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*Celebrate
Spring!*

Mailbag

Dear BKAA,

I want to commend your entire organization for all the wonderful work that you do in protecting and maintaining the Bashakill. Without your efforts, the members' efforts and all of the hours that volunteers donate, I fear the beauty and natural fauna & flora would have disappeared a long time ago. I'm proud to be a member and happy to support such a worthy cause.

Sincerely, Adam Stuart

Here's to a great 2026! I love supporting MEEC & BKAA!

Cheers,

Lisa Lyons, Morgan Outdoors, 234 Main St. Hurleyville

Please accept the enclosed donation in honor of Mary Buskey.

Kate Collins



Please use this donation to support all the great work you do.

Gigi & Don McMillin

Thank you for your work this past summer to keep us apprised of the proposed zoning law changes- you got us all speaking up & the plan was withdrawn- democracy in action!

Janet Davis

Dear Leslie,

Thank you for taking on the huge responsibility of being BKAA's President! What an amazing job you've done this year with so much advocacy, plus the rezoning issue. Bravo! Certainly many BKAA volunteers and members of the board must be credited too, but your leadership has proven to be unequalled...many thanks to all of you!

Sincerely yours, Susan & Steve Erny

ON THE FRONT COVER:

**Bashakill Sunset
by Jackie Broder**

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MISSION STATEMENT:

Since our founding in 1972, our mission has been to protect the Basha Kill Wetlands and surrounding area from ecological degradation, to promote education and respect for the environment in general, and to preserve the beauty of the area.

We welcome new members who are interested in protecting the environment.

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2026 BKAA *Calendar of Events*

Sat April 4th 8-10am Spring Water Fowl Walk with John Haas

Join local expert John Haas to look for an array of early ducks, geese, and mergansers. Bring binoculars and a scope if you have one and dress for the weather. Meet at the Haven Rd. parking lot (on left coming from Route 209). May travel to boat launch to walk birch trail and/or other trailheads. Includes visit to Mamakating Environmental Education Center afterward. For information and to register, call John at 854-807-2437.

Sat/Sun April 11 - June 13 10am-4pm Nature Watch

Weekends at the South Rd Boat Launch, across from Bashakill Vineyards. Join BKAA Nature Watch Volunteers to learn about the residents of the Bashakill. View nesting Bald Eagles and other wildlife through high powered spotting scopes. Suitable for people of all ages. Call 845-789-2846, x4 for information.

Sun April 12 Bashakill Walk 10 AM

Our group will meet at the main boat launch (opposite the winery on 1131 South Rd, Wurtsboro) and walk along the trails looking for migrating waterfowl, songbirds, and activity on the two eagle nests.

Sun April 12 Bashakill Kayak 2:30 PM

If you have your own kayak, feel free to bring it to the main boat launch (opposite the winery on 1131 South Rd, Wurtsboro) for a kayak journey along the Bashakill. If you would like to rent a kayak, you may do so at MEEC. Please schedule enough time so that you can transport your kayak(s) to the boat launch by that time. (MEEC address: 762 South Rd., Wurtsboro NY; 845-644-5014).

Sat April 18th 8pm Raindate: Sun 19th Star Watch - John Kocijanski

Join John Kocijanski of Catskills Astronomy Club for an evening of sky watching. Bring scopes and/or binoculars. Meet at South Rd. boat launch, across from Bashakill Vineyards. For information and to register, call John at (845)798-8087. Check for event updates at Catskill Astronomy Clubs Facebook page.

Sat April 25th 9:30-noon Annual Bashakill Cleanup

Happy Earth Day! Join us for a morning of fun and giving back to our beautiful Bashakill. Registration and site assignments begin promptly at 9:30 at Haven Rd Parking Lot. Enjoy a walk in the fresh spring air as you rid the Bashakill of debris. Garbage bags are provided. Gloves and pickers provided on first come serve basis. Bring chairs so you can join us for lunch provided by the BKAA. BKAA merchandise will be on sale and door prizes awarded! Please call 845-789-2846 for info.

