



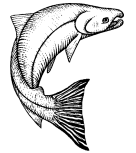
Northfield Riverbank Views

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*Environmentalist Karl Meyer: Guest Speaker at GNWA Annual Meeting
Sunday, November 6th 4:00 P.M. Green Trees Gallery*



Environmental Journalist Karl Meyer has written about the Connecticut River and its migratory fish runs for over fifteen years. November 6th he will be the featured speaker at the GNWA Annual Meeting. Meyer's talk is entitled: *Why no Fish??—Rescuing Fish Passage and Restoring the Connecticut River's Dead Reach at Turners Falls*

If you've ever wondered why there's no "Shad Festival" in Turners Falls or Northfield--when a 1967 fisheries restoration program on the Connecticut promised 750,000 passing Turners Falls dam-- or-- why there is often just a trickle of water in the Connecticut below that dam -- or what ever happened to the 37,000 leaping Atlantic salmon promised to replace the river's salmon strain--you will not want to miss Karl Meyer. Listeners will learn who's protecting the river's only spawning population of federally-endangered shortnose sturgeon on the river below Turners Falls and, why thousands of migrating fish are deflected into the treacherous Turners Falls power canal instead of heading straight up their ancient riverbed path to a fish lift at the dam.

Meyer's reporting and OpEd writing on this topic has appeared up and down the Connecticut Valley from Springfield, MA, to Montpelier, VT--east to Athol and Worcester, MA. Meyer won a 2008 Teachers' Choice Award for Children's Books for his *Wild Animals of North America*, and is also author of the popular non-fiction book *Dog Heroes*, also from Storey Publications. Meyer's writing has been featured in national and regional magazines including *Bird Watcher's Digest*, *Cape Cod Life*, *Sanctuary Magazine*, and *FamilyFun*, as well as on public radio's *Marketplace*. You can read more of his river writing on his blog at: www.karlmeyerwriting.com. There will be a short business meeting and refreshments.

Photo Contest Winners

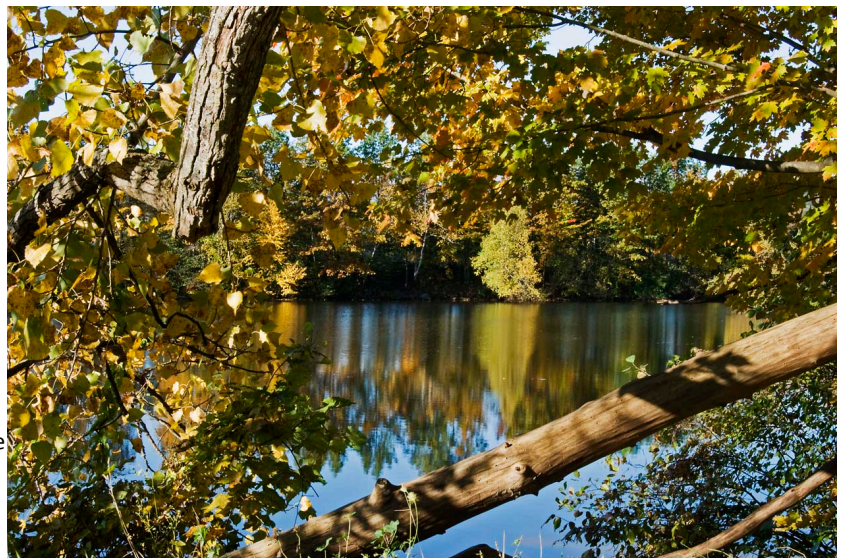
Congratulations to everyone who submitted photos to the GNWA Photo Contest. These stunning photos will be on display in the gallery at the Dickinson Memorial Library from November 1st – December 15th. Some will be in our new GNWA brochure out next month.

Age 16 and over

First prize - Cate Woolner, Connecticut River in Hinsdale
Second prize - Carol Pike, Beaver, School Street
Third prize - Deborah Mayberry, Heron in West Northfield
Honorable mention - Jack Cadwell, Bennett Meadow Bridge

Under age 16

First prize - Sarah Kaczanski, Mill Brook in Summer
Second prize - Ed Kaczanski, Owl in a Tree, Mill Brook



Cate Woolner



Sixth Annual Source to Sea Cleanup



Phase I of Northfield’s river cleanup day took place on October 7th when thirty four 2nd and 6th graders and seven teachers, parents and volunteers from Northfield Elementary School headed out on a beautiful sunny morning to collect trash in the general Mill Brook area. The energy and enthusiasm of the kids as they dug around under bridges and behind bushes in a determined effort to root out trash were infectious! We collected bottles, cans, and an assortment of other items (mirrors, an old binder, road signs, hubcaps, etc.)

On the 15th Phase II got underway as a group of forty volunteers met at the GNWA office in Green Trees Gallery at 8:30 am for refreshments and safety instructions. LANE Construction employees once again made up at least half the group, coming from Heath, Hatfield, Greenfield, and Bernardston to take part. Several teams spread out in search of trash. One group tackled the Pauchaug Boat Ramp area and several other groups crossed the river to West Northfield. In addition to the usual roadside litter, volunteers scaled a steep ravine down to Mallory Brook to pull heavy tires and both metal and plastic culvert pipes up with ropes. Most unusual find: an old rabbit hutch. Any and all ideas for how to reduce careless and destructive littering throughout the year are welcome!!



Transition Town Opening Day

If you have ever wondered what the end of cheap oil will mean for our community and our nation, plan to spend **Saturday, November 5th from 9-4** with your neighbors who

are looking to build a more resilient and sustainable community – starting out at **Northfield Elementary School** the event will move around to Green Trees Gallery and the

library. Music, childcare, a reasonably priced lunch, and lots of good conversation will be the order of the day. Project teams will be forming to participate in activities such as a community garden, developing a tool library, public transportation challenges, etc.



Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, October 29, 2011

10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Northfield Town Hall

Don’t throw away or flush your unused meds.

Safely dispose of them on this free collection day

NO QUESTIONS ASKED

ITEMS WE CAN NOT ACCEPT:

- Needles, Syringes, Lancets, thermometers, IV Bags, Chemo Drugs,
- Liquids of any type

This event is sponsored by the: Drug Enforcement Administration, District Attorney David E. Sullivan, Sheriff Robert J. Garvey, Sheriff Christopher Donelan, Northfield Police Department, Department of Public Health, Mass Council on Aging and other community partners.