

# PROTECTORS OF PINE OAK WOODS



## STATEN ISLAND'S LAND CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION

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A SERIES OF SUMMER  
AND FALL WALKS

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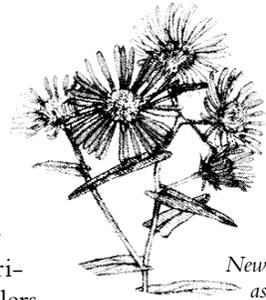
## ALL PROTECTORS' MEMBERS ARE VOLUNTEERS— IN COUNTLESS WAYS

MESSAGE FROM  
THE PRESIDENT

A RECENT ARTICLE IN THE STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE wrote about the many Staten Islanders who invest their time in volunteer projects throughout the Island. It was interesting that the last community group described, and at great length, was Protectors of Pine Oak Woods. It almost seemed as if Protectors summarized volunteerism on Staten Island. In many ways it was flattering and complimentary towards Protectors.

Protectors, however, was cited only for its volunteering in our Forest Restoration Workshops. Granted we had workshop number 97 earlier this month. At one a month, that adds up to six years, entering our seventh year this July 2004. So we've been doing reforestation for a long time.

In light of this long-term commitment, we felt justified that Protectors received this recognition. Everyone is welcome to attend these workshops and bring nonmember friends. But Protectors is much more than an organization that plants trees and shrubs, rejuvenates woodlands and even weeds out harmful nonnative plants. Scout groups, for example, would not appreciate being considered primarily beach clean up volunteers or newspaper recyclers.



*New England  
aster*

But when I realized only a small percentage of our over two thousand members, maybe less than ten percent, has ever been active in forest restoration, then Protectors of Pine Oak Woods must have a larger, more important volunteer function on Staten Island.

Well, then, how should we recognize Protectors' main role in the Staten Island community? Protectors has some volunteer jobs that you can participate in but are rarely given special recognition. Collating the quarterly mailing of our bulletin or preparing refreshments for semiannual meetings certainly deserve recognition, but again, most of us cannot be involved.

Missing from this picture is a large percentage of our Protectors members. Are we not all volunteers in Protectors? Without licking stamps, or planting trees, or baking cookies, we are all volunteers in an environmental movement that has required significant funding over the years from contributions by us as members. Sometimes, the financial demands of our issues and causes require that we ask members for financial support for an ongoing project such as The Greenbelt Defense Fund or, more recently, the legal action to protect the wetland/woodlands of Bloomingdale Park.

Being an active member of a community's environmental organization also offers many "volunteer activities." It could be just attending a semiannual meeting to become more informed on current Staten Island environmental issues and to participate in our community dialogue. It could be inviting a friend or neighbor to accompany you to find out the meaning of a Protectors membership. Most of us consider walks, tours, hikes and such to be pleasant recreation, but most of you attend those events for more serious reasons than a day out in the fresh air. We are learning to appreciate the natural environment and developing our own environmental ethic. As we see destruction around, natural areas being obliterated and environmental degradation occurring, our presence on walks and activities in the natural environment makes a statement that we care. Yes, we care.



*White milkweed*

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## ALL PROTECTOR'S MEMBERS ARE VOLUNTEERS

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We care about wildlife and plants, trees, shrubs and wildflowers, the birds and the insects. We want to leave a heritage of a healthy natural environment for those after us. We are constantly learning how much a part of the natural environment we are. We find out that our own actions add to the earth's distress. We consume fuel, food, natural products, even the air and water of our planet, and none of us—certainly not Protectors—feel that we are entitled to as much as we want. So we try to drive less, walk and bicycle more, reduce our consumption of excess foods and avoid foods and other natural products that are responsible for degradation of the communities where they are grown.

As we look at our Protectors' membership list, we look far beyond the dollars that are needed to continue our efforts and work. We have even been faulted for offering low membership fees at levels that barely cover the members' Bulletin mailing expense. But we are proud of the size of our senior members' section and student membership lists and we encourage even greater participation by seniors and students.

We want to thank the many of you with e-mail addresses who have asked to receive an e-mail copy of the field trip report to the members for each of our events. We welcome your participation and are delighted by those of you who e-mail back encouraging the continuation and expansion of this member benefit.

