



Official Newsletter of the
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Industrial Village Conservancy

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Special Earth Fair Edition - June 14, 2009

Watch a Kayak evolve ...

...and possibly own it in October!

The Smithville Conservancy is sponsoring a summer-long project that will both raise awareness of Burlington County's recreational waterways and at the same time raise funds for the ongoing restoration of the Smithville Industrial Village in Eastampton. The project: build a beautiful, easy-to-use wooden recreational kayak to be raffled off in the Fall. The kayak will have an original nature, history or park related painting somewhere on its outer shell. A contest to select the artist who will give the kayak its special, one-of-a-kind appearance is being planned and details will soon be announced.

The Wood Duck 12 Hybrid kayak, which is being built by Geoff McKonly, Executive Director of the Philadelphia Wooden Boat Factory, will be on display at Historic Smithville Park during three public events this year. At 12 feet long, the easy-to-launch vessel that is being built from a kit purchased from Chesapeake Light Craft is just the right size for paddlers who want to explore the scenic Rancocas Creek and enjoy our local lakes and rivers. The Smithville Conservancy is in the process of qualifying to conduct a raffle and plans to have tickets available by mid-summer. Anyone interested in participating in the raffle is invited to fill out and return the coupon below, and information will be forwarded when tickets become available.

The kayak makes its debut appearance at Burlington County's 16th Annual Earth Fair on Sunday, June 14. During the event, visitors will be able to view it in its early stages of assembly and speak with representatives of the Philadelphia Wooden Boat Factory, a non-profit, traditional maritime education organization, about the construction process.

The kayak will return to Smithville Park on Sunday, Sept. 27 for the County's annual Arts in the Park festival. During this event, visitors will have an opportunity to see how work on the kayak and its original painting has progressed.

On Sunday, Oct. 18, the County's Annual Fall Foliage Family Float Festival will be held in the park and visitors will again have an opportunity to paddle down the Rancocas Creek to enjoy the autumn colors. During this popular event, the Smithville Conservancy plans to conduct the drawing for the completed kayak.

Proceeds of the raffle support the H.B. Smith Industrial Village Conservancy, a non-profit organization established to support the Burlington County Freeholders in their efforts to preserve and restore the once thriving industrial village and to develop the County Park at Smithville. In addition to its fundraising activities, the Conservancy works to promote interest in Smithville as an historic, cultural, educational and recreational center. The Conservancy was established in 1997.



Wood Duck 12 Hybrid

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2009 EVENTS

Smithville Park

Sunday, June 14:
16th Annual Earth Fair

Sunday, September 27:
Arts in the Park Festival

Sunday, October 18
Fall Foliage Float Festival
Rain date: Sun. Oct. 25

Please inform me when raffle tickets for the Kayak become available.

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