

# Protecting Communities and Special Places

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"I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual...O how I laugh when I think of my vague indefinite riches. No run on my bank can drain it, for my wealth is not possession, but enjoyment."

~ Henry David Thoreau

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### Brewing It Up to Keep It Wild

**Official Tapping Party**  
**December 11, 6 to 8 p.m.**  
**Riepstine's Pub**  
**913 Arch Street**  
**Williamsport, PA**

Rock Run Red, Anti-Shale Ale, M.A.D. as Ale, Yellow Dog Brew--even White Admiral Ale named for butterflies found in the Loyalsock Forest--these were just a few of the creative entries submitted to RDA's contest to find a name for their newest fundraising venture, a locally sourced organic amber-style ale brewed by Riepstine's Pub. Many thanks to all who participated in the naming contest, and congratulations to Sherry Brotzman, who came up with the winning name, Old Logger's Ale.

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On December 11, bring a friend and join RDA members at Riepstine's for the official tapping of Old Logger's Ale and to learn more about RDA's mission and what you can do to help. Festivities will include free hors d'oeuvres

and music by Doug McMinn. There is no cover charge for this event and Keep It Wild merchandise, including the new Keep It Wild pint glass, will be available for purchase.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MarcellusByDesign Workshop

**December 4**  
**4 to 7 p.m.**

Sullivan County  
Courtroom,  
Laporte, PA

The workshop will  
integrate with the

Proceeds from the sale of Old Logger's Ale and Keep It Wild merchandise will be used in the ongoing efforts to preserve the Loyalsock State Forest, specifically the Clarence Moore lands that are currently under threat of natural gas development by Anadarko Petroleum Corporation and Southwestern Energy.

Old Logger's Ale is an amber-style ale whose official description says to expect a balanced beer, with toasted malt characters and a light fruitiness. In keeping with RDA's ongoing commitment to the community and our planet, the ingredients for this beer included locally sourced hops grown in Jersey Shore and organic malt. This makes it unique to the local brew pub scene.

The recipe for Old Logger's Ale was created just for RDA and won't be brewed again, so is a very limited run. Only three barrels were brewed,

Sullivan County  
planning commission  
meeting scheduled for  
7:30-9:30 p.m.

Part of the "Marcellus Matters" project under direction of Penn State University's Marcellus Center for Outreach and Research, this program is described as a [landscape design and planning workshop](#) meant to address the likely outcomes of gas development in Sullivan County.

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**Free Alternative Zero  
Point Energy  
Technologies  
Seminar**

**Thursday, Dec. 5  
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Loyalsock State Forest  
Resource Management  
Center  
6735 Route 220  
Dushore, PA

Find more information  
[here](#) or on [Facebook](#)

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**Lycoming College  
Faculty Art Exhibit**

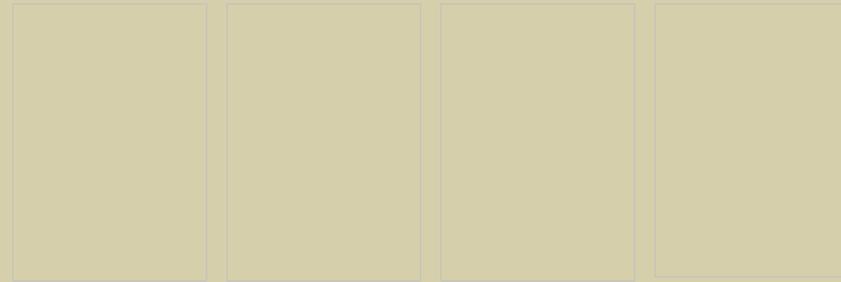
**Nov. 21 - Dec. 13**

The Art Gallery  
in Snowden Library

Exhibit features several  
faculty artists, including  
work by Jeremiah  
Johnson, instructor of  
printmaking. Influenced  
by the works of Goya,  
Johnson's intaglio prints  
are a testament to the  
crimes against the  
environment and its  
people due to regional  
gas drilling.

[Find more  
information here](#)

equal to about 744 pints of ale. Word has it that these limited runs sometimes sell out within two months of going on tap, so why not join us on December 11 to join in the fun, learn about RDA, and sample Old Logger's Ale before the tap runs dry!