Even an analysis of the composition of our board is a microcosm of the entire membership, for each of us has such different skills, motives and understandings. Yet the board manages to function as a whole, and decisions are made and carried out. I would like to describe, in a President's letter, each of Protectors' board members to you. Then I thought, why not allow each board member the opportunity to describe himself/herself to you? As much as we want to get to know many of you in our interaction through Protectors, we would like you to know more about us. Check future President's letters.

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## Pack Your Bags! You're Going to Camp!

Congratulations to this year's selected group of teenagers who will be traveling during the month of July to the Department of Environmental Conservation's Camp Pack Forest. Sponsored by Protectors of Pine Oak Woods, seven Staten Island teenagers have been accepted to participate in a week-long immersion in the natural world of upstate New York.

Each participant will experience the grandeur of the Adirondacks while learning, investigating and enjoying the woods, meadows and rivers located within a day's hike of Lake George. The fantastic experience is one to remember. A week at the DEC Camp can provide participants with the knowledge that inspires many members of Protectors to get involved in lobbying for land preservation and conservation, environmental education and habitat restoration.

Protectors is proud to announce that Amber Campbell, Elsie DeForest, Rodolfo Martinez and Sharon Stonehill, participants from 2003, will be returning for a follow-up week at Camp Pack Forest. And we welcome Travis Altomonte, Joseph Gentsch and Kenneth Jobin as our 2004 awardees.

Having sponsored over a hundred island teenagers during the past years Protectors is working to insure that the next generation of volunteers will have a sound foundation, a platform from which to pursue the cause of preservation and conservation.

With anticipation, we are already planning for Summer 2005. It is never too early to get involved so if you have a teenager in mind, or are a teenager yourself, contact Cliff Hagen at (718) 227-8839 or visit us at our website [siprotectors.org](http://siprotectors.org) and ask for information regarding the DEC Camp Pack Forest.

—Cliff Hagen

## PROTECTORS OF PINE OAK WOODS CALENDAR

### Thursday, July 1, The Buck Full Moon

**Sunset Moonrise Walk at Mt Moses**—7:50 p.m. to 9:10 p.m. Sunset is at 8:31 p.m. and moonrise is 11 minutes earlier at 8:20 p.m. It takes another 20 minutes to rise above the hills of High Rock. Meet at the entry road to Eger Home at intersection of Rockland and Meisner Avenues. Bring a light refreshment to share with others and a flashlight for each person in your group. Please dress warmly. The walk is barely fifteen minutes each way. On the way to the intersection see the hundreds of shrubs and trees that DEP planted in the flood control system that has worked well so far in heavy rains. Call Dick Buegler (718) 761-7496 for more information.

### Saturday, July 10

**Forest Restoration Workshop**—10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Buck's Hollow, Intersection of Blue and White Trails. Gloves, tools plants and refreshments will be provided. Meet at the foot of Light House Hill, Meisner Avenue and Rockland Avenue. This site will need a lot of exotic removal. We'll also check the BMP 8 Bluebelt restoration at Meisner Ave and maybe plant a few trees or shrubs at our major location. For more information, call Dick Buegler, (718)761-7496.

### Saturday, July 17

**Short Walk to Mt Moses and Back**—9 a.m. to 12N. A total of three miles at a gentle pace. Meet near the back entrance to Susan Wagner High School on Manor Road. See the Little Blue Stem grass meadow where the NY State rare Green Milkweed grows, along with the elusive Bartonnia, then the wet meadow where Joe-Pye-Weed, Ironweed, Sensitive Fern and the infrequent Canada Lily flourish, perhaps some in bloom now, surrounded by wetland shrubs and trees.. Then enjoy the great view of four square miles of Greenbelt Forest from the top of Mt. Moses. Pack a light lunch and a beverage. Call Dick Buegler (718) 761-7496 for more information.