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Tell A Friend About the Basha Kill Area Association

Fill out this coupon for membership or more information:

Mail to: P.O. Box 1121, Wurtsboro, NY 12790

_____ \$10 per membership _____ Other Donation _____ Prefer mailed newsletter (Not available to seasonal residents due to forwarding costs)
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Spring 2026 New Members

Cora & Mike Edwards
Claire Gerard
William Iannone
Joseph Joy

Adam Kane
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Jakob Mann

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Sat May 16th 8am Warbler Walk

Join John Haas in search of an array of spring migrants: warblers, orioles, grosbeaks, and more. Bring binoculars and insect repellent. Dress for the weather, sturdy boots recommended. Meet at Stop Sign Parking Lot (coming from Route 209, cross Haven Rd bridge, turn left on dirt road). We will visit several trailheads in search of migrants. For information and to register, call John at 854-807-2437.

Sat May 23rd 10am Kayak the Bashakill

Join Elly Knieriemen for an early paddle through the Bashakill, before the vegetation takes over. If you are new to kayaking, Elly is a great person to go out with. Bring your own vessel or rent one at MEEC (762 South Rd,

Wurtsboro). Make sure you arrive early enough to get your kayak in the water before 10am. Binoculars/cameras, hats and sunscreen recommended. Meet at South Rd. boat launch across from winery. To register or for information on kayak rental, call MEEC at 845-644-5014.

Sat May 30th 10am Wetland Walk

Join Jackie Broder for a natural history tour of our beloved wetland as we wind up National Wetlands month. How was our wetland formed? Who has lived here through the years and who lives here now? And why the hype over wetlands anyway? Meet at MEEC (762 South Rd, Wurtsboro). Bring

binoculars and insect repellent. Dress for the weather, sturdy boots recommended. Call 845-644-5014 for information.

Sat Sept 11 8pm Raindate: Sun Sept 12th Star Watch - John Kocijanski

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Sat Oct 9th 8pm Raindate: Sun Oct 10th Star Watch - John Kocijanski

Join John Kocijanski of Catskills Astronomy Club for an evening of sky watching. Bring scopes and/or binoculars. Meet at South Rd. boat launch, across from Bashakill Vineyards. For information and to register, call John at (845)798-8087. Check for event updates at Catskill Astronomy Clubs Facebook page.

2026 DEC Summer Camp Scholarship Winners

My name is Marlowe, I'm 11 years old, and I love nature so much! The thing I love most about nature is the wildlife. My favorite animals to find outside are snakes and frogs. The place I love looking for them most is the Bashakill! The Bashakill is filled with some of my favorite animals like snakes, frogs, salamanders, turtles and fish. The Bashakill is so pretty and is my favorite place! I am most excited to learn about survival skills and more about animals at DEC camp this summer. Thank you so much for considering accepting me for the DEC camp grant!

Sincerely,
Marlowe Hart



Marlowe Hart

Nature brings me peace. My worries go away. No phone. No computer. Just trees. I notice more things when I'm out in nature. I'm more in tuned with my surroundings. It's kinda like magic. I love to look at all the things there are to see. When I'm out in my neighborhood getting my "10,000 steps" and I'm seeing only a few trees I feel relaxed. I'm in the moment, enjoying the smell of the trees, the grass and the **green**.



Rebecca Tejada

The idea of being out and about in a place where I'm ***SURROUNDED*** by trees and all kinds of nature for a ***week!*** would be like the best vacation ever for me!

I'm also very excited about getting the chance to meet new people. To see and experience new things, learn new skills and to be out of the city for a while.

This year if I'm lucky enough to be chosen for a scholarship, I will get the chance to be welcomed into Camp DeBruce and not be turned away (due to an outbreak of COVID) and sent back home again with my bags still packed, like I was last year.

And if I am chosen this year, I will certainly make the absolute best out of my camp experience. These types of opportunities don't come along every day.

Fingers crossed!
Rebecca Tejada

Hello, my name is Khleigh Bruno. I have been going to NYSDEC sleep away camp for two years now and was looking forward to a third. My first year I went to Camp Rushford and enjoyed activities like polar bear in the morning and stargazing at night. For my second year I attended



Camp DeBruce and had a fun time getting my hunting certificate. I enjoyed learning about the different plants and animals in the area and about them. I am interested in a scholarship to attend Camp DeBruce once more. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,
Khleigh Bruno



Khleigh Bruno

Message to BKAA Members from the Board

Dear Valued Member,

We hope this finds you well and enjoying the beginning of 2026. I would like to start by thanking everyone for their continued support of the Bashakill Area association. Without all of you we could not continue to protect our beautiful Bashakill, its wild residents and the surrounding area.

