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Princeton Photography Club Exhibit Celebrates the Beauty of D&R Greenway Preserves

D&R Greenway Land Trust is partnering with Princeton Photography Club to present a unique exhibit with photographs that celebrate the beauty and diversity of D&R Greenway preserves. This exhibit features 35 photographs of 10 D&R Greenway preserves taken by Princeton Photography Club members. The exhibit, on display in the Marie L. Matthews Gallery on the second floor of the Johnson Education Center, One Preservation Place, Princeton is open to the public Monday through Friday, 10 am – 4 pm through the end of September.

The public is invited to meet the photographers at a special reception on Thursday, September 18, 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Johnson Education Center. There is no charge to attend, however reservations are necessary in advance at www.drgreenway.org.

Princeton Photography Club has met monthly at D&R Greenway's Johnson Education Center for well over a dozen years, with a break during the pandemic. Ably led by Dave Burwell, and in earlier years by Sheila and Carl Geisler, their photographers have a keen eye for detail and beauty. Their classes, speakers and special projects make them a standout for professionalism and talent. Together, we have embarked on several fascinating exhibits that engage the viewer's thinking about the historic and natural values inherent in the land."

"This exhibit features many attributes of the land - *Birds, History, Trees, Native Plants* - as it exudes the *Joy and Peace* that can be found in *Nature*. Take time to read the Artists' Statements about their experience of visiting and photographing our preserves. Special thanks to the thirteen Princeton Photography Club photographers for taking us on a visual journey through D&R Greenway preserves." *Linda J. Mead, President & CEO, D&R Greenway Land Trust*

St. Michaels Farm Preserve

“When I moved to Hopewell from NYC in 2021, I was delighted to discover a magical place filled with warblers and bluebirds flitting around a community garden, a family of flickers frolicking in a large oak tree, harriers flying low over the fields, and paths leading to streams and fields with purple martins. My happiest moment in this 400+-acre wonderland was when I saw the kestrels. These little falcons, birds I first saw in NYC, had instantly become my favorites. Seeing them at St. Michaels Farm Preserve felt like a sign that I had moved to the right place.”

- Rebecca DePorte, *Exhibiting Photographer*

Iron Mike Trail

“Iron Mike Trail is an enchanted woodland path, all earthy and musty in the moist late spring when I visited in May. The trail begins and ends with rustic wooden arbors that greet you and assure you will enter a special place full of mushrooms, lichen, leaves, and woodland flowers and creatures. The trail is a warm, welcoming, woodsy excursion full of treasures for those who want to look and learn.” - Charmaine Hofmann, *Exhibiting Photographer*

As summer turns to fall, this exhibit will inspire visits to these outdoor spaces where you can enjoy a walk in nature. Find information on trails you can experience at the exhibit reception.

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About D&R Greenway Land Trust: *About D&R Greenway Land Trust: Founded in 1989, D&R Greenway is an accredited nonprofit that has reached a new milestone of almost 23,000 acres of land preserved throughout central New Jersey. By protecting land in perpetuity and creating public spaces, it gives everyone the opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. The land trust’s preserved farms and community gardens provide local organic food for residents of the region, including those most in need. Through strategic land conservation and stewardship, D&R Greenway combats climate change, protects birds and wildlife, and ensures clean drinking water for future generations. D&R Greenway's mission is centered on preserving and caring for land, while connecting land with people and communities. www.drgreenway.org; info@drgreenway.org. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.*

Captions for photos:

1. Robber Fly by Charmaine Hofmann
2. Angel of the Grasslands by Rebecca DePorte