



White Clay Watershed Association

50th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting

Program: Claudia West of North Creek Nurseries on “Planting in a Post Wild World”

Please join us on Monday, November 16, at Deerfield (507 Thompson Station Road, Newark, Delaware) for the WCWA’s annual meeting and celebration of its 50th anniversary.

Doors open at 7 pm with displays from a variety of local organizations with ties to the White Clay Watershed. A limited amount of Claudia West’s books will be available for purchase (cash or check only), or bring your own copy to get signed.

WCWA Celebrates 50 Years!

In October of 1965, two coalitions of concerned citizens, one from Delaware and one from Pennsylvania, came together to stop a dam project on the White Clay Creek. They called themselves the White Clay Watershed Association (WCWA).

Today, because of their success, the White Clay Creek continues to flow. The dam project was abandoned and much of the land surrounding the White Clay Creek is now part of the White Clay Creek State Park in Delaware and the White Clay Creek Preserve in Pennsylvania.

After the initial victory, the organization continued to fight for continued

protection from development. The entire watershed was designated a Wild and Scenic River in 2000; the first such watershed receiving this designation in the nation. The watershed now receives additional protections under the auspices of the National Park Service and is managed by the White Clay Wild and Scenic Steering Committee.

Without the diligence and dedication of the members of this association for the last 50 years this natural resource would have been lost. Because of the WCWA, there are public trails and preserved lands we now use for hiking, biking, fishing, and other recreational experiences. As well as a place where wildlife thrives.



Special Program: Lecture by Claudia West, author of *Planting in a Post-Wild World*



Claudia West, from North Creek Nurseries, will share her ideas from the enticing new publication, “Planting in a Post-Wild World.”

Designing and managing conservation landscapes from small scale residential spaces to larger commercial or public sites, requires a new form of planting design that works with natural principles and marries horticulture with ecology.

Learn how native plants fit into the future landscapes and how plant community based design strategies can help you meet aesthetic and ecological goals during your next planting project.

