

Batten Kill CISMA Welcomes New Habitat Steward

The Cooperative Invasive Species Management Association for the BattenKill Watershed (CISMA-BKW) welcomes new coordinator/habitat steward Elana Feldman, who is an ECO AmeriCorps service member focusing on Vermont's Clean Water Initiative. She graduated in February 2018 with a degree in Conservation Biology from Middlebury College, where she worked as an assistant in a study on changes in forests over time in response to disturbance. This past summer, she was a park interpreter at Great Brook Farm State Park in Carlisle, Mass.. Over the course of the next year, she will focus on educating the public about the importance of managing invasive species in the watershed and assisting public and private partners in

restoring native plant habitats on their properties, including the Batten Kill Watershed Alliance, the Bennington County Conservation District, Bennington County Regional Commission, Calfee Woodland Management, Hildene, Equinox Preservation Trust, USDA Forest Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Vermont Land Trust. Contact Elana at coordinator.cisma.bkw@gmail.com with any questions.

The organization is always looking for more community partners and volunteers; email coordinator.cisma.bkw@gmail.com or follow the CISMA-Batten Kill Watershed on Facebook. Be sure to look in the Vermont NewsGuide for invasive plant information each month.

Home Energy Forum

Transition Town Manchester announces a free forum/workshop on Wednesday, October 10, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for anyone who wants to learn more about heat pumps, battery storage units and energy-efficient homes. Save money on heating bills while helping the environment. It will be held in the Hunter Seminar Room at Burr and Burton Academy, Manchester. For more about it, contact Carl Bucholt at 802-362-4619.

Green Mountain Club Outings

The Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club will travel to Dorset on Sunday, October 14, to hike some of the trails within a two- or three-mile radius from each other. Depending on the trails chosen, there will be views, stone structures and/or quarries to see. They plan to meet at 9 a.m. For the details, contact Larry Walter and Vivian Bebee at 802-775-3855.

Join the Manchester Section of the Green Mountain Club on Saturday, October 20, for a hike up Stratton Mountain from the Kelley Stand Road, down to Stratton Pond and back, for a total distance of 11 miles with 1800 feet in elevation gain – a moderate hike, except for the distance. The group will meet at 8 a.m. at the Bondville Post Office to car pool to the trail head. RSVP is mandatory to Dave Ratti at dbrspruce@gmail.com or 802-366-0698. For any hike, be sure to bring extra layers, hat, gloves, raincoat, lunch and snacks; poles are helpful for downhill terrain.

Walk to the Windmill

This is one special and very different hike! Leaders from the Putney Mountain Association and Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association will guide hikers from different starting points via different routes to converge upon the site of the ancient windmill that inspired the names for Windmill Mountain, Windmill Hill and Windmill Ridge. This free, coordinated hike will take place on Saturday October 13, beginning at either 10 or 11 a.m. (The times depend upon the route taken.) Advance registration is required. The plan is for participants to meet at noon at the site of the ancient windmill, located at the junction of five different hiking trails, for a celebration of shared history and conservation, past and present, by the two volunteer organizations that made these protected lands and their trails. To register, contact Elizabeth Bissell at ehfbissell@gmail.com or 802-387-4587.

Winter High Tunnel Production

Farmers are invited to join Ryan and Kara Fitzbeauchamp and staff from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and UVM Extension for a tour and discussion about high tunnels and information about the new Required Agricultural Practices (RAPs) as they relate to vegetable growers. This free event will be held at Evening Song Farm, 680 Shunpike Road, Shrewsbury, on Thursday October 18, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Learn strategies for efficient transition from tomatoes to greens; tips for winter-long greens production; soil and nutrient management; and funding opportunities through NRCS. Educational credits are available. Pre-registration is requested by October 15. Contact Nanci McGuire at 802-775-8034, extension 117, or nanci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net. This event is sponsored by the Bennington County, Poultney Mettowee and Rutland Natural Resources Conservation Districts in cooperation with USDA-NRCS and UVM Extension.

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