

WOODWILD PARK NEWS

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Woodwild Park Association Presents

Exhibit of Woodwild Park Photographs by David Glasofer

With Free Reception and Park Tour September 17

Metuchen Public Library, 480 Middlesex Avenue; 732/632-8526

For Immediate Release, August 15, 2011: On Saturday, September 17 the Woodwild Park Association will host back-to-back events that celebrate different aspects of Metuchen's historic nature preserve. An exhibit of photographs by David Glasofer and a reception with the artist will take place at the Metuchen Public Library, 480 Middlesex Avenue, from 2-4 pm. Immediately after, a tour will explore the history of the Woodwild area as well as the park's role today as an important wildlife sanctuary. The events are free and the public is welcome.

The photography exhibit features selections from Glasofer's four-season Woodwild series, which looks beyond the larger park to focus on the details, textures and tones that form the woodland. A close-up of the roots of an old tree reveals the bark's twisting and turning hills and valleys. A daffodil becomes a study in shades of gold as its colors flow outward to fill the picture frame. A green field of early-leafing shrubs contrasts sharply with its still-barren deciduous neighbors.

Glasofer, proprietor of Metuchen's Image Up Studio, has generously donated his work to support the park, which receives no government funding and is maintained with member donations. The photographs are for sale with all proceeds supporting the park. The exhibit will be on view at the library during the month of September. Glasofer's complete Woodwild series can be viewed

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online at www.woodwildpark.org after September 17. For more information about Glasofer and his work, contact Image Up Studios, 176 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ, 732/549-1845; imageup.com.

Immediately after the reception, Woodwild Park vice president Erick de Vries will reprise the tour he developed for the Metuchen-Edison Historical Society last year. For those who are present at the reception and wish to participate in the walk, the group will depart from the Library on foot at approximately 4 pm. Others may join the group at the intersection of Oak and E. Chestnut Avenues, where the actual tour will begin at approximately 4:15pm. On-street parking is available on both streets.

Discussion will include the early development of the area; the donation of the property by the Corbin family; the unique topography of the park, which was created by a glacier during the most recent Ice Age; and the migratory birds and other wildlife that depend on the park today. The tour will conclude at the landscaped triangle at the entrance of Oak Avenue, which is also part of Woodwild Park, where the association erected the antique horse trough in 1900.

The Woodwild Park Association is a New Jersey corporation that holds the deed to the park; its members and trustees preserve the park on a volunteer basis. New members are welcome and all dues go directly toward maintaining the park.

The Woodwild Park photography exhibit will be on view throughout September 2011 with the free special events on September 17: reception with the artist 2-4 pm at the Metuchen Public Library, 480 Middlesex Avenue, Metuchen, NJ; 732/632-8526, followed by park tour beginning 4 pm. For more information about the park, visit www.woodwildpark.org