Home Ground

2nd Annual Discovering Allegany Outdoors
Rocky Gap State Park
October 6th, 2012
Appreciating the Outdoors

The event was hosted by Home Ground, an organization devoted to connecting people to the outdoors of Allegany County, Maryland in lasting ways.
Connecting to the Outdoors

Nature Hike

Canoeing

Fly Fishing

Arts & Crafts
Prehistoric Appalachia

A demonstration by Roy Brown of the Western Maryland Archeological Society on how Native Americans used plants, animals, and minerals from the region to sustain their livelihood for over 12,000 years.
Bike Maintenance Workshop
Cumberland, Maryland
Eastern Continental Divide
Cumberland Trail Connection
Enjoying the Trail
It’s All Uphill from Oakland

Pat Stakem, Railroad Historian
Music From The Mines

• The music from the mines was provided by Amy Fabbri, accompanied by the mountain dulcimer.

• She learned new folk ballads specifically for this program.
Miners at the Jackson Mine

• Coal mining was very important to the town of Lonaconing, MD. The mines provided jobs and allowed the town to thrive.

• Many in attendance shared stories about the “good ole days” of Lonaconing, (“Coney” to the locals).

• Many also shared how coal mining affected them personally. They either had family that worked in the mines or they knew someone who worked in the mines.
Coal Talk Visual Aid

A display entitled “Coal Talk” was set up to provide pictures and information about coal mining.

The display was in addition to oral histories and music from the mines.
Jackson Mine, Lonaconing

The Jackson Mine was one of several in the Lonaconing area.
A Lively Discussion

• Several residents were in attendance to hear the oral histories and music of the mines.

• After the program, everyone engaged in “coal talk,” a discussion about coal heritage and what it means to us.
Conclusion

The program concluded with an audience discussion on coal-talk.

Almost everyone in attendance shared their stories, thoughts, concerns, and opinions.

One thing that was very obvious and endearing was the pride that the residents felt for their beloved “Coney”.

They also showed vast knowledge of the history of the town, which they happily shared.

All in all, this was a very interesting, informative, and enjoyable program.
Poetry Slam

adding personal touches to the Community Quilt

Allan Wolf recites

“We are all on the Titanic…”
Poets and their papers, phones, published works, and powers of memory
The Prizes:

- local pottery and baskets for the best three poets
- chocolate and marshmallow Peeps for all participants
- People’s Choice prize of the shampoo and conditioner from Allan Wolf’s hotel room!
Folks attending the event were asked to create a quilt square with their vision for the future of our area in mind.