

# JACQUES COUSTEAU NEWSLETTER



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JACQUES COUSTEAU  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**April 13th:**  
Lunch N' Learn- The Great  
Bay Seal Study

**April 21st:**  
Ecological Evening : What is  
the SWMP Program and what  
can it do for You?

**May 1st:**  
ACUA Earth Day Festival

**May 4th:**  
Senior Citizen Exposition @  
Little Egg Harbor Community  
Center

**May 11th:**  
Ecological Evening: Virtual  
Tour of the Mullica River  
Headwaters

**May 17th:**  
Discover Seven Bridges Road  
Van Tour—contact Melanie  
for details  
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Reserve on our website:  
<http://jcnerr.org/>

Archived Articles of JC  
NEWS now online at  
[jcnerr.org/volunteer.html](http://jcnerr.org/volunteer.html)

## JC NERR in April

Happy Spring Volunteers,

As per usual the focus at the Reserve has been to schedule for the upcoming Spring and Summer Events. If you wish to participate in any of the ongoing festivals, free public programs, or research, please contact us as soon as possible as events are already being booked!

Don't miss the presentation by Linda Dotts on her study of Seals in Great Bay or the Ecological Evening on our SWMP research which analyzes water quality and submerged aquatic vegetation in the bay. These act as indicators of the health of the bay.

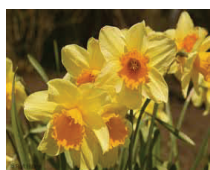


Other upcoming dates include the May 1st ACUA Earth Day festival and May 4th Senior Citizen Exposition for those interested in attending.

Refer to the back page to see what's happening with other research projects this summer. For those interested in bioassessments of the surrounding marshlands a research project funded through JC NERR will be looking for volunteers to help catalogue species found from the span of the marsh from the Station to the Ed Center.

Plenty of outdoor activities this Spring so check them out and get involved!

## Reserve Current Events



Just another reminder of the upcoming events that you can

participate in this summer!

To reiterate: If anyone is interested in participating in the Ocean Fun Days Festival on Saturday, May 21st at Island Beach State Park or the Barnegat Bay Festival on Sunday, June 5th

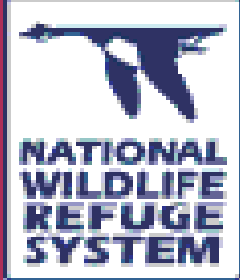
please contact myself x 203 ([jsmith@marine.rutgers.edu](mailto:jsmith@marine.rutgers.edu)) or Melanie x206 ([reding@marine.rutgers.edu](mailto:reding@marine.rutgers.edu)) ASAP because we are scheduling summer events now!

Contact us about the summer programs being offered if you wish to participate in events like Creature Features, Ecological Evenings and Summer Fun programs.

For those of you who use email, an online list of events will be sent in the next few weeks. Please respond back if there are any dates you definitely want to be available for. You can also check the summer public program and call or email me if there's an event you wish to be part of.

I will begin scheduling for the summer in the next few weeks so don't hesitate to give me a call!

# Master Naturalist Program



Stockton University offers a Volunteer Master Naturalist Program which might interest many volunteers at our Reserve.

Run through Stockton and the Forsythe refuge, the program includes lectures on current environmental issues and field site visits and experience.

The JC NERR has paid for volunteers to attend this program the past two years. Our Life on the Edge Public Docents Joan Kupchynsky and Astrida Sinteff were the first JC NERR volunteers to complete the program last year. This year we

had enough funding to send a third volunteer. This year's Master Naturalists include Pat Filardi, Tom Siciliano, and Steve Zeck.

The program started the first week of April and goes through May 18th. To receive the Master Naturalist certificate, participants must also complete, during the subsequent 12 months, 40 hours of approved environmental service, plus an additional eight hours of advanced environmental training. The 40-hour service and eight-hour advanced training component must be completed

each year to maintain one's Volunteer Master Naturalist status.

This program would be ideal for those who are interested in learning more about current environmental issues and being active about resolving these issues. We are proud to sponsor our dedicated volunteers that attend this course.



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Wrangling Blue Crabs at RUMFS. Photo Courtesy of Lindsey Dolan.

## Marsh Research

If you are interested in field work, help is wanted with a current bio-assessment project through JC NERR.

Volunteers would be needed to help take stock of different species and record environmental data in the surrounding marshlands from the Station to the Ed Center. This project is funded through JC NERR and will be supervised by field technician Gina Petruzzelli.

Work days can vary in length and will occur throughout the summer months. Those who can handle the summer insects, heat, and mud would be encouraged to join the project!

For more details feel free to call the Ed Center. Announcements for when this project will begin and how many volunteers will be needed to come. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you are certain you want to have a chance at this field opportunity!



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### Research:

Eels, Marsh, & Bridgenetting

### Till Next Month...

Open the Windows, Get out, and Get Active!

Jen Smith,  
Volunteer Coordinator