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April Newsletter 2017

Hear the Frogs at our Spring Peeper Walk — Sunday Evening, April 23rd

The Historic Dreibelbis Farm celebrates Springtime with a walk into our wetlands in search of Spring Peepers. You're invited to gather at 6:00 pm in front of the old farmhouse. Our naturalist-guide will be Amy Langman who will introduce us to these tiny amphibians and lead us into the farm's wetlands. Because this is a "walk on the wild side" of the historic farm, we ask that participants wear waterproof boots for ankle deep mud & water and bring binoculars if you have them, for turtle spotting. Flashlights might be helpful, too. For this event, we suggest limiting attendance to those age 12 and older. We'll go rain or shine.



The Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society has worked with the Berks County Conservancy and other organizations to protect the farm from future development, preserve the historical resources of the site, and enhance the ecological value of wetlands and endangered species habitat onsite. Our non-profit corporation was

founded to carry out this mission and make the resources of the farm available to the public. The Historic Dreibelbis Farm is located outside of the village of Virginville along Rte. 143. Our GPS street address is 356 Hard Hill Road, Hamburg 19526. The Spring Peeper and Wetlands Walk is free to the public, parking is on-site and monetary donations will be gratefully accepted.

Volunteer Opportunities



We're again looking for a few helpers for our garden work. We've gotten great guidance from the Berks Master Gardeners and heirloom seeds are ready. We'll gladly take whatever time you can give. **If you think you'd like to get some good farm dirt under your fingernails helping us tend our vegetable or flower gardens, email Brian Ott at bott@barley.com with subject line "farm garden".**

What's a Spring Peeper?

The spring peeper is a tiny, eastern chorus frog. Spring peepers are tan or brown with a dark cross that roughly forms an X on their backs. Males have a vocal sac near their throats which expands and deflates like a



balloon to create a short and distinct peeping sound. Their high-pitched call is often said to be similar to that of a young chicken, only much louder and rising slightly in tone. Spring peepers live primarily in forests and regenerating woodlands near semi-permanent wetlands.

Coming Soon....

**Wildflower Walk
Date to be announced.**

For more information, contact Mark Dreibelbis at 610-488-7896 or DreibelbisFarm@gmail.com.

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6 pm – Sunday, April 23rd

**Wear Boots—
Bring Binoculars & Flashlight**

Rain or Shine !



Meet at the
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**Free Nature Walk !
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