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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Accessible trail

and "friend raising" for programs like the Howard Nursery's Seedlings for Schools initiative

For those of you familiar with the Wildlife for Everyone Foundation over the last 13 years, this issue of our

newsletter may look a little different. The new design reflects a renewed commitment and expanded vision for our organization. That fresh vision: to be the leading advocate for wildlife conservation in Pennsylvania, is farreaching by design but one worth stretching for. I would like to share some of our ideas on just how we plan to start this new course and hope you and others get as excited as we are about the future of wildlife conservation. Over the next two years we are going to give the foundation a new look on many fronts and undertake some extraordinary projects.

A first step is expanding this publication in content and design by adopting a magazine format and adding a third issue. We are engaging some of our best outdoor writers to weigh-in on a wide range of conservation topics. This issue launches our first membership drive with the goal of tripling our members over the next two years. We expect to bring in 100 new volunteers to serve on various committees, the President's Wildlife Circle and to assist in the office and with special events.

We've kicked off a new scholarship fund to support future conservationists with scholarship and internship opportunities. The initial goal is to raise \$250,000 and to start awarding scholarships this fall. Expanding conservation education through partnerships

is a strategic priority. We are committed to Cherie Bower, a teacher from Holy Trinity Catholic School and the 195,000 students and 900 schools who participated in the Seedlings program last year to find the resources to keep this vital youth-nature connection going, but we need your help.

A newly-formed Wetlands Committee is currently working on designing world-class accessible trails, outdoor classrooms and wildlife observation stands on the Tom Ridge Wetlands Preserve located just outside of State College. The designs will be completed this fall and with a successful fund raising effort, the project will break ground in 2018.

Finally, our new vision is about inspiring people to get involved and make a difference in the conservation of wildlife for everyone. Those connections to wildlife and wild places have long been my respite in life. I invite you to join us, either as a volunteer, committee member or participant at our events. Tell a friend. Together we can do great things!

Yours in Wildlife Conservation,

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Jerry Regan, President



A LEGACY OF

STEWARDSHIP

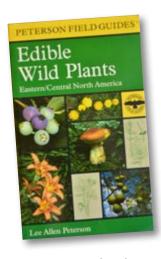
by LEE PETERSON

In 2010, there quietly occurred an event of some significance. For the first time, more than half the world's population could be found in cities of one million inhabitants or more. By the middle of the century, nearly 60% of the world's population will be urbanized. Along the way, many of us will run the risk of losing something fundamental to our well-being — our connection to the natural world. No longer will our lives be determined by the rhythms of the seasons or the wild spaces about us. Instead, they will be contained within artificial spaces of our own making and subject to the dictates of mechanical devices.

There is, of course, a remedy to all this — wild places. There is something soul-satisfying about spending time in the out-of-doors. Whether it be fishing, hunting, birdwatching, botanizing, or just picnicking in a meadow, the experience leaves one both exhilarated and renewed. It's the process. Among my favorite outdoor pastimes is fly-fishing. And

Son of famed naturalist Roger Tory Peterson, Lee Allen Peterson is author of the Peterson Field Guide to Edible Wild Plants. He has traveled and lectured extensively throughout North America. He and his wife, Courtney, are residents of Chester County, PA.





it doesn't seem to matter whether or not I come home with fish. I slow down. I pay much more attention to the details of my surroundings. What is the temperature, how high is the water,

where might

the fish be, what

insects are hatching, and so on. I never go fishing without coming home more relaxed and more centered. Spending time in the out-of-doors has become my remedy for the stresses of modern life.

All of this, of course, is contingent on there being wild places to enjoy. When I was younger, I came to appreciate the concept of stewardship. Because of the sheer numbers of people, it was becoming increasingly difficult to find the places needed for outdoor activities. It became evident that if we

were to have special places in which to go and wildlife to enjoy, we would all have to contribute to their creation and maintenance. We will all have to become stewards of the land. Whether this entails preservation of wilderness or creation of wildlife habitat, it is important that we all take part. Not just for us and our own enjoyment, but for everyone and especially those who come after us. We all need places of renewal.

Some years ago, I visited an elderly friend who I hadn't seen in some time. He was in his late eighties by then, and I can remember being impressed with the number of Walnut trees he had just planted. I was planting some myself and found considerable pleasure in the fact that we were both doing the same thing at about the same time. It wasn't until later that it occurred to me that he was planting trees which wouldn't produce nuts until after he was gone. It has been said that the measure of a person's worth is in the gifts that he or she leaves behind. For us, we now have the opportunity to leave behind the legacy of wildlife preservation.

