

Major water conference in Wayland



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Framingham "Ballet Space" is one of the performers at the Congress of Lakes and Ponds (COLAP) water conference in Wayland on June 16. Back row, from left, Rebecca Mendum, Sophia Jobin, Audrey Burnham, Alexandra Magee, Jackie Ebel, Giulia Cacciatore and Pearl Madnick. Front row, from left, Cella Warren, Klara Martin, Tess Robinson, Gabriella Bortolotti, Rachel Chau and Brianna Tso. Center, Brittany Geoghegan with Micheline Cacciatore, owner and artistic director of the Ballet Space.

The Congress of Lakes and Ponds (COLAP) water conference is all about science and nature, innovation, water, and ends with a powerful theatrical water show involving local choirs, 30 dancers and water fountains. It will take place on Saturday, June 16 at 9:30 a.m. at the Wayland Middle School.

The end of the water conference has a theatrical show which is a tribute to Rachel Carson, the mother of the modern environmental movement, whose book "Silent Spring" and work led to the Clean Water Act on roughly the 100th anniversary of what would have been her birth.

A morph of education, entertainment and science, there is something for everyone whether you are 10 or 80 years old, a sci-

entist, an environmentalist, a conservation commissioner, a member of a lake or pond association, or just an interested resident.

Find out about a new kind of grass seed to have the greenest lawn in your neighborhood without using any water or fertilizer and seldom having to cut it.

People need to refuse to use chemical fertilizer, because it raises the risk of cancer in children, animals and the elderly. Chemical lawn care does not stay put. It also runs off to fertilize the invasive weeds in our ponds. We will tell you two methods to never use lawn care chemical fertilizer again and have a green lawn with next to no weeds or grubs.

The event will help you save significant water, time and money.

At the event some very cool cutting-edge things will be shown that are going on in MetroWest like the Eco-Guide pond circulars being tested in Wayland to hopefully get rid of invasive weeds or the high-tech plane from AW Research of Minnesota with remote sensing to improve lakes and ponds and drinking water.

Learn about the milfoil weevil that only munches on the invasive weeds being tested in Wayland, as well as Wellesley's high-tech harvester machine that does magic underwater.

If you just want to find out how you can do your share to protect the environment for your children, your animals or your own health, you will find out about that too and a few simple steps to

live longer and healthier.

You can also take a tour of a very innovative self-sustaining low impact development house that besides being easy on our ponds and environment will heat, cool and power itself, saving thousands of dollars per year in energy. Most of the simple technologies can be employed in any new or existing house.

The four-hour conference ends with a 20-minute fun and fantastic program designed by Wayland resident Jackson Madnick.

This simple but elegant show features the 40-person Golden Tones choir, directed by Maddie Sifantus as a unique part of their 20-year anniversary, plus other local vocal groups and dancers, including the Framingham "Ballet Space" featuring the choreography of Micheline Cacciatore and award-winning Perla Furr.

"The Ballet Space is honored to be a part of this wonderful performance," said Cacciatore. "In the COLAP show we dance to 'Simple Gifts,' 'Amazing Grace,' 'Over the Rainbow,' 'Across the Water' and other water-related songs that everyone loves.

Please reserve your place ASAP at "www.macolap.org" as the event may sell out due to limited seating.

The first 100 people from MetroWest who register can do so for half off the normal price or only \$10 if registering before June 12. Entry at the door is \$20 to cover event expenses. Delicious Starbucks Coffee and treats and tasty Whole Foods Supermarket edible delights will be available for a light breakfast and lunch.

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