### Sunday, July 25

**Clay Pit Ponds State Park/Preserve**—Wildflowers, Trees and Wildlife, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Find out why Protectors urged the preservation of this parkland and how we got our new name in 1975. It has Pine Barrens, rare southern "pine and oak" trees, fence swift lizards, and a few rather unusual wildflowers, nothing like our Greenbelt forest. We will check in the sand and mud for deer prints throughout the park. They say there are several dozen on S.I. A member's young daughter spotted one last year with us. Meet at the park office at the end of

Carlin Avenue, off Sharrott's Road in Rossville. Call Dick Buegler (718) 761-7496 for more information.

### Friday, July 30

(Rain Date Sat. July 31: do it on your own)

**First Blue Moon Walk**—Sunset Moonrise Walk at Mt Moses, 7:40 p.m. to 9:10 p.m. Sunset is at 8:13 p.m. and moonrise is 12 minutes earlier at 8:01 p.m.(8:45 on the 31st) It takes another 20 minutes to rise above the hills of High Rock. Meet at the entry road to Eger Home at intersection of Rockland and Meisner Avenues. Bring a light refreshment to share with others and a flashlight for each person in your group. Please dress warmly. The walk is barely fifteen minutes each way. We will explain The Blue Moon and ask the group to sing the song. Call Dick Buegler (718) 761-7496 for more information.

### Sunday, August 8

**The Best of the Blue Trail: From High Rock to the Overlook**—Join Hillel Lofaso on this walk from High Rock to take in the vista from the Overlook. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Meet at the High Rock Park parking lot at the top of Nevada Avenue. We go in all but extreme weather. Bring beverage and snacks. Call Hillel Lofaso at 447-2220 for more information.

### Saturday, August 14

**Forest Restoration Workshop**—Greta Moulton at High Rock, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet in the Nevada Avenue Parking lot at High Rock. If you are late, walk to the first bend of the entry road and follow the yellow trail to the green trail to our working location. Gloves, plants, tools and refreshments provided. We may plant additional shrubs and trees, check on our Highbush Cranberry plantings as well as remove all the new invasive vegetation. Call Dick Buegler for more information at (718) 761-7496.

### Saturday, August 21

**Torrey Botanical Rare Plant Search of Kreisler Hill**—10 a.m. to whenever. We wonder if the NY State rare Torrey's Mountain Mint will have been destroyed by developers by the time the walk occurs. See Richard Lynch's letter in last fall's bulletin. Phone Dick Buegler for meeting place and registration. (718)761-7496.

## **Sunday, August 29, The Sturgeon Full Moon**

**Sunset Moonrise Walk at Mt Moses**—7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sunset is at 7:33 p.m. and moonrise is 14 minutes later at 7:47 p.m. It takes another 20 minutes to rise above the hills of High Rock. Meet at the entry road to Eger Home at intersection of Rockland and Meisner Avenues. Bring a light refreshment to share with others and a flashlight for each person in your group. Please dress warmly. The walk is barely fifteen minutes each way. On the way to the intersection see the hundreds of shrubs and trees that DEP planted in the flood control system that has worked well so far in heavy rains. Call Dick Buegler (718) 761-7496 for more information.

## **Wednesday, September 1**

**Executive Board Mtg**—7:30 to 10:00 p.m. 80 Mann Ave.

## **Saturday, September 4**

**Forest Restoration Workshop, Southwest Latourette**—10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at St Andrews Parking lot. We will want to check on all our numerous planting sites along Old Mill Road and along the upper trail. We'll free many plants from the invasives. Gloves, plants, tools and refreshments provided. We may plant additional shrubs and trees. Call Dick Buegler for more information at (718) 761-7496.

## **Sunday, September 5**

**Discover the new Greenbelt Visitors center**—1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is hidden in the woods. Meet at the intersection of Manor Road and Rockland Avenue, by the new Blue Belt pond at the foot of Lighthouse Hill. We will walk past BMP 8 and admire its wetland beauty, then walk half an hour through woods rarely traveled and reach the center from its forest side. Then return by another unfamiliar woodland trail. For more information, call Dick Buegler at (718) 761-7496.

## **Wednesday, September 22**

**Protectors' Board Mtg**—7:30 to 10:00 p.m. The Art Lab, Snug Harbor. Come see us planning. Important decisions are often made at this meeting. Refreshments. For more information, phone Dick Buegler (718) 761-7496 or any board member.

