
November 14, 8:30 am - 4: pm  
Buena Vista Conference Center

Delaware Association for Environmental Education is pleased to offer this one-day workshop introducing participants to the National Project for Excellence in Environmental Education series: Guidelines for Excellence. The Guidelines for Excellence in Environmental Education is a national program to increase the quality of environmental education through creating balanced, scientifically accurate, and comprehensive programs. The North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) has produced a set of documents that guide and define excellence in environmental education. Workshop is offered at no-cost
for current DAEE members; $20 for new members; Lunch is provided. Register Here

Fast Forward: The Future of Environmental Education
One Day Symposium
October 7, 9 am-4 pm
Hosted By: Delaware Nature Society at DuPont Environmental Education Center
Without question, the modern environmental education movement faces unprecedented challenges and opportunities. Environmental problems loom large with climate change altering the landscapes and waters we all need to survive, increasing the need to communicate scientific expertise and address the needs and interests of a diverse community. At this pivotal moment, the ever evolving social and technological landscape both tests our ability and presents new means to stay relevant and communicate effectively with the general public.

At this one-day symposium, the environmental education community of the region convenes to engage in a dialogue that addresses an important question: What resources do we need to be adaptive in a field that is increasingly important and complex, requiring innovative solutions to be effective? This event is the Mid-Atlantic regional meeting for Association of Nature Center Administrators and is a great way to network with professionals in your field.

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Association of Nature Center Administrators
With support from
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Alliance for New Jersey Environmental Education

Learn more about the Symposium here

Mid-Atlantic Marine Educators Association Conference
November 4-6
Dewey Beach
Delaware plays host to the Mid-Atlantic Marine Education Association annual conference

Classroom and informal educators from around the mid-Atlantic region will converge on the Hyatt Place in Dewey Beach, DE for the annual conference of the Mid-Atlantic Marine Education Association (MAMEA). The conference will feature three plenary speakers and 16 concurrent sessions, in addition to a poster session, resource Share-a-Thon, sand swap, and field trips.

Full early bird registration includes all sessions, including Friday reception hors d'oeuvres, Saturday lunch, and banquet dinner with live and silent auctions. A Saturday-only registration is also available, which includes sessions and lunch.

For more information, please visit www.mamea.org/conf.html. We hope to see you at #mamea16!

Environmental Programs

October is Children in Nature Month!
See a list of events here: http://www.delawarecin.org/PosterFinal%20(1).pdf

Kent Conservation District's 17th Annual Barn Dance
October 14, 6-11 pm
Harrington Fire Company
TICKET PRICE: $20 PER PERSON; $35.00 PER COUPLE; $10 for 12 years & under; Children 2 years & under free OR RESERVE A TABLE OF 8 FOR $150 (one name-one check)

Activities include: down home dinner, benefit auction and dancing

Proceeds benefit the Delaware Envirothon
CALL 302-741-2600, EXT. 3 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Delaware Envirothon
Delaware Environment Education - Fall Quarterly News and Events

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Support us through the Barn Dance on October 14th at the Harrington Fire Hall. Contact the KCD office at 302-741-2600.

For more information on how you can be a sponsor, go to our website at www.delawareenvirothon.org - PayPal option now available online at the website!

Challenging Environmental Education

Delaware Envirothon

The Envirothon is an environmental program and competition for high school age students (grades 9-12). Combining in-class or after school curriculum, and hands-on training, the Delaware Envirothon enhances student’s practical knowledge and application of environmental science. Some program highlights include:

- College Scholarships and Cash Awards
- Career Exposure
- Current Environmental Issues
- Collaborative Learning Experience
- Problem Solving
- Public Speaking Skills
- Teacher Credit Hours through the Delaware Teacher Center
- Hands-on Workshops—these hands-on workshops are scheduled for October 22 (Soils and Forestry), November 12 (Agricultural Conservation BMP’s and Aquatic Ecology), and January 21, 2017 (Air Quality, and Wildlife) with a snow date of February 4.
- Winning team attends the North American Envirothon at Mount St. Mary’s University in Emmitsburg, MD late July 2017.

Areas of study
- Aquatic Ecology
- Forestry
- Soils / Land Use
- Wildlife
- Current Issue — Agricultural BMP’s
- Oral Presentation
- Air Quality

Charter School of Wilmington Team B won the 2016 Delaware Envirothon on April 28, 2016. The event was held at Brecknock Park in Camden, DE. They placed 18th at the North American Envirothon in Canada.

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Upcoming Events from the Brandywine Zoo
The Brandywine Zoo offers a variety of educational programming for all ages. For more information, please visit
BrandywineZoo.org to see our online calendar or register for a program.

Delaware Museum of Natural History Events
The Delaware Museum of Natural History's mission is to excite and inform people about the natural world through exploration and discovery. Visit www.delmh.org/events/ for an online calendar and more information.

- Night at the Museum- Halloween Edition- October 21, 7 pm

Bombay Hook Events
Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/Bombay_Hook/Events.html for the latest events.

- Environmental Education Workshop- October 1, 10 am-12:30 pm

Mt. Cuba Center Classes & Programs
www.mtcubacenter.org/calendar

State Park Programs
Visit www.destateparks.com for a complete listing of events.

- Become a Delaware Outdoor Family http://www.destateparks.com/dof/

Center for the Inland Bays
Visit www.inlandbays.org/events/for upcoming events.

