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New Jersey Pinelands Commission to Host Four Free, Educational Webinars in January 2021

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The New Jersey Pinelands Commission will kick off 2021 by hosting four free webinar presentations.

The Commission hosted 25 webinar presentations in 2020, and the recordings of the educational presentations have generated nearly 6,000 views on the agency's YouTube channel. The newly added lineup for January includes presentations on sustainable landscaping for butterflies, a roundtable reflection on the 40th anniversary of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan, newly digitized photos that were taken by Elizabeth White (who helped to develop the cultivated blueberry), and Pine Barrens weather and its effect on the state's microclimate.

All of the webinars will be livestreamed on the Commission's [YouTube channel](#). The Commission will send out weekly notices with direct links to the presentations, which will also be recorded and archived for later viewing.

Here is the schedule of webinars for January:

■ January 7, 2021 at 10 a.m. - Sustainable Landscaping for Butterflies

Jesse Connor, Co-Leader, Southeast Chapter of the Native Plant Society of New Jersey

The South Jersey area hosts more species of butterflies than most people realize (100+), but they need our help. January is the perfect time to begin making plans to make beneficial changes in our yards to help butterflies and other pollinators. Whether you are a student, a renter, or a homeowner, you can help support these fascinating creatures through all stages of their life cycles – from eggs to adults. Learn which native trees, shrubs, perennials, and vines are best for them and which butterfly species you can attract and support in your own yard. This talk will also cover what we can do to transform our backyards into healthier, more sustainable landscapes, incorporating practices aimed at reducing our carbon footprint.

■ January 14, 2021 at 10 a.m. - Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan 40th Anniversary Roundtable Reflection:

The New Jersey Pinelands Commission is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Pinelands

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Comprehensive Management Plan, which governs land-use, development and the protection of natural, cultural and historic resources in the Pinelands Area. In this webinar, former Pinelands Commission staff members and Commissioners will gather virtually to reflect on their efforts to create and approve the Plan, which turns 40 on January 14, 2021. Participants will include former Executive Director Terrence Moore, former Commissioner and Vice Chairman Bob Shinn, former Commissioner Joan Batory, former Chief Scientist Dr. Robert Zampella, former Special Projects Coordinator Alice D'Arcy, former Planner Michael Bolan, former Natural Scientist Anthony Esser, former Editor Steve Ford and former Executive Secretary Nadine Young.

■ January 21, 2021 at 10 a.m. - Through Elizabeth's Eyes: Whitesbog Glass Plate Negatives

Kiyomi Locker, Archivist and Historian, Whitesbog Preservation Trust

Thirty-nine delicate glass plate negatives in the archives of Whitesbog Preservation Trust were conserved and digitized for the first time in 2019, making them available for public viewing. These 1896-1917 photographs were taken by Elizabeth Coleman White, and they include scenes from the active cranberry farm at Whitesbog, New Lisbon scenes, family portraits of Pine Barrens residents, snowy woodland scenes, nature studies and some travel images from Philadelphia and the Delaware Water Gap. These images reveal new views and insights into White's life before she developed the first crop of commercial blueberries, and they paint a portrait of life in the Pine Barrens at the turn of the last century.

■ January 28, 2021 at 10 a.m. - Pine Barrens Weather and Its Effect on NJ's Microclimate

James A. Eberwine, retired Meteorologist (National Weather Service)

The million-acre Pine Barrens of southern New Jersey can experience very hot and very cold temperatures. The region can also provide a tremendous source of moisture that enhances thunderstorm activity. Presenter James A. Eberwine, a retired Meteorologist with the National Weather Service, will discuss Pine Barrens weather and its effects on New Jersey's microclimate.

Additional webinar presentations will likely be added in February. Please log on to www.nj.gov/pinelands for more information.

*****ATTENTION Reporters and Editors:** The photos below can be obtained via e-mail by contacting Paul Leakan at Info@pinelands.nj.gov. Thank you.

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Above: The Pinelands Commission is hosting a free webinar that will focus on sustainable landscaping for butterflies. Native Pinelands plants such as the showy aster attract Monarch butterflies and many other pollinators.



Above: The Pinelands Commission is hosting a free round table reflection on the 40th anniversary of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan, and it includes former Commission Executive Director Terrence Moore, former Commissioners Bob Shinn and Joan Batory and six former Commission staff members.

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