

WVDAR Conservation Committee SIP

Hello Conservation Committee Chairs,

I hope this message finds you well! My name is Roberta Gellner, and I am the State Conservation Committee Chair. I live in Pleasants County and am originally from Lewis County. I would love to stay in touch with all of you via email. Please send your contact information to umwelthund@frontier.com so I can share thoughts and ideas to support your chapter's conservation efforts.

Join the Daughters Online Community (DOC)

If you haven't joined the Daughters Online Community yet, it's easy to set up an account <https://community.dar.org/home/memberhome>. Once you're in, navigate to Communities > All Communities > Conservation Committee. You'll find many great ideas for projects, book club suggestions, and success stories. It's definitely worth checking out!

Recycling Reminders

Please remind your members to recycle and announce recycling events at your meetings. There are tire recycling, electronics recycling, and pharmaceutical recycling events throughout the year. The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has a list of Recycling Centers by county (<https://dep.wv.gov/environmental-advocate/reap/recycling/Documents/WV%20Recycling%20Directory.pdf>).

Conservation Minute

Each month, you can find a timely conservation minute on the national members' website [<https://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/conservation/conservation-committee-minutes>]. You can also use a minute from a local source or something you've read about conservation in your area.

Community Cleanups

Many community organizations like the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and 4H clubs have cleanup days. You can organize your own cleanup day or support these youth organizations by providing refreshments during or after their events to thank them for their efforts. For chapters along the Ohio River, consider supporting the annual Ohio River Sweep.

Plant a Tree

Arbor Day and Earth Day are perfect times to plant trees in our local parks. How about celebrating WV Day by planting a Sugar Maple, the state tree of West Virginia? Free trees are available through the WV Department of Forestry's Mountaineer Treeways Program <https://wvforestry.com/urban-forestry/programs-for-tree-protection/>.

Rediscover Our Forests

Did you know there's a DAR forest right here in West Virginia? It was established at Jackson's Mill in the 1940s. If you visit Jackson's Mill, be sure to check it out. If you can't travel there, consider visiting one of the old-growth forests in your area. You can find a list at [<https://www.oldgrowthforest.net/west-virginia>].

Thank you for your dedication to conservation!

Warm regards,

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