

Friends of the St. Clair River January 24, 2016

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Woman of the Year

Sheri Faust, president of Friends of the St. Clair River, voted Blue Water Woman Government Professional Woman of the Year

We are very pleased to announce this high honor for our fearless leader! Sheri's long and tireless work as environmental health educator for the St. Clair County Health Department and as our board president has distinguished her as a leader and champion of the environment. Blue Water Woman is a quarterly magazine featuring local women's issues and news. For more information on the Blue Water



Let's go for a walk! River Walkers meet at the arch at the north entrance to Blue Water River walk in Port Huron every Monday at 10 a.m. We walk for about an hour. Bundle up! Choose your footwear wisely! For questions about Monday River Walking, contact Kirsten Lyons at BlueWaterRiverWalk@gmail.com or 810.294.4965.

Woman or the annual Woman of the Year awards, visit their website at www.BlueWaterWoman.com.

You can congratulate Sheri in person and meet the other winners at the [Blue Water Woman awards ceremony](#) scheduled for February 19 at McMorran Theater in Port Huron. If you just can't wait, you'll see Sheri at our educational speaker series and monthly stewardship steering committee meeting, this Wednesday night, January 27, starting at 6 p.m. at the St. Clair County Administration building, 200 Grand River Ave., Port Huron, in the auditorium.

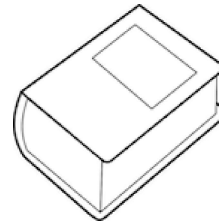


Kristen O'Reilly, co-founder of Friends of the St. Clair River, examines a freshwater mussel

The educational speaker this month will be Dave Dortman, who will present Life in Our River: Freshwater Mussels. Dave's presentation will be highly interactive and informative, featuring actual mussel shells from mussels found in our watershed. Mussels are important ecologically and as indicators of stream health. Learn to identify these creatures and where to see them locally. The stewardship steering committee meeting immediately follows in the same auditorium at 7 p.m.



The Binational Public Advisory Council (BPAC) for the St. Clair River area of concern will meet Tuesday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Clair County Administration Building, 200 Grand River Ave., Conference Room A, in Port Huron. Anyone is welcome to attend this free meeting. Contact Sheri Faust at 810.987.5306 or info@scriver.org for more information about the meeting or about BPAC.



The next Stewards' resource manual meeting is Wednesday, January 27 at 12:30 p.m. at the St. Clair County Health Department, in the environmental health wing. If you'd like to know more about this project, contact Kirsten Lyons at BlueWaterRiverWalk@gmail.com or 810.294.4965.



Do you know how to snowshoe? St. Clair County Parks is looking for experienced snowshoe volunteers to assist people new to the sport at the Cabin Fever Festival at Columbus County Park this coming Saturday, Jan. 30. Let Kirsten know if you're interested and available, BlueWaterRiverWalk@gmail.com or 810.294.4965.



PoHo Hot Cocoa & Expo

Port Huron

Saturday & Sunday, January 30 & 31

The first ever expo the day before the race at McMorran Junior Arena, 701 McMorran Blvd.) will allow community organizations and businesses to share and visitors to discover what the Blue Water area has to offer. The expo will be from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Saturday, January 30. Stop by the Friends of the St. Clair River booth and say "hello!" The kid's race starts at 8 a.m. on Sunday, and adult events begin at 8:30 a.m. **Volunteers are still needed for both race day and the expo. Contact Kirsten Lyons at BlueWaterRiverWalk@gmail.com or 810.294.4965 if you are able to help.**

Friends of the St. Clair River is a grassroots environmental non-profit providing fun, educational activities that connect our community to our water resources.



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