## **Sunday, September 26**

**The Ancient Forest Trees of Wolfe's Pond Park**—9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Meet at the far right corner of the parking lot at the end of Cornelia Avenue, near the rest facilities. In an easy two miles, large numbers of trees, 200 to 300 years old will be examined in Staten Island's

most ancient forest. We'll measure them and estimate their ages. Walk up a short hill and view the broad floodplain forest of this major Bluebelt stream. Then wander to a small, almost all American Beech forest. Call Dick Buegler (718) 761-7496 for more information.

## **Monday, September 27, The Harvest Full Moon**

**Sunset Moonrise Walk at Mt Moses**—6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Sunset is at 6:45 p.m. and moonrise is 7 minutes earlier at 6:38 p.m. It takes another 20 minutes to rise above the hills of High Rock. Meet at the entry road to Eger Home at intersection of Rockland and Meisner Avenues. Bring a light refreshment to share with others and a flashlight for each person in your group. Please dress warmly, fall nights are cool. On the way to the intersection see the hundreds of shrubs and trees that DEP planted in the flood control system that has worked well so far in heavy rains. Fall Colors may be starting. The walk is barely fifteen minutes each way. Call Dick Buegler (718) 761-7496 for more information.

## **Saturday, October 2**

**Great Kills Annual 6 Mile Monarch Butterfly Walk**—9:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Meet at the auto entrance to Gateway National Recreation Area, opposite Buffalo Street where the 78 bus from the ferry stops. See the butterflies and the Seaside Goldenrod at their seasonal peaks. Bring lunch and beverage for the day and feel free to leave at any time during the walk to return to the starting point. It is a good day for camera and binoculars. For more information call Dick Buegler at (718) 761-7496 or Herman Zaage at (718) 727-0772.

## **Sunday, October 3**

**All Day Torrey Botanical Society Walk of Mt Loretto Unique Area and Clay Pit Ponds State Park Preserve**—10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Meet at Richard Avenue and Hylan Blvd. We will need drivers to provide transport to the second location for lunch and then back to the St. George bus line. Bring 2 lunches and 2 beverages. Register with Dick Buegler (718)761-7496

## **Saturday, October 9**

**Forest Restoration Workshop**—Greta Moulton at High Rock, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet in the Nevada Avenue Parking lot at High Rock. If you are late, walk to the first bend of the entry road and follow the yellow trail to the green trail to our working location. Gloves, plants, tools and refreshments provided. We will plant additional shrubs and trees and check on our Highbush Cranberry plantings as well as remove all the new invasive vegetation. Call Dick Buegler for more information at (718) 761-7496.

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## **Wednesday, October 13**

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## **Saturday, October 23**

**Clay Pit Ponds State Park/Preserve-Wildflowers, Trees and Wildlife**—1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Find out why Protectors urged the preservation of this parkland and how we got our name in 1975. It has Pine Barrens, rare southern “pine and oak” trees, fence swift lizards, and a few rather unusual wildflowers, nothing like our Greenbelt forest. We’ll check in the sand and mud for deer prints throughout the park. Last Fall was my first S.I. deer, spotted by a young girl. Meet at the park office at the end of Carlin Avenue, off Sharrott’s Road in Rossville. Call Dick Buegler (718) 761-7496 for more information.

## **Wednesday, October 27, The Hunters’ Full Moon**

**Sunset Moonrise Walk at Mt Moses**—5:25 p.m. to 6:55 p.m. Sunset is at 5:59 p.m. and moonrise is 11 min-

utes earlier at 5:48 p.m. It takes another 20 minutes to rise above the hills of High Rock. Meet at the entry road to Eger Home at intersection of Rockland and Meisner Avenues. Bring a light refreshment to share with others and a flashlight for each person in your group. This should be a wonderful evening to enjoy the fall colors at their peak in the pink and golden glow of a setting sun. Please dress warmly, fall nights can be cold. The walk is barely fifteen minutes each way. Call Dick Buegler (718) 761-7496 for more information.

