

The President's Message...

Hello SRVF Members and Friends,

Winter has finally arrived! What an awesome time of year in the Scioto River Valley! The leaves are all down and the grass has stopped growing, (no more raking or mowing), days are starting to get longer, we've had a few snowfalls to play in, and we just celebrated the start of another new year.

Just as the seasons are changing, we are going through some changes in the Scioto River Valley Federation too. First and foremost, this year we changed our role in the Watershed Coordination project. For a couple years we tried to coordinate and manage that project, as well as have day-to-day management of the Watershed Coordinator. Even though our Watershed Coordinator put in a great deal of effort to make the project a success, it became apparent that in order to be effective, that person needed more political clout than they could have as part of the SRVF. This person needed to be able to get the attention and cooperation of administrators from Delaware County, as well as the other counties in the Scioto River watershed.

Keeping the SRVF motto in mind (to Preserve and Protect the Scioto River Valley for Future Generations), rather than abandon the project, we worked with various agencies in Franklin and Delaware counties to find a home for the Watershed Coordinator. We had the good fortune to have the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) step forward and agree to manage that project. Having their involvement gives the Watershed Coordinator more of the political clout mentioned above and the SWCD can give the Coordinator day-to-day management and guidance to help keep the project on track. Our Watershed Coordinator, Paul Gledhill, has done a wonderful job and has thrived under SWCD's leadership. The SRVF continues to be involved in the watershed-planning project as a key stakeholder and sponsor, and we look forward to being part of that project's success.

The other change we are going through is the election of new officers to run the SRVF for the next two years. The changing of officers every couple years ensures we continue to have new ideas and activities to keep the group moving forward. Fortunately this group has always had volunteers willing to step up and help as needed. Hopefully some of you reading this letter will entertain the idea of being one of our officers and help shape our future.

With the election of officers, my 2-year run as the President of the SRVF has come to an end. I have certainly enjoyed being involved with the group, working with friends old and new, and helping guide the group through the various challenges we've faced. Fortunately the SRVF is still made up of quality people that are committed to the well-being of the river and our community, so that has made the job easy. I look forward to being actively involved with the group going forward.

In closing, I wanted to say "Thank you" to all of you that support the SRVF in any way. Whether you just send in your annual membership, come to the general meetings or have one of the lead roles in the group, each of you is an important part of our ongoing success.

See you at the next meeting. God Bless.

Joe

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Round #3 - Determine possible actions to address water resource issues

- Dates to be announced later

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Membership Dues News...

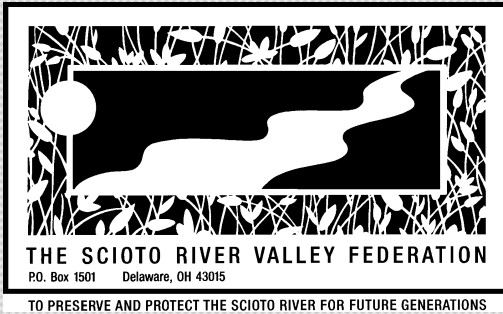
Get an official, one-of-a-kind SRVF T-shirt!!

Jan Fleischmann, Membership Coordinator

Thank you to those who renewed your memberships. We look forward to hearing from the rest of our members, and we welcome new members. Please send in your membership dues today!

We have SRVF logo t-shirts for all those who join or renew their memberships. You receive one t-shirt with each \$20 membership. Extra t-shirts are \$5 each. Pick up your shirt at any upcoming meeting or other SRVF event. See you at the February 8th meeting!

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Yes, I (we) want to help preserve and protect the Scioto River for future generations!

SCIOTO RIVER VALLEY FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL

Name: _____

Business or Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

- Individual/Household Member (incl: 1 T-shirt) \$20.00
- Contributing Member (incl: 2 T-shirts) \$40.00
- Sustaining Member (incl: 2 T-shirts) \$100.00
- Extra T-shirt(s) \$5 ea. _____

Total Enclosed _____

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Thank you!

Your Scioto River Valley Federation membership will expire July 2004. Membership includes regular newsletters and one (1) t-shirt per Individual/Household Membership; two (2) t-shirts per Contributing or Sustaining Membership. Pick up your T-shirt(s) at an upcoming SRVF meeting; Quarterly meetings are held the 1st Sunday of Feb., May, Aug. & Nov.

*Mail your membership form to: Scioto River Valley Federation
P.O. Box 1501*



Don't forget to pick up your free t-shirt with your paid membership at the next quarterly meeting — FEBRUARY 8th, 7:00 p.m. @ the Old Stone Church.

**Been there. Done that.
Get your T-Shirt???**



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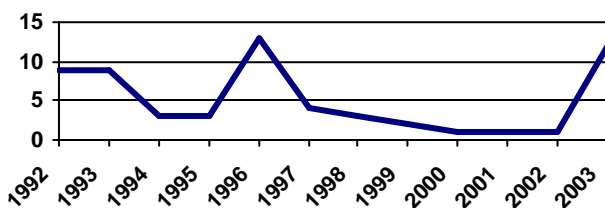
View From the Water - 2003

Scott Lux

We all know there seemed to be a lot of rain, and the river was up a lot, but just how much?

Many of us had flooding problems last year, so this may be a sore subject, but here goes. In a normal year, there are about five days when the river is over nine feet deep, as measured at the gauging station at Hoskins Rd. Last year it was 12 days. Also, we had the first September flood in more than 15 years. While we didn't break the record for all-time depth (28 feet!) we did have an awful lot of flooding this year.

Number of days over flood stage



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KEY DATES

- February 8, Sunday - Quarterly meeting, 7 p.m.
- May 2, Sunday - SRVF Quarterly Meeting, 7 p.m.

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All SRVF membership meetings are held at the Old Stone Church which is at the corner of Hodges Road and SR 37. The public is most welcome.

