



**Wednesday, March 4, Forum**

**Ernst Cultural Center (CE)  
NOVA Annandale Campus**

Social Time at 9:30 a.m.

Announcements & Forum Speaker at  
10:00 a.m.



**WALK IN THE SHOES OF  
AN NBA-QUALIFIED  
BASKETBALL REFEREE**

**HOW WOULD YOU MAKE  
THE SPLIT-SECOND CALLS,  
CONTROL THE CROWD, AND**

**DEAL WITH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS,  
PARENTS AND COACHES?**

Sports for men and women, boys and girls have an enormous impact on culture all over the world. But few of us have ever focused on the essential role of sports officials.

Scott Bach Hansen is vice president of training and development, chair of evaluations, and chaplain for the Cardinal Basketball Officials Association. He trains and evaluates officials for the Virginia High School League to become state-level certified.

He is also a courtside administrator (Referees Operations) for the National Basketball Association. He is the person whom the referees go to at a monitor whenever there is a review of something that occurred on the court. He has officiated

games involving more than 50 players in the NBA, including stars such as LeBron James, Kevin Durant and Allan Iverson.

Hansen will discuss the demands of being an official as well as how and why he chose to become a referee rather than a coach. He will talk about how communication is one of the main keys to success. What is it like blowing the whistle and knowing that half of the attendees may be disappointed with your call?

Scott will share anecdotes about his experiences with sometimes out-of-control fans, players, parents and coaches. He plans to include videos showing situations that have arisen to demonstrate the challenges of being an official. He also will talk about the declining interest in officiating, why that is occurring, and how to attract more to the profession. His presentation will raise important issues for education and society.

Hansen is vice-president for U.S. sales for an international engineering firm and a lay minister for the United Methodist Church.



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## President's Message

### Our Monthly Forums!

If you ask an LLI/NOVA member to describe our monthly Forums, be prepared to get an earful. Our speakers are experts who discuss subjects of widespread interest and significance to our audience. They have included journalists, ambassadors, academicians, authors, and corporate and government executives, among others. One popular speaker brought his guide dog to the stage, to the delight of the crowd.

For almost 15 years, our Forum chairperson, Joseph Pincus, has been at the helm. He ensures that proposed speakers avoid subjects involving religion and politics except in an historical perspective. If a subject can be considered controversial, he coaches the speaker to cover multiple viewpoints to provide a balanced program. He also filters the subjects so that narrowly focused topics might better be steered towards the curriculum committee for a possible LLI/NOVA course. We do not pay for Forum speakers; however, our Board of Directors authorizes a \$50 gift card for those allowed to accept such.

In addition, many people help get the Forums to "production" and even more on the day of the presentation. Among them are Joyce Pomeroy, Betsy Pugin, Janice Viola, Dick and Judy Robison, Nan Peck, hospitality volunteers headed by Suzanne Pastura and Mary Purdy, and the friendly greeters. They arrive early to set up munchies, the stage and tables, audio-visual technology, and other requirements so that we can socialize and conduct business before the Forums begin.

Many members commandeer their preferred sitting areas immediately upon arrival (lol). Gathering at 9:30 a.m. allows for chats with the presenter, short stand-up committee meetings, and general socializing and welcoming. Last month's Fo-

rum had about 120 attendees, including a fair number of new members. We pay for the rental of the Forum room and for the coffee/tea service. Moreover, we permit members to invite friends and neighbors to attend. Also, Joseph encourages all to suggest future Forum speakers via our online form.

In last month's newsletter, I noted that I would share suggestions and comments presented by members. Over the past two years, we have compressed the announcements at the Forums. Starting with our March Forum, Nan Peck will continue compiling Forum announcements into a cascading slide deck on the large screen, and we will include a URL link to these announcements in the Forum reminder email. At 10 a.m. at the start of the Forum, either Nan or I will summarize the announcements and ask each point person to stand. No later than 10:10 a.m., the keynote speaker will begin, and the Forum will conclude about 11:10 a.m. Be sure to grab a handful of remaining munchies as you exit to meet with the Post Forum Lunch Bunch.