NETTLE SOUP

Stinging Nettle (*Urtica dioica*) is an erect, usually unbranched weed found in the moist disturbed soil of cultivated fields and along forest edges and sunny riverbanks. Approximately 2–4 ft. high when mature, it has square stems and paired leaves which are oval, sharp-tipped, and coarsely toothed. The flowers are tiny, greenish, in slender forking clusters where the leaf stems meet the main stem. There is a reason why this is called Stinging Nettle. To positively identify, brush the back of your finger along the stem or leaves. Use gloves when collecting.

INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup cooked rice (1/4 cup uncooked)

1-1 1/2 lbs. Nettles (young shoots)

1 Tbs. butter

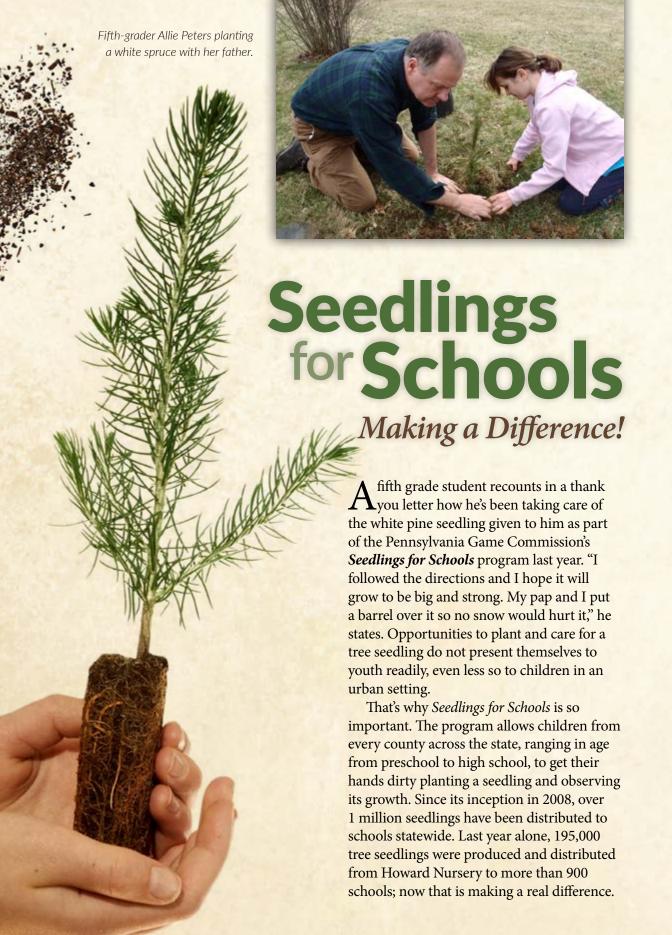
1 small onion, diced

4 cups chicken broth

1 Tbs. lemon juice

Salt & pepper

- **1.** Steam Nettles for 5–6 minutes. Remove coarse stems and chop.
- 2. In stock pot saute onion in butter until translucent. Add Nettles, rice, onions, chicken broth, and lemon juice and cook for 15–20 minutes.
- 3. Puree in a blender. Add salt & pepper to taste.
- **4.** Serve with a dollop of sour cream. (Serves 5-6)



The program is open to all Pre K-12 grades in Pennsylvania. This year, the seedling selections are white spruce, a deer resilient evergreen and silky dogwood, a favorite home for songbirds. Planting instructions come with the seedlings, and Teacher Resource Guides and student activity sheets are available to help teachers develop lesson plans that highlight the critical role trees play in providing habitat and food for all wildlife.

This initiative has enhanced Earth Day festivities for Language Arts teacher Cherie Bower. In addition to potting over 300 seedlings for the children to take home and plant, students put in five on school grounds and 195 in the community. "Children need to be able to discover the wonder of nature. Planting seedlings allows them to take part in something that will benefit our Earth forever. If we can open our children's eyes by planting a tree, their children will eventually benefit from things that can be done now," comments Bower. "I believe this opportunity has allowed our students to learn valuable lessons about our environment and the need to give back," adds Bower.

The connection that youth make between their lives and the role they play in nature and its stewardship cannot be understated. "When children receive trees, and plant them for themselves, they feel a connection to nature and the Earth, a sense of ownership," says "When children receive trees," and plant them for themselves, they feel a connection to nature and the Earth. To show a child that trees and shrubs are critical to the animals that feed and live on them—that's really special."

