

Mission: to unite as citizens and actively engage in the preservation of the Spring Creek Watershed

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Spring Creek Watershed Landowners Winter 2012 Newsletter



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SCC ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 14 1:30 TO 3:30 PM

New Year's greetings, members and friends of SCC!

SCC is holding its Annual Meeting on:

Saturday, January 14 at the **Best Western Hotel** in **Locust Grove** from **1:30-3:30 pm**.

The Best Western is located at 106 Holiday Lane, on the northwest corner of Highway 82 and the Cherokee Turnpike (412), just south of Locust Grove.

Come meet your fellow Spring Creek landowners—from the creek's source in Kansas to its end near Cedar Crest. Talk with your regional representatives on the board, and share your ideas about projects for SCC. Tell us what the creek means to you and what issues matter most.

What makes our creek so special? What's going on in and out of the water? Learn about the life of the creek with a short presentation by Mia Revels, member of the SCC Science Advisory Committee.

There will be snacks and an auction of some really great items (see right).

Any questions? Would anyone like to ride share from Tulsa? If so, contact me at (918) 906-6762. I'm looking forward to seeing you January 14!

Beth Rooney, SCC President

Fantastic Auction Items at the January Annual Meeting!

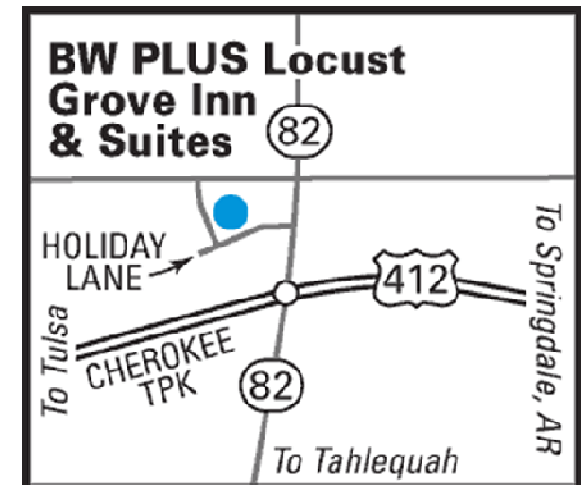
- 100 trees planted on your property for bank stabilization
- Signed, limited-edition print of a painting by Mark Lackey
- Kayak trip along the creek
- Farmers' market gift certificate
- Private plane ride for three over the whole watershed

More details on each item will be available at the meeting. Money raised will go towards newsletter printing and postage, website maintenance, tree plantings, and other fundraising needs.

If you have an item you would like to contribute to the auction, please contact Neal Russell at (918) 906-3682.

Thank you for your support!

Map to the Annual Meeting in Locust Grove



Election of New Board Members

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The SCC members below have agreed to serve on the Board starting in 2012. We will be voting on them at the Annual Meeting. Other nominees are welcome. If you or someone you know would like to serve on the SCC board, please contact Beth Rooney, 918.906.6762, as soon as possible. The board meets in Tulsa or at the creek once per month.

Chris Robb

Chris Robb is the owner of Cimarron Machine, and Efdyn, Inc. in Tulsa. He and his wife Marcia have 3 daughters and 5 grandchildren. Chris owns 80 acres on Spring Creek (since 1991) 1/2 mile west of Lucky where he is starting to build a timber frame retirement home. His favorite pastime is working on the place, cutting wood, planting trees, playing farmer, and building stuff. Chris has been a member of SCC since its inception in 1995.

Robin Tait

Robin is a retired Systems Engineer with American Airlines Sabre reservation system in Tulsa. Robin purchased a small tract straddling Spring Creek in 1999. Robin and his partner, Mark Lackey, enjoy the privacy, isolation, and quiet of the creek in addition to its natural beauty, abundant and diverse wildlife, and pristine water. Over the years they have developed the property from a simple tent camp site to more substantial and comfortable accommodations. Robin's interests include woodworking, gardening, bridge, and the creek. He wants to become more involved with SCC to help preserve the wonders of Spring Creek.

Birds of Spring Creek

My Favorite Spring Creek Birds— everything you didn't know you wanted to ask

Mia has the answers. Mia has the questions, too.



A bird you might see any day along the creek.

A dynamic speaker. You'll leave with a wealth of information.

Update on Water Being Taken from Spring Creek

The SCC Board is researching the amount of water that Peggs Water Company (PWC) is selling to its customers. Peggs Water Company's out-take is actually a "well" which is located less than 30 feet from the bank of the stream. At this time the depth of the well is not known to us, but its close proximity to the creek causes valid concern.

Our speaker, Dr. Mia Revels, Professor of Biology at NSU in Tahlequah will share with us stories of her favorite Spring Creek birds. She'll talk about identifying them by sight or sound and about their nesting habits and unique behaviors. Mia is a

Inspiration on Display

Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA), a state agency which has jurisdiction over the Spring Creek Watershed, granted Peggs Water Company a contract to sell an unlimited amount of water. The contract was executed in November 1986 and has a primary term of forty years. In 1986, the 'Customer' (PWC) estimated that it would require 15,000,000 gallons per month of raw water.

PWC provides a great service to the Spring Creek area by providing quality drinking water to businesses and residents. At the same time, we need to protect the flows of our creek. How much does PWC take from the creek each month? Has this amount been steady or increasing? Does it affect the creek? And what will happen as the water customer area grows?

SCC has obtained the monthly meter readings for PWC for the past ten years through an Open Records Request. We will present our findings at the Annual Meeting.

Inspiration on Display— artists and artisans of Spring Creek exhibit at annual meeting

We have discovered several talented artists and artisans who find inspiration for their work in the beauty of Spring Creek.

We thought it would be fun for everyone to get to know them and have asked each to display their creations at the Annual Meeting. We will have jewelry crafted from Spring Creek shale by Nancy Hamill, a piece by woodcrafter and local carpenter David Spencer, water color paintings by Mark Lackey and Beth Rooney, and drift-

Clean-up Thanks

wood sculptures by Gregg Coker.

To all other creative people out there, please call Beth Rooney, 918.906.6762. We would like you to be part of this exhibit.

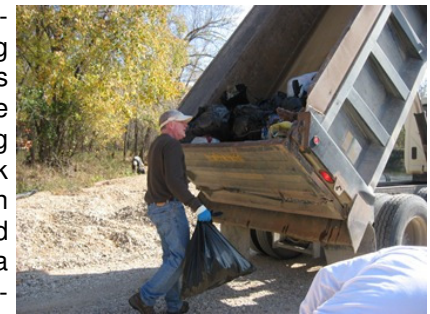
Clean-up Update and Thanks

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for coming out on November 5th to the clean-up at Twin Bridges. The area and roads look so much better now. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Donna and Charles Drury, landowners

Nine hard-working members of the Spring Creek Coalition gathered on a sunny Saturday to clean up



Board nominee, Robin Tait, helps out at the creek clean up.

Twin Bridges and Cave Springs areas. The summer gatherings of people at these low-water crossings take their toll on the creek. When we arrived, bottles, cans, Styrofoam and diapers littered the creek. When we finished, our trash truck was filled with hundreds of pounds of trash and the creek area sparkled.

Thanks to Mayes County Commissioner, Darrell Yoder, for the truck and disposal.