Our March Forum speaker is Scott Bach Hansen, vice president of Training and Development, chair of Evaluations, and chaplain for the Cardinal Basketball Officials Association (see elsewhere in this newsletter for more detail). For the April 1 Forum, our speaker will be Pat Wirth, executive director of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association, whose program will address the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote.

Best,  
Anna

## AFTER-FORUM LUNCH BUNCH

### Pho Duong Vietnamese Restaurant

After the Forum on March 4, the Lunch Bunch will meet at Pho Duong Restaurant, 9412 Main St., Fairfax, located in Pickett Shopping Center (along with Total Wine and Trader Joe's). Hosts Paul and Bonnie Hopley will get a count at the Forum. Contact them with any questions.

In April the Lunch Bunch will meet at Giardino Italian Restaurant in Kings Park Shopping Center; in May at Jaipur Royal Indian Cuisine in Fairfax; and in June at Pan Am Family Restaurant in Pan Am Shopping Center. Restaurants are chosen based on location from the NVCC campus, the cost, receiving separate checks, and attendee suggestions.



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### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome, New Members: We hope you will participate in our classes and volunteer your time and talent.

Lisa Anderson

Mary McIntyre

Sharon Muir

Barbie Simmonds

Patrick Somers

Gayle Toth

*[At any time, if you have established a member ID and password, you can go to the Member Directory to search for contact information for a current member. At the website [llinova.org](http://llinova.org) click on the "Member Area" and then "Member Directory."]*



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### Community Outreach

St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church in Fairfax has been running a food pantry for many years, aided by parishioners and volunteers. As much as

2,000 pounds of food is distributed each month (more in November and December).

At the March Forum please consider donating canned meats, tuna, fruit, vegetables, chili and soups, rice, pasta and pasta sauces, cereals and granola bars, peanut butter, cooking oil, crackers, macaroni and cheese, juice (single-serve boxes), and cake and brownie mixes. (No glass jars, please.)

Ray and Mary Lu Bednarsky will deliver our donations.

### THE LLI/NOVA BOARD NEEDS YOU!

The board of LLI/NOVA is seeking five candidates to replace officers whose terms expire in July. New board members would start in July.

This is an excellent opportunity for you to give back to the organization that does so much for you. It also will be an opportunity to help guide LLI/NOVA's policies and activities.

Candidates do not need any particular expertise. Most new appointees will be "floaters" who will form ad hoc committees to address tasks as they arise. Being efficient and a good team worker are important. One of the retiring officers oversees our web operations, so if you are a techie, we'd love to have you.

If you are interested in applying or have any questions, contact Richard Steelman ([richardsteelman@hotmail.com](mailto:richardsteelman@hotmail.com)). Applicants are requested to provide him with a two-paragraph bio.

LLI/NOVA has a large pool of talented and engaged members. We hope some of you will join us on the board.



## **New Partner for Scholarships: the NVCC Educational Foundation**

Over the past 22 years, LLI/NOVA has provided scholarships totaling more than \$150,000 to NVCC/Annandale students with exceptional academic performance and/or unusual leadership potential. LLI/NOVA implemented the program by itself, advertising the scholarships, screening applications, interviewing applicants, awarding scholarships and providing checks to recipients.

This year, the NVCC Provost's Office suggested that LLI/NOVA link its scholarship program to the NVCC Educational Foundation, a non-profit partner of Virginia's community colleges that has been supporting NVCC students for 40 years. Located on NVCC/Annandale's campus, the Foundation has an endowment of about \$6.5 million.

Ninety-five of NVCC's annual scholarships are "endowed scholarships" funded with earnings of the endowment. Another 235 of its scholarships are "annual scholarships" funded by contributions from private organizations, companies, and individuals. There are no fees or expenses charged to donors or recipients for management of the scholarships. Donors determine the qualifications of scholarship recipients, the amount and number of scholarships, and the particular benefits and objectives they desire for prospective recipients.

On behalf of NVCC and the donors, the NVCC Office of Financial Aid administers and interacts with all interested students via a standardized online application and delivery process. Selection is made by a scholarship review committee using donor-specified selection criteria. Donors can meet with recipients following award of the scholarships if they and the recipients wish.

