Wednesday, September 18, Green Amendment: Veteran environmentalist and original petitioner and leader of the Green Amendment movement, Maya van Rossum will discuss her new book, “The Green Amendment: Securing Our Right to a Healthy Environment,” followed by Q&A and signing. Come out and meet Maya, pick up a copy of the book, and learn about the future of environmental advocacy!

Thursday, September 26, Hiking the Sourlands and Beyond: Priscilla Estes, author of the new book, “AMC’s Best Day Hikes in New Jersey,” will speak about the process of writing a book about hikes, share highlights, and offer hiking tips about hiking in New Jersey. Talk will be followed by a book sale and signing.

Thursday, October 3, Bobcats in the Sourlands: Bobcats are the only naturally-occurring wild feline in New Jersey, and are endangered in the state. Rare, intelligent, and highly elusive, bobcats are notoriously difficult to photograph in the wild. Ecologist and wildlife photographer Tyler Christensen, will tell stories of tracking, photography, natural history, and conservation of New Jersey’s endangered wild cats.

Thursday, October 10, Introduction to Jersey Birds: Listen and learn fascinating natural history facts, habits, and basic ID about your avian neighbors. New Jersey is one of the premier places to bird in the country! Find out why. Presented by Kathy Easton, Associate Naturalist for the New Jersey Audubon’s Plainsboro Preserve.

Thursday, October 17, SSAAM Update: Authors Elaine Buck and Beverly Mills (“If These Stones Could Talk”) will discuss African American history in the Sourland region as well as updates on the Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum on Hollow Road. Presented by John and Elaine Buck and Beverly Mills.

Thursday, October 24, Butterfly Gardening: What are the best plants to attract butterflies to your garden? Can you have a butterfly garden if you have shade? What conditions do butterflies need to thrive? Learn the secrets of a successful butterfly garden. Presented by naturalist, writer, photographer, and educator, Mary Anne Borge.

Thursday, November 7, The Lost World of the Rock Road: Home of Pileated Woodpeckers, frogs, and much other wildlife, Rock Hopper Preserve has in the past been a thriving human community. Quarries, a blacksmith shop, a wheelwright shop, sawmills and several farmsteads once lay along the now-abandoned Rock Road. Massive stone walls, abandoned cartways and unusual settings of stones add an element of mystery to this beautiful preserve. Presented by archaeologist, Ian Burrow, founder of BurrowIntoHistory, LLC.

Thursday, November 14, Local Climate Change: Environmental Scientist, Mike Aucott, will explain the basics of climate science, and bring us up-to-date on the predicted impacts of climate change on NJ. He will discuss the technologies and political developments that are starting to point to solutions.

Thursday, November 21, Trees: New Jersey may be a small state in close proximity to major metropolitan areas, however it is still nearly 40% forested! William Zipse of NJ Forest Service, will outline the current state of our forests - and give a window into what our state’s forests might look like in the future.

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