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## CENTERED IN PENNSYLVANIA March 19-21, 2009

### CONFERENCE CALENDAR

#### **January 5, 2009**

Award Nominations DUE  
Information at [www.paeenet.net](http://www.paeenet.net)

#### **February 7, 2009**

Early Bird Registration Deadline

#### **March 1, 2009**

Registration Deadline

#### **March 2 - March 18, 2009**

Blackout Registration

#### **March 19, 2009**

Meet and Greet

#### **March 20, 2009**

Lunch Lecture:

Author, Molly Bang

Keynote Speaker:

Shrimp Boat Captain, Diane Wilson

#### **March 21, 2009**

John McCutcheon Concert



## CONFERENCE STRANDS

Land Leadership Resources  
Partnerships Conservation  
NO Child Left Inside  
OUTDOORS



Saturday, March 21st  
**John McCutcheon  
Concert**

**FREE TO CONFERENCE ATTENDEES!**

**Additional Tickets for Sale at  
[www.paeenet.net](http://www.paeenet.net)**

<http://folkmusic.com/homepage/>

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### **"Fun For Kids Activities"**

Bring the Whole Family!

#### **"Exhibit Area"**

Resources and Art!

#### **"Molly Bang"**

Caldecott Author

#### **"Diane Wilson"**

Shrimp Boat Captain

## About the Lake Raystown Resort, Lodge and Conference Center

Raystown Lake is Pennsylvania's largest man made lake and was constructed in 1974 as a flood control project for the Susquehanna Valley. The Lake is under the leadership of the Army Corp of Engineers.

The Lake Raystown Resort, Lodge & Conference Center, in operation since 1984, is Central Pennsylvania's top destination for family fun. As a family owned and operated resort, it continues to provide affordable family vacations. What began as a small Army Corp run campground, has now grown into a Resort with overnight accommodations to fit every family's needs and budget.

Raystown Country is truly a four season destination with activities and adventures that appeal to the whole family. Water activities are only the beginning of the adventures. Miles of well-mapped scenic hiking and biking trails, golf, antiques, fall foliage festivals, historic railroads and railroad landmarks, Pennsylvania's best snow skiing, and of course relaxing are just some of the activities to enjoy.

### JOHN MCCUTCHEON CONCERT

**Saturday, March 21, 2009 at 8:00 PM at Lake Raystown Resort**

Grammy nominated folk singer, John McCutcheon, will be sharing his songs of our nation's heritage at the 2009 PAEE Conference. His words channel the conscience of our people into streams of poetry and melody. He writes about subjects small and great, from a child's haircut to freedom and human dignity – issues equally eternal and enduring. Think of McCutcheon as an incarnation of Pete Seeger and Mr. Rogers, Will Rogers and Bruce Springsteen, and above all everyman, righteously passionate and impishly playful, blessed with gifts as a songwriter, historian, musician and storyteller.



For all that he has accomplished on the page and in the studio, McCutcheon is above all else a performer. "My work isn't based on any particular album or hit single," he explains. "Rather, it comes from playing in theaters, clubs and anywhere else I can get together with an audience. And the audience, on the best nights, lets me in." John McCutcheon is as timeless as tradition, as immediate as tomorrow's headlines, and as vital as any artist who seeks to enlighten as well as entertain.



## MOLLY BANG

Caldecott Author



### **Lecture and Book Signing on Friday, March 20, 2009**

Molly Bang, Caldecott Medal winner, will be speaking before lunch on Friday, March 20, 2009. Bang began writing books after she realized how unsuited she was as a reporter for the *Baltimore Sun*. Two close friends convinced her to do what she had always wanted to do - illustrate children's books. She first began illustrating folk tales, but she eventually turned to her own stories, which carry an emotional intensity rare in children's illustration.



Bang wrote the book "*Nobody Particular: One Woman's Fight to Save the Bays*" in 2000 to tell the story of Diane Wilson, shrimp boat captain and environmental activist. The book tells the world about Wilson's story. The book shares Wilson's struggle and eventual triumph as a comic book, in dramatic black and white pictures, but embedded the drama in wide, colorful borders that show the environment in which the story takes place.

## DIANE WILSON

Shrimp Boat Captain

### **Keynote on Friday, March 20, 2009**

Activist Diane Wilson is probably best known for her deep moral convictions and indomitable will. She spent the month of July 2006 on a water-only hunger strike demanding that U.S. withdraw its troops from Iraq. After 28 days of fasting, along with the group Code Pink, Wilson was invited to meet with members of Iraq's Parliament to break their fast in Aman, Jordan, and discuss the various peace plans Parliamentarians have been working on. Wilson then traveled on to Lebanon to bear witness to the devastation brought by the escalating conflict between Israel and Hezbollah. She is now back in Texas where she continues her fight for environmental justice and peace.

However, Wilson's story started far from the war-torn Middle East. She is a fourth-generation shrimp-boat captain from Seadrift, Texas, who took on big industrial polluters and won. Her book "*An Unreasonable Woman*", available for the first time in paperback, it tells the tale of her journey from "nobody particular" to a leader in the fight to clean up industry and hold it accountable for the devastation it causes.



# CENTERED IN PENNSYLVANIA

By Ruth Roperti, PAEE President

The PAEE conference '09, **Centered in Pennsylvania**, is shaping up to be an exciting event. The 22-mile lake provides an accessible location with 400 acres to explore. Those of you who have been attending conferences for many years heard folksinger John McCutcheon in the 80's, and I am sure are anticipating his return; those of you new to PAEE are in for a real treat. His full **concert** takes place on Saturday evening. Our **keynote speaker**, shrimp boat captain from Texas, **Diane Wilson**, has a fire for the environment and a dedication few of us have experienced. She is complimented by **Caldecott author** and illustrator **Molly Bang**. On Saturday there will be a town meeting led by Mike Weillbacher and a panel of Pennsylvania's best environmental educators on "the Future of Environmental Education". There are strands of workshops for every interest. **Leadership** includes a presentation by a North American Association of Environmental Educators board member. The **Partnership** strand will offer connections for schools and nature centers to move beyond walks and crafts, as suggested by Patti Vathis, Environment and Ecology Curriculum advisor, in her Department of Education update at the 2006 conference. There are many **Resources** in Pennsylvania's agencies and state parks which will be explored in this strand. **Land** connects to the richness of Pennsylvania in its farms and products. **Conservation** includes an extensive workshop by the National Wildlife Federation. Nothing can be more precious than **Childhood** and in this strand the presenters will explore getting children outdoors. Those of you attending conferences and looking to be **Outside** should come prepared for just that with warm clothes that can get dirty and boots to keep dry. We welcome everyone with an interest in the environment! Come and meet others who share your passion.

## FUN FOR KIDS



Special children's activities will take place at the conference this year! Birding, Smores and Stories, Nature Games, and more will be led by Naturalist Volunteers. Children of all ages welcome and encouraged to attend this year!

See [www.pae.net](http://www.pae.net) for additional information.

## PRECONFERENCE LECTURE

World Wildlife Federation

**"Connecting Today's Kids with Nature, A Policy Action Plan"**

Fred M. Rogers Center at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA

See this Lecture at Lehigh University  
Bethlehem, PA  
March 10, 2009  
Visit [www.pae.net](http://www.pae.net) for details

**Thursday, February 19, 2009**

**Reception 6 - 7 p.m.**

**Lecture 7 - 8 p.m.**

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at Saint Vincent College

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