Advantages of linking our scholarship program with the NVCC Educational Foundation include:

- 1) more professional, consistent management;
- 2) a stronger, clearer institutional linkage between LLI/NOVA and NVCC;
- 3) simpler application procedures for students;
- 4) a better allocation of scholarship resources among a larger universe of applicants; and
- 5) broader marketing and awareness of our scholarships among students, faculty, and administrators.

Additionally, the Foundation sent messages to the Honors Program leadership, the Annandale campus Provost, the Black Students Association adviser, and the Annandale campus Student Life Program Manager (who will pass the message to campus clubs and organizations) advertising the LLI/NOVA scholarships and encouraging students to apply. As a result, awards will be determined more objectively, assuring that the best-qualified and neediest students receive our assistance.

The LLI/NOVA Board of Directors and its Scholarship Committee voted last fall to coordinate our scholarship program with the NVCC Educational Foundation for a trial during the 2019-2020 academic year. LLI/NOVA raised funds as usual from our members, controlled the size and number of scholarships, and determined the scholarship objectives (leadership or academic) and other parameters (Annandale campus only). The NVCC Educational Foundation advertises our scholarships through the NVCC Office of Financial Aid, receives and reviews applications, determines and notifies recipients, and disburses scholarship funds. Willing recipients will be presented to the LLI/NOVA membership at the April Forum where members will have a chance to visit personally with the recipients.

When the one-year pilot project launched in November 2019, LLI/NOVA provided \$12,000 that we had received from members' scholarship contributions to the Foundation. The Scholarship Committee specified the following 19 scholarships:

- One Knox Singleton Leadership Scholarship (\$2,000)

- One Lorin Goodrich Academic Scholarship (\$2,000)
- Two LLI/NOVA Leadership Scholarships (\$1,000 each)
- Six LLI/NOVA Academic Scholarships (\$1,000)

The Foundation is now screening the scholarship applications along with the others that they manage. At the completion of the 2019-2020 cycle, our Scholarship Committee will evaluate this approach and recommend either a return to the old in-house way of managing the scholarships or a more permanent management arrangement with the NVCC Educational Foundation.

### NOVA Annandale Activities

NOVA's Great Expectations is hosting the Annual Hygiene Drive until March 25. The purpose of the drive is to support foster youth in care, foster youth aging out of care, and foster youth currently attending classes at NOVA. Please drop items at the Student Services Building, CA 114. For further information contact Scarlet Zelaya, Sjz268@email.vccs.edu