Last year brought significant challenges that the BKAA felt obligated to meet. This included the proposed re-zoning of the overlay zones, which was stopped, as well as the proposed mulch and composting plant directly over the aquifer that supplies the Bashakill. This issue is still not resolved. We are also continuing to monitor the situation with the Bloomingburg Sewage treatment plant that we have been watching for over 2 years. We have seen very promising results such as DEC fines being executed, repairs to the swing arm and an updated system being designed. Presently, due to all of our efforts, Bloomingburg is being forced to address the situation and the last few months of water testing has been normal! These have all been important wins, but financially costly.

Our members have always been incredibly generous and

supportive of our work, and with the challenges continually coming, and the possibility of future legal litigation, we are asking if you would consider donating to our legal fund so we may continue to meet them head on.

We are also looking for someone with grant writing experience willing to donate any time to us. This would go to help support our water testing, our newly formed acoustics wildlife program, and future environmental or legal battles.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions. Thank You All so much for the support!

Best Regards,

The Bashakill Area Association Board Members

Boat Launch Eagle
Photo by Tom Smith



Poetry Corner

A Light Exists in Spring

By Emily Dickinson

A Light exists in Spring
Not present on the Year
At any other period —
When March is scarcely here

A Color stands abroad
On Solitary Fields
That Science cannot overtake
But Human Nature feels.

It waits upon the Lawn,
It shows the furthest Tree
Upon the furthest Slope you know
It almost speaks to me.

Then as Horizons step
Or Noons report away
Without the Formula of sound
It passes and we stay —

A quality of loss
Affecting our Content
As Trade had suddenly encroached
Upon a Sacrament.

This poem is in the public domain.

Beaver Footprints

Walter Jahn

Footprints observed in the snow during a winter Bashakill hike not only offers glimpses of nocturnal & secretive wildlife that you might not get a chance to observe. A close observation of these footprints may allow you to identify the animals that made them. For example, if you notice 5 fingers and toes on a Bashakill footprint, you have narrowed the list of possible animals to beavers, opossums, black bears, raccoons, skunks and minks.

Beaver are larger than all of these animals except for black bears (beavers can weigh up to 65 pounds) so the size of the footprints could help. In beavers, the hind foot leaves a triangular print with webbing evident between the toes which is a feature shared by many aquatic animals. Not only are the footprints distinctive, the drag marks from the tail and the presence of gnawed stumps can help as well!

Beavers do not hibernate and are active all winter, although they spend much of the winter sheltered in their lodges for warmth.



Five digits on front
and hind feet

FRONT FOOT



HIND FOOT

Photos by
Walter Jahn



Winter Bluebirds at the Bashakill

Walter Jahn

Spotting a winter bluebird at the Bashakill might cause you to wonder whether these birds migrate in winter. Because of “partial migration”, the answer to this question is not a simple “yes” or “no”. Even though the Bashakill is part of the Eastern bluebird’s year-round range, it is possible that individual birds do not remain year-round.

The bluebirds we observe in here in winter may have migrated from breeding areas farther north while our summer bluebirds may be overwintering in regions farther south. While some of our summer birds may choose to migrate south, others may remain here over winter.



Variables such as age, gender, the availability of food, and the harshness of the winter are known to affect the migratory behavior of partial migrants like Eastern bluebirds. In winter, bluebirds have to modify their diet, feeding more on leftover fruits and less on invertebrates.

Photos by Walter Jahn



Of course, you could actually see a bluebird and not realize it--females and immature birds lack the bright blue coloration which makes mature males so obvious. Instead, females and immatures have a grayish head and a small amount of blue coloration on their wings and tail.

If a female or immature bird is facing you, you might not actually see any blue at all and should focus on the auburn chest to help you identify them. Even adult males can be a little confusing on cloudy days given that the blue hue of the feathers is actually a “structural pigment” –a product of how the microscopic structure of the feathers causes light rays to interfere with each other. Without direct sunlight, an adult male’s coloration can appear duller as well. Be on the lookout for bluebirds this winter, even if they don’t look blue!



