

RGS SKYLANDS CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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Banquet dates work days and RGS Skylands on TV

Hi here we go again it's our busiest time of the year and it is gonna get busier!

First our Banquet date has been set it is going to be **Saturday January 29th at the Lafayette house in Lafayette New Jersey** so put it on your calendar if its anything like last year it's going to be great!

Next our next meeting will be on Monday November 8th at the Lafayette House at 7:00 P.M. we have a lot to discuss including work projects our possible upcoming TV appearance and the banquet anyone may attend!

Ok, our next work day will be on Sunday November 14th at Hainesville Wildlife Management Area at 9:00 A.M. We will meet in the parking area next to the pond and go to our areas from there. I recently walked Hainesville and surprisingly several of our crab apple trees continue to grow along with numerous pines, a few of which are close to four feet tall.

I was recently approached and asked if we would like to be featured on an outdoor show on cable TV. I was told the piece would showcase RGS and in particular our chapter and the work we have done and continue to do in New Jersey. Of course I said yes, we are still working out the details but hopefully a camera crew will be recording our next work day among other things. So it is really important that we have a good turnout for our next project day on the 14th. The project will be continuing the thinning of aspen to promote regeneration. Some of you know I purchased large crab apple trees to be planted this fall but they are being shipped up from down south and the nursery cannot ship them until the trees are dormant which I was told will be around Thanksgiving. Fortunately we have enough work to keep us busy until the trees arrive and if need be I will pot them and hold them over until spring (I would rather not).

2011 marks RGS 50th anniversary and I was told since we are the first banquet of the New Year we will have some really nice 50th anniversary stuff to give away at the banquet. I wonder if they have a puppy.

Grouse and Woodcock season arrived this year with the first real blast of cold air making for better than average early season conditions in NJ. A few warm days won't hurt things too much and thanks to some unusually windy storms and fronts the leaves in my neck of the woods are pretty much gone!

Early season reports of Grouse hunting in upstate New York are surprisingly not up to par with the past several seasons. I have not gotten to go myself yet and may not go unless the reports improve.

We have a lot to look forward to this season don't let the trick or treaters scare you too much. Get outside and enjoy the nicest time of year and don't forget the 14th! Thanks Jim!