**Hygiene Drive**

**SPONSORED BY GREAT EXPECTATIONS**

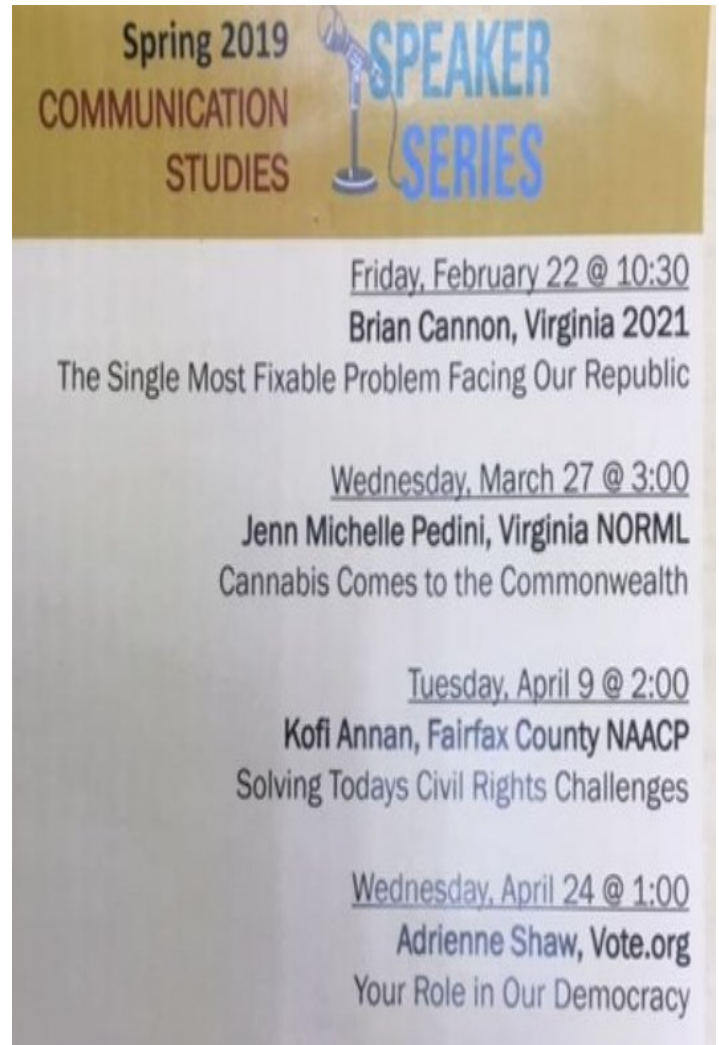
From: January 25th to March 25th

**Requested Items**

- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Soaps/Body Wash
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Laundry Detergent



The following are upcoming Lyceum lectures which are free and open to the public. All presentations are held in CA 302.



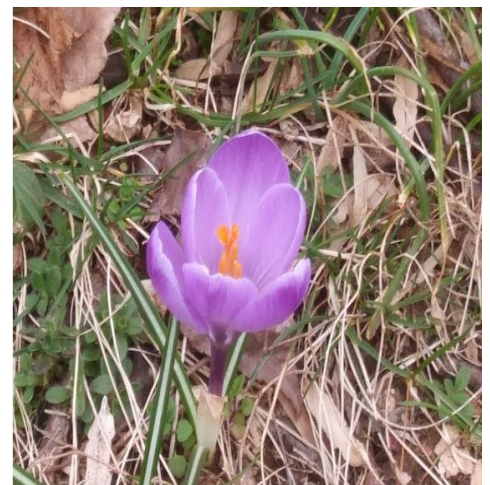
**Spring 2019 COMMUNICATION STUDIES SPEAKER SERIES**

Friday, February 22 @ 10:30  
**Brian Cannon, Virginia 2021**  
 The Single Most Fixable Problem Facing Our Republic

Wednesday, March 27 @ 3:00  
**Jenn Michelle Pedini, Virginia NORML**  
 Cannabis Comes to the Commonwealth

Tuesday, April 9 @ 2:00  
**Kofi Annan, Fairfax County NAACP**  
 Solving Today's Civil Rights Challenges

Wednesday, April 24 @ 1:00  
**Adrienne Shaw, Vote.org**  
 Your Role in Our Democracy





## Special Interest Groups



### Favorite Books Club

Date: Thursday, March 19,  
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center  
9002 Burke Lake Rd.  
Supervisor's Meeting Room (behind Kings Park  
Library)

Our selection this month is "The Distance Between Us," a memoir by Reyna Grande. When her parents make the dangerous and illegal trek across the border in pursuit of the American Dream, she and her siblings are forced to live with their stern grandmother for several years. But things don't go as planned, and Reyna finds herself preparing for her own journey across the border to live with her long-absent father. What will life be like for her in El Otro Lado (The Other Side)?

Questions? Contact Lynne Smaldone, coordinator. [Click here](#) for contact information.



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### Foodies & Friends

Kipyā Bhojan Kā Annañd  
Lijīyai (Enjoy your meal)

We are pleased to announce that Foodies & Friends' March lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, at Curry Mantra, 9984 Main St., Fairfax, in the Main Street Center.

Enjoy traditional Indian cuisine from the buffet or order from the menu, which features dishes from seven regions in India. The buffet includes a variety of vegetarian and chicken dishes such as curry, butter chicken, and tandoori chicken. You

may prefer to order a lamb, goat, or seafood entrée from the menu with flat bread and a mango lassi drink. Separate checks will be available.

The restaurant is accessible and there is ample parking. Check out Curry Mantra's menu at <https://dcurrymantra.com>.

Please RSVP to your hostess Ann Gisch via email ([ann.gisch@gmail.com](mailto:ann.gisch@gmail.com)) or phone (703-764-3058 -home) or (703-298-4270 -cell) by Sunday evening, March 8.