Grappling Immature Eagles

Walter Jahn

These two Bashakill birds are clearly bald eagles given their large size, long wings & thick bills. Unlike the mature 5-year-old birds which have fully developed their white heads & tails, immature eagles sport varying amounts of white feathers in their overall chocolate-brown plumage.

Not only did these two birds associate with each other, they actually grappled with each other in mid-air. Mature eagles can grapple with each other as they compete for access to food sources, establish a territory, assert dominance, or, in courting pairs, perform the cartwheel displays where they lock talons and hurtle downwards before separating as they near the ground. Immature birds can perform these same behaviors, often practicing the skills they will use later in life.



Photos by
Walter Jahn



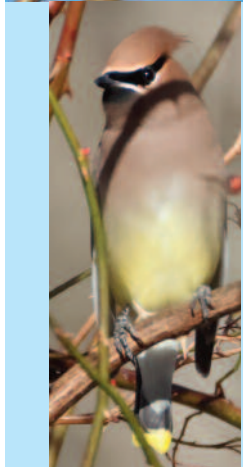
Cedar Waxwings

Walter Jahn

Cedar waxwings are distinctive birds thanks to their head crests, black facemasks, yellowish bellies, yellow-tipped tail feathers & red-tipped wing feathers. The red and yellow pigments which are used in their feathers come from the carotenoid pigments berries they eat. These birds brighten any birding outing especially in winter when it is possible to observe birds which are year-round residents in our area in addition to wintering birds which migrated from Canadian breeding grounds.

Almost two dozen cedar waxwings were observed in two small flocks at the Bashakill in January. Advantages to traveling in a group include increased vigilance for potential predators and the ability to displace other birds defending a fruiting tree resource, such as robins and mockingbirds.

Cedar waxwings are “frugivores” which can survive solely on fruit if needed thanks to a few adaptations of their digestive systems. Fruit-eating birds run the risk of becoming intoxicated since the sugar molecules in fruits can ferment into ethanol. While the large livers of cedar waxwings help to process alcohol which would otherwise disorient the birds, intoxicated cedar waxwings have been known to die in falls and collisions.



Mulch and Composting — Not Necessarily A Good Thing

BKAA ADVOCACY UPDATE

Leslie Otto, BKAA President

As many of you may know the Bashakill Area Association is presently opposing the mulching and composting plant proposed by Ecology Organics on McDonald Road in the town of Mamakating. On the surface, a facility of this type may sound like an environmentally friendly endeavor and something the BKAA would support, but because the ground water table is less than 24 inches, and the location being directly over the sole source aquifer that feeds the Bashakill, we felt the need to research further. What we discovered is that, in reality, these facilities can be extremely detrimental to the environment through water contamination, air pollution, public health concerns, strong odors, and noise pollution. These are clearly things we have pledged to protect our beautiful Bashakill and its residents from, so we went to work.

We began last August 2025 by speaking to the Mamakating Planning Board at the public hearings concerning the facility. We presented them with both scientific and medical research to support our concerns. Through our attorney, John Barone, our concerns and possible legal issues with the application for the facility were pointed out, and Sylvan Long, an expert Hydrogeologist with H & A Engineering and Geology LLP was hired to take a look and see if our concerns were valid. Sylvan used multiple avenues including the hydrogeology study done for the Town of Mamakating when the comprehensive plan was developed and found that a composting and mulch facility being placed on this property would be devastating to the ecosystem of the Bashakill, as well as the water supply for the Village of Wurtsboro due to pollution. This information was presented to the Planning board in a 17 page report at the January meeting. The public comments were then suspended until March for the board to look over and talk about everything presented to them.

It has been proven that these facilities do pollute ground water with substances like heavy metals such as Manganese, Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium, Cobalt, Molybdenum and Titanium. Manganese can be found to be over 100 times higher close to these facilities. Nutrient loading due to runoff is a significant issue as well. Nitrogen and phosphorus can cause oxygen depletion and excessive algal growth. This comes from the natural process of composting, but becomes dangerous to the environment when so much is brought into a small area. Other contaminants found in groundwater near these facilities are herbicides and pesticides from the material brought in. If these substances are allowed to leach into the Bashakill many of the sensitive residents and plants may be very negatively affected. This information was proven by a study done by the NYS DEC causing them to close down a very similar facility on Long Island. Unfortunately, by



then the aquifer and wells for miles around were already polluted and residents were experiencing health concerns. The groundwater in the Long Island case was 9 feet to 49 feet below the surface and in most cases over 20 feet below. Ours is 2 feet or less. This fact is terrifying !