**FracFinders Wanted!  
Help Us "Skytruth" Fracking Ponds in PA!**

SkyTruth needs your help! Last week, SkyTruth launched their second FrackFinder initiative, this time using aerial imagery to find all the pits and ponds associated with shale gas drilling in Pennsylvania. This study will be used by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health to inform a study on health issues from air quality degradation and fracking.

This is one of many upcoming projects to use aerial and satellite imagery plus crowdsourcing to map fracking across the US.

Any help you can provide with this simple, web-based mapping project would be greatly appreciated. It's a hands-on way for anyone to contribute meaningful data about fracking and get a bird's-eye view of drilling impacts.

Read [here](#) for more information describing the project  
Check out the app directly [here](#)

[www.keepitwildrda.org](http://www.keepitwildrda.org)

**Keep It Wild Hike #12  
The Haystacks**

**December 8 at 11:00 a.m.**

Hike with RDA to the Haystacks in the Loyalsock State Forest in Sullivan County. Named for the large rounded rocks in the Loyalsock Creek that resemble piles of hay, Jeff Mitchell, author of *Hiking the*

*Endless Mountains*, says "The Haystacks hike is probably the most popular one in the Loyalsock State Forest. This hike is accessible, relatively easy, and incredibly beautiful."

Directions: Take US 220 north through Laporte. Continue approximately three miles, then turn left on Mead Road. Continue on Mead Road about 0.2 miles to the parking lot on the right. The 4.6 mile hike begins at the trailhead of the Loyalsock Trail. Estimated hiking time is 2 1/2 to 3 hours.

[Check it out here on Facebook](#)

Pre-release screening!

## Groundswell Rising

**Dec. 8, 2013**  
**7:00 p.m.**

\$10 suggested donation

Pocono Community  
Theater  
88 South Cortland St.  
East Stroudsburg, PA  
18301

Screening to be  
followed by discussion  
and Q&A with the  
director and producers.

Limited seating;  
reservations essential!  
Phone: 570.421.6684

[Find more  
information here](#)

### TAKE ACTION!

The Delaware  
Riverkeeper asks you to

### Help Keep Frack Waste off our Rivers!

Comment period closes  
**November 29,**  
**2013**

[Look here for the policy  
letter and for more  
information](#)

### Join RDA

We welcome your active  
participation and are in  
need of help for special  
events, publicity,  
research, and other  
projects.  
Contact us for details.

As a 501(c)(3)  
non-profit  
organization, RDA  
relies on donations  
for the important work we  
do. In order for  
RDA to continue its  
valuable education  
and advocacy  
outreach in 2013,  
please consider  
a tax-free contribution

## Triple Divide Encore Screening

**December 4, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Coudersport Theatre**

*Image courtesy of  
Triple Divide*

Public Herald will host a free encore screening of the documentary "Triple Divide" and a question and answer session with filmmakers Melissa A. Troutman and Joshua B. Pribanic on Wednesday, December 4, at the [Coudersport Theatre](#) in downtown Coudersport, PA.

"Triple Divide" is about how the impacts of "fracking" are being handled by the industry and state regulators. The film uses interviews, personal stories, experts and case files from public documents uncovered during an 18-month investigation as evidence for a compelling cradle-to-grave story. Narrated by Oscar nominee Mark Ruffalo.

"With steadfast investigative journalism we see how a blindfold of misinformation is crafted by both state regulators and the industry," said Pribanic, who co-directed the film with Troutman. "People can expect to witness a side of fracking they've never seen before by watching 'Triple Divide.'"

The screening begins at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free to public w/ a \$5 suggested donation. The show is being put on with help from [Save Our Streams PA](#), a nonprofit focused on mapping and plugging abandoned wells.

## Williamsport in the News

[Andrew Maykuth](#), staff writer for the Philadelphia Inquirer, posted a story on November 25 exploring the economic impacts and current economic activity of the Marcellus Shale industry in Williamsport. If you missed the article, [read it here](#) to see if you agree or disagree with the different viewpoints expressed by the residents Maykuth interviewed for the article.

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