



Be “RiverSmart!”

A month-long celebration in April
at the Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield

All programs are free and open to the public.

Saturday, April 1 (2—3 pm) Be “RiverSmart” - But What Does That Mean?

Alison Dixon of HVA and Chris Laney present an overview of our rivers’ water quality and offer practical tips about how everyone can be “RiverSmart.” Chris will present an introduction to composting including how to build your own composting bin.

Saturday, April 15 (2—3pm) “Why Here? The Rise of Berkshire County’s Industrial Might”

Local historian and author of *Berkshire County’s Industrial Heritage*, John Dickson, will discuss through historic photos the impact of the 19th century mills and factories that tell a story of enterprising young men and women – owners and immigrant labor - harnessing the power of the water to make products and profits and to make a living for their families.

Friday, April 21 (1—4pm) Wild, Wet Water Festival for Children

Celebrate Earth Day a day early! HVA invites children of all ages to meet some live river critters, go on an Incredible Journey, listen to river stories and take home river crafts including a water cycle bracelet. Most suitable for children 6–12 yrs.

Saturday, April 22 (3—4pm) Living with Wildlife: How to be Good Neighbors with Wildlife

Presented and arranged by Dale Abrams of Massachusetts Audubon. This is a great opportunity for teens and adults to learn how to avoid wildlife problems and the many ways we can help ensure that animals in our local watersheds remain wild. Dale Abrams is a life-long naturalist who has studied wildlife and ecosystems from California to the Rocky Mountains and throughout New England.

Saturday, April 29 Life Under the River Shadow Puppetry Workshop for Children and Adults

PREREGISTER FOR 10:30am to Noon OR 1pm to 2:30pm. Call HVA at 413-298-7024.

Children 10 years and older as well as adults are invited to bring out their creative sides while at the same time getting in touch with the life under our brooks, streams and ponds. Participants will create hinged shadow puppets and, under Ms. Babcock’s guidance, will create a short, shadow puppet play that will be presented at the end of the workshop. Space is limited.

Preregistration is required.



Be River Smart month coordinated by the
Housatonic Valley Association, 14 Main Street, Stockbridge.

For more information call 413-298-7024.

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