Another major concern is the fact that wood dust is a human carcinogen known to cause paranasal and nasal cancers, with strong evidence showing it may cause lung cancer and lymphoma. Other illnesses include fungal spore infections which can cause severe illness or death, asthma, COPD exacerbations, allergies and irritations to skin and eyes. The population most at risk are of course anyone immunocompromised which includes our children, anyone over 65 years of age, anyone with any chronic illness such as diabetes, COPD, cancer, asthma etc. Most of the research on this is linked to the woodworking industry, but we did present two papers that focused on the effect on the surrounding residents. One from John Hopkins Medical and another from the Cancer organization which was also given to the board. Both of these show that people as well as animals began experiencing symptoms of various illnesses linked to wood dust not long after the facility opened, up to 3 miles away. This information is also terrifying !

Other concerns about this facility include the noise the multiple machines will generate 6 days a week 10 hours a day, the obnoxious odors from the rotting material, the diesel fumes that will be generated, and the light pollution that is sure to affect our migrating birds and wildlife.

We will continue to fight this project. It is hoped that with everything presented to them that our Planning Board will reject this project and the Bashakill will be protected for now. Unfortunately, we know from experience there will always be another threat around the corner.



If you would like to read some of the supporting data we have used please scan the QR code or follow the link below.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1aqno2OESf6pF6F3nwXNjhIOxvLMutpO4?usp=sharing>

MEEC Connection

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Jackie Lukowski-Broder

Happy Spring! We are in the midst of our first thaw and the herps are on the move! It is a welcome site after our first "real" winter in years. While I personally cherished the blanket of snow, it did get a bit nippy, even for me.

Programming continued throughout the winter, as usual. Our Nature Tots kept us active and reminded us that every day is a wonder and a joy. Thank you to our program presenters, Pam Golben, Walter Jahn, John Kocijanski, Irene Pease, Jess Piren, Bill Merchant, and Fre Atlast. They kept us entertained with programming on the life and joys of winter and outer space, while preparing us for Spring.

I presented at the Association of Nature Center Administrators (ANCA) 2026 Virtual Summit, with FieldKit Content & Community Manager, Lindsay Stark, on how nature centers can bring together community organizations and empower their members around gathering environmental data, as well as how they are the loci for networking on environmental care.

Unfortunately, due to our parking restrictions and the massive amounts of snow, we had to cancel our Winter Festival this year (ironic, I know). There was just no place to park cars. Winterton Farms/Two Farms Brewing offered to co-host at their location, but we didn't have the volunteer power for the alternate date. We are so grateful to them for

this generous offer and hope to work with them in the future. Thank you, Erika and Kent. We urge you to visit Two Farms Brewing if you haven't already, they are winning awards all over the place and they've only begun!

Upcoming programming includes Creating a Butterfly Garden, Earth Day Celebrations, and a joint fundraiser with the Mamakating Library. We'll be hosting a Tea Party at MEEC! We are going all the way with tea cups, linens, a finger sandwiches. The book fairies will be on site as well as special guest, Richard Mandelbaum, expert herbalist who will discuss teas that can be made from local plants. Tea lovers of all ages are welcome. To register, use the QR Code below. Please specify in the notes how many tickets you would like and that it's for the tea party. Tickets are \$30/adult \$15/child under 12. We are doing it up right so don't miss it!



In addition to the tea party, the Friends of MEEC (FoM) have been busy scheduling festivities for the coming year, including starting to plan for our annual Fairy Festival on Saturday May 16th. Save the date!! We are also very happy to announce that we have found a new Treasurer. Thank you to Diane Morgan for stepping up and thanks to Janet Barnett for recruiting her into our wonderful FoM family.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at 845-644-5014.

