



SPRING NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2019

This March, our invaluable District Manager, Jocelyn Lahey, accepted a new position and has moved on from AVSWCD.

Josie's hard work and dedication to Maine's natural resources resulted in years of success for the district. We wish her the best of luck in all of her future pursuits; she will be missed!



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 22, 2019- Communicating with Diverse Farmers

Guidance, teaching tips, and tools for people working with culturally and linguistically diverse farmers. This training is presented by Dani Schere, M.Ed., an adult learning and language/literacy specialist.

Location: 254 Goddard Rd. Lewiston, ME 04240

Time: 9:00am -12:00pm

Cost: Free. Suggested donation of \$15 per person.

April 25, 2019- Applying Erosion and Sediment Control Practices and Understanding Associated Regulatory Requirements

This will introduce permitting training, a practical look at erosion and sediment control with an engineer, DEP permitting and regulations, U.S Army Corp of Engineers permitting and a panel of discussion on a specific project with all three speakers.

Location: Maine Lewiston Public Works Building 103 Adams Ave. Lewiston, Maine 04240

Time: 8:00am-12:00pm

Cost: \$30.00

Annual Spring Plant Sale: Back again is our annual spring plant sale. This year will be a full day of fun and activities for those of all ages. Thanks to our gracious host, Whiting Farm, you will have access to many resource professionals while you pick up your plants! Whiting Farm, owned by John F. Murphy Homes, is a working four season farm dedicated to community enrichment, education and the support of adults with developmental disabilities. Whiting farm is a landmark in the Auburn/Lewiston community and we are so happy to announce that our plants will be sourced locally.

Date: Orders are due by April 26th, 2019. Pickup date will be May 18th, 2019 with a rain date of May 19, 2019.

Time: 9:00am-1:00pm

Location: Whiting Farm Greenhouses 876 Summer St. Auburn, ME 04210

Cost: The day of the event will be free and open to the public. Plant sale order forms are available by contacting Andy Valley SWCD.

June 28, 2019- Places for Pollinators

Deb Perkins, a Wildlife Ecologist with over 25-years experience and sole proprietor of First Light Wildlife Habitats, will be guiding us through the observation, identification, and ecology of pollinators. Additionally, she will discuss pollinator habitat needs and environmental stressors as well as what you can do to create high value pollinator habitat on your property. Please bring comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, bug spray, a hat, binoculars, and a hand lens if you have one. After we finish a classroom session at the Topsham Public Library, we will be heading to Whatley Farm, who has graciously invited us to walk their property in search of pollinators. The field portion of this event may not be suitable for those with difficulty navigating rough terrain. If this is the case, please feel free to join us for just the classroom portion of this workshop. This program is funded by USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service through agreement number 16-1218-17-005.

Location: Topsham Public Library 25 Foreside Rd. Topsham, ME 04086

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Cost: Free. Call 207-241-5377 to register.

**CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO
REGISTER FOR AN EVENT!**

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