

For Immediate Release

Save the Date for the Cabin Fever Fundraiser

The fourth annual “Cabin Fever Fundraiser” to benefit Friends of New Germany and Savage River Watershed Association will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 pm on Saturday March 26th at New Germany State Park. The entrance fee covers an evening of homemade soups, breads and desserts, plus door prizes and live music by *Joe-Pye-Weed*. There will also be a 50-50 raffle and a silent auction where individuals can bid on a variety of fine items and services. New this year will be a “treasure trove” table filled with previously owned items available for a donation on a first-come basis. Remember we can only accept cash or checks, so leave your credit card at home.

Music for the Cabin Fever Fundraiser is being generously provided by *Joe-Pye-Weed*, a three piece old-time string band. These local musicians play classic fiddle tunes, breakdowns, slow listening pieces, and waltzes. Their repertoire consists of songs from the turn of the 20th century and earlier, centering on fiddle and claw-hammer banjo duets with the guitar added for more of a driving rhythm. The musicians include John Brode who started playing claw-hammer banjo in 1998 and cites Bob Carlin, Brad Leftwich, and Reed Martin as being his major influences. John is also an avid shape-note singer. After starting with classical piano, Fritz Kessler switched to bluegrass banjo at age 14, and is now also versatile on the guitar and mandolin. Fritz's influences are Norman Blake, The Blue Sky Boys, and Steve Huber. After meeting Brode in 1999, Jason Twigg put guitar playing aside to learn the fiddle. He credits Buddy Thomas, Tommy Jarrell, and Rhys Jones as major influences on his playing style.

Admission at the door is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 6 to 12 but if you buy your tickets in advance at Beachy’s Pharmacy in Grantsville or Red Ridge Auto in Frostburg you pay a discount price of \$8 and \$4 respectively. The public is welcome to attend this event which will be held at the New Germany Lake House and Rec Hall. In case of severe weather the event will be held on Sunday March 27th from noon to 3 pm. For more information contact the Savage River Watershed Association at 301-689-7156 or srwdirector@gmail.com or Friends of New Germany at newgermanyfriends@yahoo.com

Friends of New Germany is a non-profit organization of local and state-wide persons interested in enhancing and preserving the beauty and quality of the recreational resources of New Germany State Park. Savage River Watershed Association (SRWA) is a group of local landowners and other citizens dedicated to preserving and enhancing the rural nature and natural resources of the Savage River watershed, by assisting interested landowners and public land managers with environmental stewardship efforts and educational outreach.