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Photo by John Kocijanski



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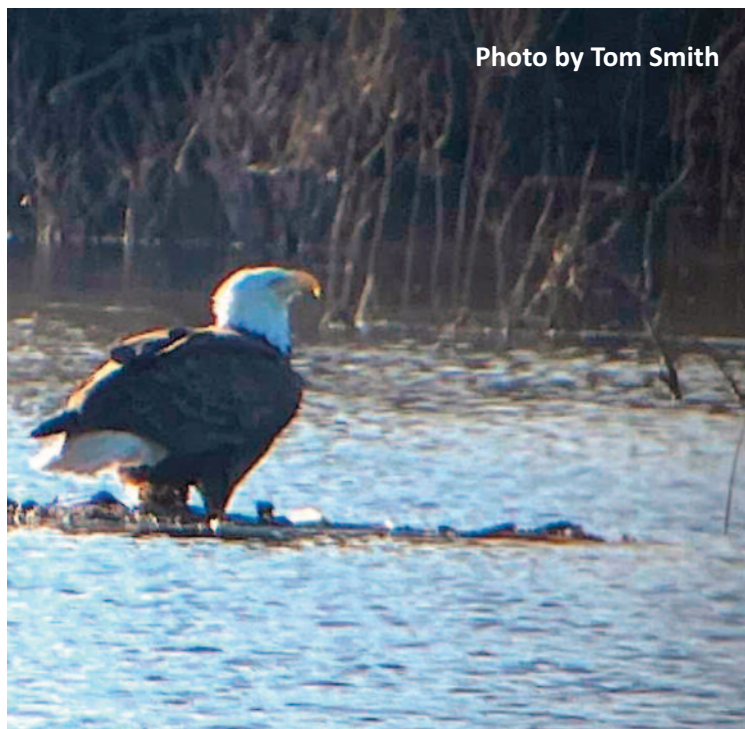


Photo by Tom Smith

*Thank you Nora, Walt, and MaryAllison
for another great Nature Watch training.*

Welcome new volunteers!

And have a great season to all of our dedicated volunteers.

*Word on the wetland is we have three possible active eagle nests,
so make sure you stop down every weekend between April and June.*

Earth Day BKAA Annual Clean-up

April 25, 2026

9:30-12:30



Join BKAA & Friends of MEEC members for a day of giving back!

Spend a couple hours picking up trash
then enjoy a free lunch

Bring sturdy boots, gloves, and a chair
Meet at Haven Rd Parking Lot

Call
845-644-5014
for details



2026 Membership Drive

Dear Valued Member,

We hope this finds you well and enjoying the beginning days of spring. I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the Bashakill Area Association. It is that time of year again to renew your memberships which will run from June 2026 - June 2027. The cost will remain 10.00 for a single membership or 20.00 for a family. This can be done both online at thebashakill.org or by printing out the form below and mailing it to the following address.

Bashakill Area Association
P.O. Box 1121
Wurtsboro, NY 12790

***If done online there is a small convenience fee.**

Your support is crucial to helping us continue to protect our beautiful Bashakill, its residents, and the surrounding area, especially now when there is ever increasing pressure for development in our area. Your membership and donations will help support the following endeavors (among others):

- Advocacy Work- continued monitoring of the sewage treatment plant in Bloomingburg, water testing of the Bashakill, opposing Ecology Organics Mulch/Composting Facility, advocating for the Hudson Valley Community Preservation Act
- Cost of environmental protection litigation
- Community outreach- festivals, farmers markets, fairs, college events

- Education - Nature Watch
- Scholarships- sponsoring children to attend DEC camp, college scholarships supporting environmentally minded degrees.

We also encourage members to be involved. Volunteer opportunities include but are not limited to:

- Outreach at the Farmers Market
- Bashakill clean up
- Development of a youth organization within the BKAA
- Advocacy work
- Nature Watch
- Our new acoustics monitoring of the Bashakill

The list goes on! If you wish to be more involved we will find an opportunity that works for you!

Also, there will be a year end meeting in October (date to be determined) that we encourage all members to attend. We truly want to hear from you and all your ideas.

As always, we are truly grateful for your continued support. Thank you for all you do to protect our beautiful Bashakill.

Best Wishes Always,
 Leslie Otto
 BKAA President

"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it"

- Robert Swan

To join the BashaKill Area Association, we highly encourage you to go to thebashakill.org. Otherwise, fill out this form and mail with your check.

Please write your check to the **Basha Kill Area Association**.

_____ \$10 Individual _____ \$20 Family

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Thank you for your support!

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