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### Mystery Book Club

On March 2, Patricia Drobnek will lead the discussion of "In Bleak Mid-Winter" by Julie Spencer Fleming. The story is an interesting conjunction among newly ordained Clare Fergusson, the first female priest of the town's Episcopal church; Chief of Police Russ Van Alostyne; a newborn abandoned on the church stairs; and murder.

We will meet at Mason District Governmental Center in the Small Conference Room beginning at 10 a.m. Contact Pat Daniels at [patdaniels63@gmail.com](mailto:patdaniels63@gmail.com) for further information.



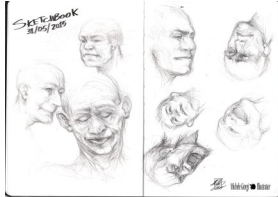
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### Tabletop Games

Last month Mary Jablonski, SIG member, erroneously identified the date for the February meeting and Trivia Game as Feb. 28 when it actually will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

We will also meet at Kings Park Library on Tuesday, March 24, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. In the "Pandemic" game, the players are a team working against the game to cure four diseases before they become worldwide and out of control. Timely, right?

Players with special abilities may be a Medic treating diseases, a Quarantine Specialist, a Researcher or others. A unique feature is that players can discuss strategy and share city and disease cards to achieve their joint goal.



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**Visual & Performing Arts**  
**March 31 LLI/NOVA**  
**Trifecta at the National**  
**Gallery of Art**

10-10:15 a.m. Meet in the main cafeteria (near the waterfall) for coffee/bio break and to discuss a few core tenets for sketching later in the sculpture galleries.

10:20-10:55 Sketching in the sculpture galleries near the Rodin sculptures on the ground floor in the West Building. Stock paper/pencils will be provided, or you can bring your own sketch pad. We will be doing five-minute sketches to capture the gesture/contour, not polished drawings.

11-12 noon "Introductory Slide Overview: Raphael and His Circle" in the West Building Lecture Hall

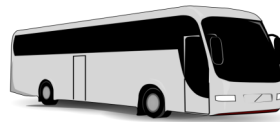
This lecture accompanies the exhibition of "Raphael and His Circle: Prints and Drawings from the National Gallery of Art." The illustrated one-hour talk examines the High Renaissance artist's career emphasizing works from the National Gallery of Art's renowned collection of paintings, drawings, and prints.

12-12:30 p.m. Lunch (restaurant café; main cafeteria; outside sculpture garden café)

12:30-12:55 Sketching in the sculpture galleries near the Rodin sculptures on the ground floor in the West Building. Stock paper/pencils will be provided, or you can bring your own sketch pad. Optional: Walk through the "Degas at the Opéra"

exhibition or the "Raphael and His Circle" exhibition.

1-2 Introductory lecture and slide overview on our main event in the West Building Lecture Hall: The Focus Exhibition fresh from the Musée d'Orsay, Paris. The National Gallery of Art's "Degas at the Opéra" is the first exhibition to examine the importance of the Paris Opéra to the artist's work. Although there have been many exhibitions celebrating Degas' love of the ballet, this will be the first to consider his enduring fascination with the opéra.



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**Travel Program**

**St. Michaels, MD,**  
**Thursday, June 4**

Join us on our visit to St. Michaels on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, a delightful town filled with shops, restaurants, museums and a mix of colonial and Victorian charm.

The day begins with a visit to the world-class Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, dedicated to preserving and exploring the history, environment and people of the Chesapeake Bay. Lunch will be at the Crab Claw Restaurant ([www.thecrabclaw.com](http://www.thecrabclaw.com)), where you will have a choice of crab cakes, crab imperial or fried chicken.

After lunch, enjoy a narrated cruise aboard the Patriot (seating both inside and outside), which traverses the Miles River where fishermen and oystermen will be at work. There will be free time to shop, walk the tree-lined streets and visit the Gregorio Gallery for local arts and crafts or, if so inclined, the Saint Michaels Winery.

PRICE: \$160 per person includes deluxe motor coach transportation, morning snack, Maritime

Museum admission, lunch, boat cruise on the Patriot and driver tip. SPECIAL NOTE: Members whose payment is received by March 2 get a discounted price of \$155. All payments must be received no later than April 3.

