



## SEEDS is beginning our 2<sup>nd</sup> decade!

SEEDS celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018. We wish to thank all of you who have helped achieve this milestone. Whether you attended one of our free sustainability workshops, had a free home energy assessment or solar assessment, and/or donated time and funds to our mission, SEEDS (Sustainable Energy Education & Development Support) would not be here without our growing number of supporters.

SEEDS has done so much in our first decade to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainable living, and is proud of the larger role we now play in our region's operations: serving on *Wayne Tomorrow*, and participating in a PA statewide initiative *Finding PA's Solar Future*. (For more details on our first 10 years, visit [SeedsGroup.net](http://SeedsGroup.net)).

Every November, we ask that you consider making a tax-deductible donation to keep us going. We know you receive many requests, so we are very grateful that many of our supporters make SEEDS a priority. This is the only fundraising letter we mail each year, and this is how we raise over 60% of our general operating budget. This is a great way **YOU** can help make our region more sustainable.

**This year, seven donors have offered to match all donations received by January 4<sup>th</sup> up to \$7,250! This is our largest donor match yet, and we need your help to reach this goal!**

Some 2018 Highlights:

- Sustainable Business Practices Open House with The Chamber of the Northern Poconos
- Launched [NEPArecycles.com](http://NEPArecycles.com) as part of the Wayne Tomorrow initiative
- Presented *Recycling: Past, Present, Future*, with Wayne County Recycling Center featuring Wayne Highlands' Rocket composter
- Presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Scholarship to Mason Marie Clark in memory of Jake Burkhardt
- Installed a Solar System at Lacawac Sanctuary, as part of our annual DIY Solar Workshop
- Offered 2 Free Energy Efficiency forums, with co-sponsor PPL (one residential, one commercial)
- Presented Unlock Your Yard's Potential with Northeastern PA Audubon Society
- Installed solar chargers on National Park Kiosks to improve emergency communications for Rangers and visitors.



DIY Solar Class

Kiosks



Lacawac Sanctuary's New Solar System



Scholarship Presentation



Solar on Ranger

- Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> - SEEDS co-hosted the Annual FREE Book Swap, with NaturEd, made possible by this year's lead event sponsor, the Wayne County Bar Association. The event was held at the Park Street Complex auditorium in Honesdale. This year's Swap broke records: over 20,000 books collected, nearly 700 visitors, and not one book ended up in a landfill. The rules: bring as many as you want; take as many as you want. Look for more info about next year's Swap in our SEEDS newsletters.



*Good Books, Great Times at the Annual FREE Book Swap*

- Saturday April 27, 2019 - SEEDS is a proud co-sponsor of the 2019 NEPA Green Fair and 5k Race for Clean Air with The Greenhouse Project (Scranton). This event will be held at Nay Aug Park. **This is the only sustainability fair of its kind in our region!** So, plan to come by for a full day of sustainability workshops, FREE prizes, great gift vendors, presentations, Yoga classes, healthy and delicious food, music, and so much more!

SEEDS will continue our work promoting sustainability for years to come, and we invite you to help make that possible. **Please make a donation before December 31 and your gift could be doubled!**

You can mail a check payable to SEEDS (use donation form and envelope provided) or visit [www.SeedsGroup.net](http://www.SeedsGroup.net) and click on DONATE TODAY. A contribution can be made via MasterCard, Visa, Amex, Discover or PayPal. You may even select a monthly sustaining amount!

Once again, we simply could not do this without you! Thank you for supporting a sustainable future, and being a part of the growing SEEDS group!

And from all of us at SEEDS, we wish you and your family a safe and joyous holiday season!

Sincerely,

Katharine Dodge  
SEEDS Chair

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