



The South River Current

Promoting interest and collaboration for watershed stewardship



River Restoration

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The Virginia Department of Health issues fish consumption advisories to inform those who fish state waterways about the amount and types of fish that are safe to eat. The South River Science Team is committed to participating in and supporting local events to help communicate the South River and South Fork Shenandoah River advisories to people in our community.



Fish consumption advisories are posted in English and Spanish on billboards at all public access points along the river. The current advisories read as follows:

- South River: No fish, other than trout, should be eaten from these waters. Stocked trout have been tested and are safe to eat.
- South Fork Shenandoah River: No more than two meals (1/2 pound each or the size of your hand) of fish per month should be eaten from these waters. Women who are pregnant or may become pregnant, nursing mothers, and young children should not eat fish from these waters.

Click on the following links to find out more information about these [advisories](#) and [others throughout Virginia](#).

Did You Know?

- 126 journal articles involving research on the South River have been published since 2003; access them by year [here](#).
- Design funding for the Waynesboro campus of the Virginia Museum of Natural History was approved in May – learn about it in our January 2021 issue [here](#).



Connections

The South River Watershed is home to a variety of swimming, slithering, walking, and winged creatures. If the winged variety piques your interest, check out [The Augusta Bird Club](#). Members of the club participate in a variety of ornithological activities—that’s the study of birds in case you hadn’t guessed! On their website, you can explore photos of local birds; discover the birds that have been spotted in Augusta County and their relative abundance; get directions to several birding locations; learn about conservation and club membership; and more! You can also find directions to a nearby birding spot in Ridgeview Park to search for red-eyed vireos, flycatchers, woodpeckers, and an occasional perching neotropical bird! Visit the website and explore what the August Bird Club has to offer, and next time you venture outside, don’t forget to look up!



Take a Walk Back

The picturesque Shenandoah Valley inspires the background of many paintings by P. Buckley Moss, a local artist with a gallery right on Main Street in Waynesboro. Pat moved to Waynesboro in the mid-1960s with her husband and growing family. As they settled into the community, she was inspired to include the people and places of the Valley in her art. Looking at her work, it’s hard to believe she struggled with a learning disability. In grade school, Pat was perceived as a “poor student,” likely because she had undiagnosed dyslexia. One of her teachers recognized Pat’s strong artistic flair and urged Pat’s parents to invest in their child’s art education. Years later Pat received a scholarship to New York’s Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art and fine-tuned her talent. Now an award-winning artist, she is a role model for the learning impaired. In 1995, the [P. Buckley Moss Foundation](#) for Children’s Education was formed to help children with learning disabilities succeed in school and in life. Through this Foundation, her art and story continue to inspire and encourage future artists. To learn more about the artist, gallery, and upcoming events, click [here](#).

Meet the Artist
P. Buckley Moss
Barn Show & Gallery Open House
October 8-10
Fri. & Sat. 11:00 - 4:00
Sunday 12:00 - 3:00
P. Buckley Moss Gallery
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