SIGN UP: Make check payable to Excursionaire and mail to Maureen Cyron, 5205 Olley Lane, Burke, VA 22105. Include your phone number, email address and lunch selection on your check. Friends and family of LLI/NOVA members are welcome. The LLI/NOVA Registration Form is not required for this trip.

DEPART: Pickup and departure is from Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Please ARRIVE not later than 6:45 a.m. for a bus departure promptly at 7 a.m. Bus returns around 6:30 p.m.

CANCELLATIONS: Due to advanced reservation requirements, cancellations with a refund can be processed only if there is an available substitute.



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Connie Fullerton passed away early in February at the age of 90. Connie joined LLI/NOVA in 2006 and immediately became

an active participant. She was an avid bridge

player and was a longtime member of the Bridge and Favorite Books SIGs.

She was also instrumental in starting the Tabletop Games SIG where she revealed her competitive nature, all in good fun!

Connie was particularly interested in the Opera and Poetry classes and joined fellow members on various day trips. She always had a smile for her fellow LLI/NOVA members, even if she didn't know them well. Connie was described by one member as being a "wondrously independent thinker."

Per Connie's wishes, she will be buried with her husband in Arlington National Cemetery. Connie's family is also planning a service for her at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, at Little River United Church of Christ in Annandale, followed by a reception at the church. Please let Connie's son Don know if you plan to attend (dfullert@illinois.edu).

Finally, Connie requested that any gifts in her memory go to the LLI/NOVA Scholarship Program. She thought highly of this program because of the benefits it provides to students of all nationalities. Checks should be made payable to LLI/NOVA with a notation that they are for the Student Scholarship Program in memory of Constance Fullerton.

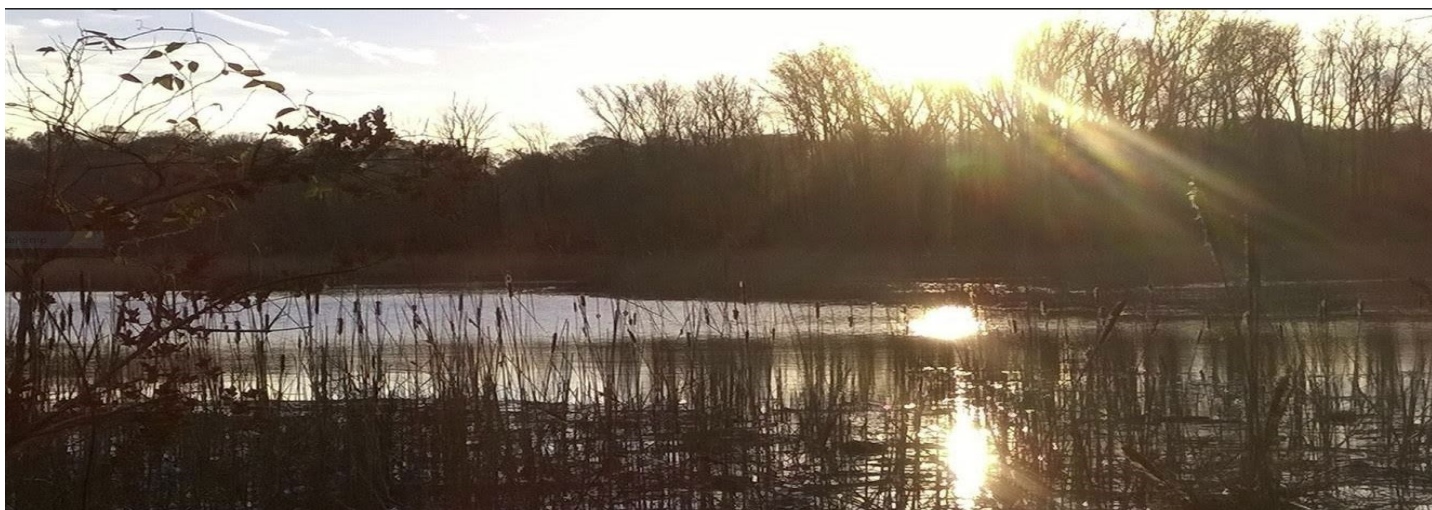


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