## **Wednesday, October 27**

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## **Saturday October 30,**

**Annual Fall 10 Mile Walk of the SI Greenbelt**—9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Meet at the bridge leading to the Clove Lakes Café. Bring lunch and beverage and sturdy walking shoes. Come meet others who enjoy a day out doors, We go in all weather but walk shortened if high pollution levels occur. Our pace could be considered a comfortable one. Come see the fall colors at their peak while there is still some green for contrast. Call Dick Buegler (718) 761-7496 for more information

## **Thursday, November 4**

**Protectors Semi-Annual Meeting**—6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Staten Island Zoo Auditorium.

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[WWW.SIPROTECTORS.ORG](http://WWW.SIPROTECTORS.ORG)**

## **PROTECTORS LAUNCHES MT. LORETTO SERIES OF NATURE WALKS**

**P**ROTECTORS HAS RECEIVED a grant from the NYC. Environmental Fund to organize, publicize and carry out a series of 20 walks at Mt. Loretto Unique Area this summer and fall. This series of walks will allow the public to appreciate the many habitats and moods of Mt. Loretto at varying times of the day, in different seasons and with a variety of naturalists, each with his own approach to interpreting the inspiring sights of this 149-acre State “Unique Natural Area.”

In the Concept Plan, prepared by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), the 194 acres of habitat are categorized as :

Coastal Marine	49.11 acres
Tidal wetlands	5.44 acres
Freshwater wetlands	16.55 acres
Grassland	107.80 acres
Hardwood Forest	15.10 acres.

Elevations range from sea level to approximately 75 feet above mean sea level along the bluffs at the point where the Prince’s Bay Lighthouse is located.

The open meadows dotted with ponds are considered by many to be Staten Island’s most beautiful and inspiring natural area.

The NYC Environmental Fund (NYCEF) was established by the DEC in 1996 to use money collected from environmental damages to sponsor environmental teaching, restoration and study projects in NYC and Westchester. The NYCEF is administered by the regional office of the DEC and the Hudson River Foundation.

—Ellen Pratt

## Fall Greenbelt Tour:

More than three dozen Protectors members and friends from other boroughs and New Jersey completed a three mile circular walk of the Staten Island Greenbelt yesterday. All agreed it was a perfect beautiful fall day with just a chill in the air and a warming sun. Fall colors seemed to be at peak around the Greenbelt Ponds including Ohrbach Lake, and Hourglass and Stumpf Ponds.

The red of the winged sumac and swamp maples, the orange of the sugar maples, the yellow of the hickories and sassafras along with the rich green of the oak trees that had not yet turned color were a delight along all the trails.

Mallard Ducks in many ponds, a Red Tailed Hawk was seen overhead and in the low trees and shrubs, many kinglets, the smallest of our perching birds, were frequently spotted.

## Deer in Clay Pit Ponds State Park Preserve:

A group of Protectors members, including some youths had an exciting three-and-a-half hour tour of the park yesterday. The very wet woods were filled with wildflowers including purple New England Aster, Climbing Boneset, Indian Pipe, Red Gerardia, white snakeroot (the plant that killed Nancy Lincoln), and mushrooms of every color; red, white, brown, green, purple, yellow and orange.

In a boggy area, the large Cranberry was seen in fruit along with rare white Ladies Tresses Orchids.

Many deer tracks were spotted and even some deer waste when the youngest child spotted a deer which many of the group verified by its white tail before it slowly moved away from our view. None of us had ever seen a live deer on Staten Island before this.

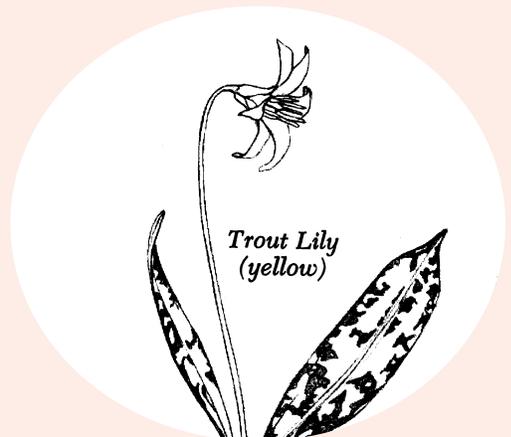
## High Rock Park to the Overlook:

A group of seven Staten Islanders enjoyed a 5-mile roundtrip walk along the blue and yellow trail from High Rock Park to the Richmond County Country Club Golf Course Overlook led by Protectors of Pine Oak Woods. The sunny but cold weather gave us a wonderful opportunity to view the woods in late winter. Most of our participants had not been on this stretch of the Greenbelt and it is a beautiful one. The trail takes us over a high ridge overlooking ponds and the open spaces of the Richmond County Country Club golf course. Along the way we spent much time admiring the leafless trees, especially a handsome grove of mature tulip trees with their dried, but very recognizable flowers remaining high above us and equally majestic sweet gum. At the Overlook we compared the view from the original 1895 Jasper Cropsey painting of the scene printed in *Secret Places of Staten Island*, and were delighted by the close comparisons from the original to the view we were seeing. This overlook was built ten years ago by the Navy Sea Bees for the Staten Island Greenbelt and it will remain a welcome spot for hikers to rest and reflect for years to come.

## Blue Heron Park Owl Prowl:

Skilled birder, Cliff Hagen, held his second Owl Prowl of the week last evening at Blue Heron Pond Park with a group of 18 Blue Heron members and visitors. The group included six children, ages six to twelve, some of whom had joined Hagen at Bloomington Park Tuesday evening and returned for a second try at hearing and seeing owls

Hagen led the walkers to a wooded area of the park with many tall and older trees. He proceeded to mimic the calls of various owl species, including Great Horned and Screech Owl. In the past, Hagen has often been able to attract these and other species. On a late winter walk in High Rock last year, Hagen's calling produced two screech owls, the Eastern Red Phase and the Gray Phase. They returned the mimicked calls from the distance and flew into the branches overhead where a spot light easily illuminated their small eight inch bodies. The owls again cooperated near the end of last evening's scheduled walk when a screech owl returned Hagen's mimicked call. Then in a not too distant tree the owl's silhouette was spotted against the dim sky glow. It continued to return Hagen's call but then flew off into the woodlands. A flock of Canada Geese was also heard and spotted, flying overhead during the evening.



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**ALL PROTECTORS' MEMBERS  
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At present, the board is concerned with the future of Protectors of Pine Oak Woods into the next few decades. We are asking a previous board member to meet with us to discuss institutionalization of Protectors. How do we ensure that the organization will continue into the future, offering the same benefits to the Staten Island community that it has given during the last three decades? I will try to report on that July meeting in a future President's letter.

This Bulletin contains an additional separate calendar of 20 events, all at Mt. Loretto, with six very special, different leaders. During the next four months, July through October, Protectors will be offering a wide variety of walks at Mt Loretto. Ellen Pratt, Corresponding Secretary and board member responsible for grants we have received over the last few years, recently obtained a grant

which not only allows us to increase our forest restoration efforts but permits us to offer honoraria to our many walk leaders, each with his own expertise. So look through the Mt. Loretto Calendar and mark off those walks that interest you or are at a time suitable for you and your guests.

I hope to see many of you soon on walks, perhaps at the Mt. Loretto Unique Area.

—Dick Buegler

**PROTECTORS' ENVIRONMENTAL  
CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

**GRACE JUNG DONALD RECKLIES  
THE WERNER FAMILY**

Grace has been our most dedicated restoration participant, Don has enthusiastically helped us accomplish our goals, and the Werner family supported daughter Irena's school project documenting Protectors' efforts to save Staten Island's forests.

**DO YOU HAVE E-MAIL?**

If we have your e-mail address you are already a member of Protectors' new **e-mail network**.

You will be kept informed about exciting events like the Sunset/Full-Moon walks on Moses Mountain, as well as fast breaking news concerning Protectors Persuaders, and much more!

If you're not in the Network yet, just send me your name and e-mail address at [sylhz@earthlink.net](mailto:sylhz@earthlink.net).

*Protectors launches  
Series of Walks  
at Mt. Loretto  
Unique Area*

*see page 5 and insert*

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YOU DON'T SEE 2005 OR LIFE, YOUR MEMBER-  
SHIP HAS EXPIRED. PLEASE, RENEW TODAY!**

**SAVE THE DATE!  
PROTECTORS SEMI-ANNUAL FALL MEETING  
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