-Brian Stone, manager, Howard Nursery

Brian Stone, manager of Howard Nursery which is managed by the Game Commission. "To show a child that trees and shrubs are critical to the animals that feed and live on them—that's really special," continues Stone. "There's a disconnect for some children. A lot of what they eat and use in everyday life all came from a plant. To begin to make that connection, ...they'll carry that with them for the rest of their lives."

The Wildlife for Everyone Foundation raises funds each year to cover the distribution and administrative expenses of shipping the seedlings across the state. "I can't think of any educational experience better than getting teachers, students and families working together outside to plant trees and

make a real connection to our state's beautiful outdoors," says Jerry Regan, president of the Wildlife for Everyone Foundation. If you would like to help keep this program going, please consider making a donation to the Wildlife for Everyone Foundation.



Students from Holy Trinity Catholic School in Altoona prepare to plant their seedlings.



george thornton

CEO National Wild Turkey Federation

As CEO of one of the nation's leading conservation organizations, George C. Thornton finds encouragement in the volunteers he meets in his role heading up the National Wild Turkey Federation.

In 2013 the National Wild Turkey Federation, founded on the mission of restoring the wild turkey to all its historic range, found itself struggling to remain relevant after hoisting the "mission accomplished" banner. Enter George Thornton, NWTF CEO, and the Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt mission.

"We found ourselves with an organization of over 200,000 conservation-minded volunteers and a highly motivated and capable staff ready to take on the next challenge. That challenge came in the form of Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt."

The new mission set out with three impressive goals; conserve or enhance 4 million acres of critical upland habitat, create 1.5 million new hunters and open an additional 500,000 acres to hunting.

Now in its fourth year, the Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt mission is well on its way to accomplishing these lofty targets. According to Thornton, "I'm proud to say we

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-George Thornton

are ahead of schedule for each of these goals. In 2016 alone, the NWTF enhanced more than 570,000 acres of habitat, created 221,600 new hunters and opened more than 88,000 acres to hunting across the country. We may be in the position to raise our goals ahead of the 10-year deadline we set for the Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt mission."

Since coming to the National Wild Turkey Federation in 2008, Thornton has applied his experience from a successful career in agribusiness to the conservation field. "I saw many similarities between the world of sustainable agriculture and conservation, particularly, in the importance of partnerships. I am very proud of the many affiliations the NWTF has generated during my tenure. We have signed memorandums of understanding with all 50 state wildlife agencies along with several federal agencies, in addition to developing partnerships with many conservation-minded businesses."

"An organization, like the NWTF, is no different than an individual—we learn through the people we interact with.

Organizations can accomplish so much more through successful partnerships than they could ever hope to do alone," said Thornton in reinforcing the importance of partnerships in conservation.

Thornton has found his niche in the NWTF and conservation community.

Recently named American Outdoorsman of the Year by Legends of the Outdoors, George Thornton also serves on the White House—Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council, the Board for the Council to Advance Hunting and the





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-George Thornton

Shooting Sports and the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership Board of Directors.

While the accolades and honors are well deserved, George Thornton is quick to credit others for his success. "I'm fortunate to be part of an organization founded on the principles of family and country. It's the people that make up the NWTF that are the success story here. From the local volunteers, to the employees and staff, I've come to see the organization as a federation of friends."

Despite all his accomplishments, Thornton still finds local volunteers making up the

NWTF the most rewarding part of his job. "It is gratifying to see that volunteerism is alive and strong in America. It is encouraging to see the number of people willing to become engaged and make an impact."

George Thornton recently announced his plans to retire from the NWTF in August 2017. However, he plans to continue his role in the NWTF, only now as a volunteer for his local chapter in Edgefield, South Carolina. George and his wife, Beth, have established deep roots in the Edgefield community the NWTF calls home, owning and operating the local general store, which includes an old-fashion ice cream parlor, and a recently established pottery studio.







Monday, September 11, 2017

HomeWaters Club ★ Spruce Creek, PA \$500 per angler Benefiting Wounded Veterans and PA Wildlife To register or for more information, please visit www.wildlifeforeveryone.org or call (814) 238-8138.

To enhance fundraising efforts, the Wildlife For Everyone Foundation is pleased to announce its 3rd annual fly fishing tournament. The event will take place at HomeWaters located in Spruce Creek, PA, also known as "the trout streams of the presidents." The New York Times recently described it as "probably the country's most exclusive fly fishing waters." Fishing enthusiasts will test their skills in one of the nation's best trout streams, located right here in central Pennsylvania.





