

Keynote Address:

Erin Heard,

Upper Susquehanna Coalition

“Building a Water Trail System in the Susquehanna River Watershed”

The Headwaters River Trail is a newly developed canoe and kayak trail on the Susquehanna River and its four major tributaries, the Chenango, Unadilla, Otselic, and Tioughnioga rivers. River enthusiasts from Broome, Tioga, Cortland, Chenango, and Otsego counties are working together to improve recreational opportunities on this trail, which offers hundreds of miles of navigable waters and 60 public access points. The HRT joins the Chemung Basin River Trail and Pennsylvania river trails to complete the entire Susquehanna River Trail system all the way to the Chesapeake Bay. Heard’s presentation will cover the history of the Upper Susquehanna Coalition, how USC came to manage the water trail, the partnership process, what has been accomplished, and where organizers hope to go in the future. She will also talk about the Susquehanna Sojourn – a multi-day, group-oriented annual paddling event emphasizing environmental and cultural education – which will embark from Otsego Lake in the summer of 2012.

Erin Heard has been an environmental enthusiast since she started picking rocks out of her grandfather's garden. That led her to study geology at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, and to continue on for a master's degree in geology at SUNY-Binghamton. She has been working for the Upper Susquehanna Coalition since 2004 as the Outreach and Education Specialist, and has recently reprised her role as an adjunct instructor at Broome Community College. Erin has been married to Kevin, a GIS Specialist at SUNY-Binghamton, since 2004. They live in Binghamton and have three children.



Al Sosa (left) and Sam Brown-Shaklee.

AL SOSA

2011 Conservationist of the Year

for his dedication to bicycle and pedestrian trail building and maintenance, as well as his leadership role in the fostering of natural resource appreciation and stewardship.

~ and ~

Business Conservation Award

Golden Artist Colors, Inc.

for keeping thousands of gallons of paint from landfill disposal for the last 13 years.

Special Recognition for Environmental Excellence

Karen Sheckells, Friends of Glimmerglass

for increasing and enhancing community awareness and participation in a diverse array of environmental education events.

“Green Business” Award

Bassett Medical Center, Cooperstown

for initiatives to reduce, reuse, recycle or manage waste in more sustainable ways and to increase energy efficiency in existing or new processes.

Program

Welcome

Keynote Address

Election of Directors for 2011-2013

OCCA Year in Review

Award Presentations

Silent Auction Results/Checkout

OCCA Annual Dinner and Meeting

Holiday Inn Oneonta



5:30 p.m. Silent Auction Preview and Cash Bar

with gourmet cheese assortment

7 p.m. Dinner

Prime Rib

or

Chicken Kiev

or

Vegetarian Stuffed Peppers

*All selections include salad, vegetables, rice
or potatoes, rolls, dessert and tea or coffee.*

Price for all dinners,
including gratuity, \$35.

Reservations by Friday, Nov. 11

Prepayment required.

Make checks payable to OCCA and mail to:
OCCA, PO Box 931, Cooperstown NY 13326

Please clip and mail by Wednesday, November 9.

Name: _____
Guest: _____
Phone/email: _____
Indicate menu choice/quantity:
Prime Rib #___ Chicken Kiev #___
Stuffed Peppers #___
Amount enclosed: \$_____



Annual Dinner and Meeting

Friday, November 18
Holiday Inn Oneonta

NEW: Silent Auction!



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in the Susquehanna River Watershed”**

*presented by Erin Heard,
Outreach Coordinator/River Trail Manager,
Upper Susquehanna Coalition*

Conservationist of the Year:

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OCCA SILENT AUCTION: BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK, BID EARLY AND BID OFTEN!

Items to date include: original limited edition giclée print by David Kiehm of Dead Drift Studio; two-hour barge tour of Otsego Lake (maximum 20 people); CSA package from Fox Falls Farm; pair of house seat tickets to “Wicked” on Broadway with signed poster; lunch for four at the Blue Mingo Grill; gift baskets from Savor New York, Exeter Veterinary Clinic, Big Sky Farms, & Man in the Moon Herbs; four passes to the Joseph L. Popp, Jr. Butterfly Conservatory; the expertise of a botanist during a half-day visit to your property; pottery, jewelry, artwork, & a host of other great services & merchandise.

Auction items must be paid for and taken
at the end of the evening unless other
arrangements are made.
Cash or check only.



Bidding will close shortly before the end
of dinner. Announcements will be made
during the course of the evening.

OCCA Annual Fund: Our environment. Our home. Our challenge.