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Images from the 2nd Annual Contest by Paul Barrett (Williamsport derby car), Holly Holdridge (view of Tunkhannock), Kara Newhouse (Wilkes-Barre festival)

Evening Photo Reception Features "*Images of the Susquehanna*"

Join the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership (SGP) on Saturday, September 15 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Moose Exchange, 203 W. Main St. in Bloomsburg, for the "*Images of the Susquehanna*" photo gallery reception featuring the winning images from last year's photo contest. Enjoy a casual and fun evening featuring stunning photography, light refreshments and local beer and wine, music by Fricknadorable, a photography presentation, and river-themed readings. This event is free and open to the public.

Doug Brubaker, of Looking Back Studio, will present his professional landscape photography and provide simple tips for improving your own outdoor photos. Local authors and poets, Melanie Simms and David Bowman, will share river-related poetry and readings that will inspire budding photographers and river enthusiasts alike. Learn about the Susquehanna Greenway --the largest greenway in PA-- from the Partnership's Board members and staff.

Stay after the reception for the Short Film Festival from the Box of Light Studio, admission is \$5. The festival is an opportunity to promote local filmmaking and is open to professionals and amateurs of all ages. More info is available at boxoflight.org.

Interested in entering this year's *Treasured Towns and Landscapes of the Susquehanna* photo contest? Images will be accepted until February 1, 2013 and winners will be featured in the traveling gallery next year. Submit your images of life along the Susquehanna at www.susquehannagreenway.org/photo-contest.

"It's not just about capturing images of the river; it's about capturing what the river means to you," says Erin Pierce, Program Coordinator with SGP. "Maybe it's a place to fish, keep cool, or a destination with family and friends. You don't have to be a professional photographer to make it personal, just keep a camera close by so you can share those moments and your stories."

Contest categories include River Towns, Treasured Landscapes, People & the River, and a Youth Category sponsored by Hershey's Track and Field Games for photographers under 18. "We've teamed up with Hershey's to inspire kids to get outside, get active, and explore the Susquehanna region. Kids can show us what they like to do along the river, like hiking with family, splashing with friends, or even a photo of their favorite river town park."

A special thanks to our event sponsors: Turkey Hill Brewing Co., Columbia County Bread, Prana Juice Bar and Namaste Café, Berrigans Subs, Shade Mountain Winery, Cracker Barrel, Panera Bread, Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, Giant Food, Weis Markets, Ken's Cattails Garden Shoppe and Green Solutions Hydroponic Center.

The Susquehanna Greenway is a corridor of connected trails, parks, river access points, and communities, linking people to the natural and cultural treasures of the Susquehanna River and its West Branch. Over 500 miles in the length, the Greenway is one of our state's greatest resources, conserving the environment for all living things, and creating recreational opportunities for healthy communities.

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