Wildlife For Everyone Foundation is partnering with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing to host the tournament. The organizations will split the proceeds. Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing serves wounded military service members at Walter Reed Army Medical Center by providing fly fishing equipment and excursions at no cost. To learn more about this organization visit www.projecthealingwaters.org.

frog race





MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

5:30 PM

HomeWaters Club Spruce Creek, PA



Proceeds benefit Wildlife For Everyone Foundation & Project Healing Waters

Details: Numbered plastic frogs will be randomly released simultaneously into Spruce Creek at the HomeWaters Club and travel roughly 300 yards to the finish line. The first frog to cross the finish line will be declared the winner. You do not need to be present to win.

Grand Prize: \$2,500 (Maximum) or 50/50 split of proceeds

To register or for more information, please visit www.wildlifeforeveryone.org or call (814) 238-8138.

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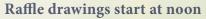
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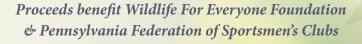
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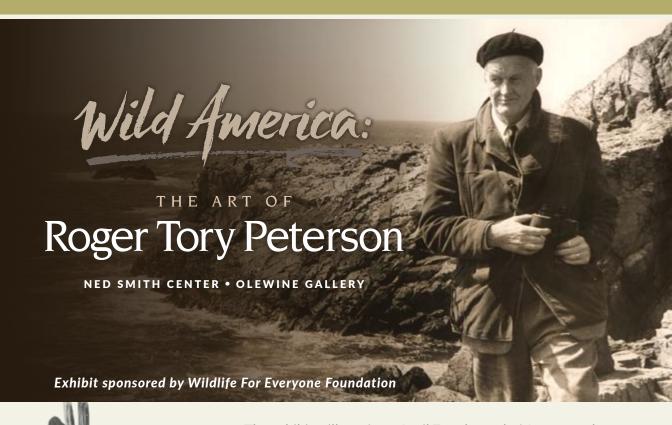
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The exhibit will run from April 7 to the end of August and feature a wide selection of Peterson's work, including plates from his ground-breaking *Field Guide to the Birds*, which reinvented nature study. *Wildlife For Everyone Foundation will host a reception on June 16, 2017, at 6:30 pm at the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art with a program by Lee Peterson.*

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Scarlet Tanager

Brown Pelicans

Keel-billed Toucan

NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND SUPPORTS FUTURE CONSERVATIONISTS

The board of the Wildlife For Everyone ■ Foundation recently established a new Wildlife Scholarship Fund that will award students interested in wildlife conservation with financial support and internships to advance their career interests. Scholarship contributions will create a permanent fund that will generate a revenue stream to facilitate the awards each year. "The purpose of the scholarship fund is to inspire the next generation of conservationists by presenting opportunities for students to deepen their connection with nature and wildlife," remarks Jerry Regan, president of the Wildlife Foundation. The goal is to raise \$250,000 over the next three years to realize an annual income of \$12,000 that will be passed on

to deserving students in experience and scholarships.

The Wildlife
Scholarship Fund
was announced upon
the retirement of
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help us ensure a future of exceptional
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Wildlife Scholarship Fund today. Contact the
office at 814-238-8138 with questions or for
more information.



There is something special about a stunning afternoon on the lake, or fly fishing in your favorite stream for that elusive trout, or a morning hike simply listening to nature's sounds. These outdoor places and the wildlife we encounter are all part of a rich heritage that has been passed down to all of us.

We are fortunate to live in a state that has some of the most amazing wild places in our back yard, but we can't take it for granted. The challenge of passing this legacy forward to future generations is part of our responsibility and what the Wildlife for Everyone Foundation is all about.

The Foundation was founded to provide all wildlife and outdoor enthusiasts with a way to show their commitment through much-needed financial support for maintaining habitat for the more than 480 species of birds and mammals we enjoy. We have committed to a new vision to be the leading advocate for wildlife conservation in Pennsylvania.

Become a member today and join in our vision to assure Pennsylvania's wildlife and wild places remain and thrive. For just \$50 a year you will help to make a real difference in our quest to continue a great outdoor legacy that we will pass on to our children and grandchildren.

WHAT WE DO



HABITAT ENHANCEMENT

The Foundation partners with community-based organizations on habitat enhancements ranging from lake and creek restoration to diverse wildlife conservation initiatives. We also partner in managing federal, state and private conservation initiatives.



SEEDLINGS FOR SCHOOLS

The Foundation partners with the Game Commission's Howard Nursery to provide all students (preK-12) in the Commonwealth with a seedling to plant in their community while receiving instruction and hands-on experience on trees and their impact on wildlife habitat.



WILDLIFE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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