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Good evening, Friends!

I am sharing some brief updates on activities planned at the Preserve.

We are scheduled to have our first Friends of Five Mile Woods volunteer workday of the year this Saturday, March 12, from 9:00 until noon. We will be watching the weather, which at this point does not look ideal! But unless it is actively raining around 9:00 AM Saturday, we will meet at the nature center to kick off our annual trail maintenance activities. I will send an update tomorrow evening and cancel in advance if things are looking truly wet.

Unfortunately, weather and logistics have precluded our holding a maple syrup demonstration this year. This has always been one of our favorite events, and we are very grateful for our local partner who generously offers to tap sugar maples on his property and offers to provide us with sap to facilitate the demonstration. Hopefully next year the timing and predictability of the sap run will better align with our scheduling constraints for the event.

Lastly, give yourself nature points if you noticed that spring peepers started calling bravely last Sunday, and boisterously Monday! Bonus nature points if anyone heard the quieter and much less common wood frogs. There were a few fits and starts in the prior week, but Sunday was the official kick-off where I am concerned. With chilly evening temps this Saturday night, look for a Frog and Salamander Walk to be announced for the following Saturday (March 19). I might even offer a sneak preview option Friday!

Spring is in the air! Stay well, and I hope to see you in the Woods,

John Heilferty, Naturalist