Curricula & Professional Development

Stroud Water Wiki Watershed Webinar

Webinar: Introducing the WikiWatershed Toolkit to Educators
October 12, 3:30 PM
The Stroud Water Research Center will hold a webinar on October 12 to introduce its Wiki Watershed Toolkit to promote freshwater stewardship. The Wiki Watershed Toolkit offers teachers, citizens, and professionals a suite of useful online and hands-on tools to promote stewardship. The webinar will introduce WikiWatershed and then focus on the Model My Watershed web app, which demonstrates the effects of land use and best management practices on your local streams and watersheds. The webinar will be appropriate for middle and high school teachers, non-formal educators, and citizen science groups. Register Here

A Day for STEM in Delaware
November 15th, 2016 - 12:00-7:30 pm
Clayton Hall - University of Delaware
Delaware STEM and advocates across the state & region look forward to hosting a day filled with networking, learning and catalyzing STEM in the state as well as celebrating the accomplishments of the 2016 STEM Educators Award applicants. Registration is open and we look forward to hosting you!!

Earth Science Week Toolkit
Earth Science week is October 9-15,2016.
Order your Toolkit today! To order, visit http://www.earthsciweek.org/materials
The Toolkit includes:

* 12-month school-year activity calendar, suitable for hanging
* New Earth Science Week poster, including a learning activity
* NASA DVD and material on Earth observation, energy, and more
* National Park Service posters on geologic and air resources
* Ecology DVD and more from Howard Hughes Medical Institute
* UNAVCO ruler on Earth's shape, gravity, and rotation
* Mining, exploration, and reclamation resources from SME
* Material on energy science from Student Energy
* AmericaView Memory Game poster (Earth Observation Day)
* Exploring Earth and Space coloring book by AGU
* Geologic timescale bookmark from AIPG
* Dinosaur worksheet from the Bureau of Land Management
* Esri flyer on Topography and Our National Heritage
* Geologic Map Day poster with geologic mapping activity
* Brochures, bookmarks, fact sheets, postcards, and more

**Delaware Audubon Society**

Do you know an Elementary School Teacher looking for some great environmental education materials from the experts at National Audubon Society? Delaware Audubon will provide the Audubon Adventures standards-based science content, lessons, and hands-on exercises about birds, wildlife, and their habitats FREE OF CHARGE to any Delaware Teacher. Please share this with any Grade 3-5 teacher you know in case they may be interested.

More information is available at: [http://www.delawareaudubon.org/education/index.html](http://www.delawareaudubon.org/education/index.html)

**Cornell Lab of Ornithology Free Webinars**

BirdSleuth offers a variety of free webinars each month open to all educators. All these fun and interactive webinars provide background content, highlight new and relevant educational resources, and allow discussion for successful implementation of such information and activities. Each webinar is roughly 45 minutes with 15 minutes allocated for questions.


**Grants**

**DAEE Mini-Grant**

Deadline: January 20

Starting in 2016, DAEE began offering a grant award of up to $500 to one current member, to conduct an environmental education project at their institution. DAEE grant funds are derived from donations and silent auction proceeds, and are paid out as a reimbursement to the grantee. Please look for an updated packet and application soon. Inquiries can be directed to DAEE Mini-grants Chair, [Chris Petrone](mailto:chris.petrone@delawareaudubon.org)

**Cornell Lab of Ornithology Garden Grants**

Deadline: October 3

This year, we’re looking to award 10 more grants to motivated teachers who want to create or improve bird-friendly, kid-friendly gardens at their schools. Grants range from $500 to $2,000 and include gardening supplies and BirdSleuth’s *Habitat Connections* kit, thanks to our sponsor [Alaska Fertilizer](http://www.alaskafertilizer.com/).

Learn about eligibility requirements and the application process, and apply by October 3, 2016.

**Interesting Websites to Visit**

A Teacher’s Guide to Delaware's State Parks: [http://tinyurl.com/ohwtfmv](http://tinyurl.com/ohwtfmv)

Sustainability in the Schools Simulation Game: [http://www.sustainabilityallianceaz.org/](http://www.sustainabilityallianceaz.org/)

Nature Works Everywhere: [https://natureworkseverywhere.org](https://natureworkseverywhere.org)

Successful STEM Education Resources: [www.successfulstemeducation.org/resources](http://www.successfulstemeducation.org/resources)

Project Localize: [lexiconofsustainability.com/project-localize/](http://lexiconofsustainability.com/project-localize/)

**Job/Volunteer Announcements**

**Trainer/Educator I**

First State Heritage Park
Seasonal Park Interpreter
Killens Pond State Park
Deadline: October 2
www.delawarestatejobs.com

Instructors
Mount Cuba Center
www.mtcubacenter.org/employment/

MAEOE Jobs Page
http://maeoe.org/jobs-new/

Delaware Green Jobs
http://delaware.greenjobs.net/

Sponsorship Coordinator
The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County
tlcforscc.org/employment/

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**NAAEE NEWS**

Annual Conference
October 19-22, Madison, WI

We're excited to be heading to Madison, Wisconsin for our 45th annual NAAEE conference and 13th annual Research Symposium, working in partnership with the Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education. For more than four decades, NAAEE has convened one of the leading annual conferences for environmental education professionals, from classroom teachers and teacher educators to nature center staff to climate science researchers and everyone in between. Averaging 1,000 participants each year, the event is designed to promote innovation, networking, learning, and dissemination of best practices.

https://naaee.org/our-work/programs/conference

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