



## Salt Springs

# Messenger

The Newsletter of the Friends of Salt Springs Park

Spring 2014

### 20th Anniversary

On October 18, 1994, a group of local citizens met at the county courthouse because we'd heard that the historical buildings at Salt Springs Park might be burned down. This was just the latest in a series of unfortunate happenings at Salt Springs, and people were upset. By the end of the year, the group had incorporated as the Friends of Salt Springs Park.

What followed is being detailed in a history of our actions and accomplishments during the next 20 years. The book, *Salt Springs: How a Committed Group of Volunteers Keeps a Park Alive While Honoring the Past*, will be available at our annual Salt Springs Celebration on Saturday, August 30, 2014.



Room downstairs in Wheaton House, November 1997. Renovations begin.



March 2014. The room now holds historical displays.

### April Work Days

**Chainsaw Day: Saturday, April 12**  
**Cleanup Day: Saturday, April 19**

**Free t-shirts, hot food, and beverages for all volunteers**

Fortunately there are no massive piles of flood debris to deal with this year, and we're happy about that! There are, of course, plenty of other tasks to tackle.

This year, we plan to get rid of so much trash that we'll have dumpsters on hand. Most of it will come from the dairy barn and the Wheaton House basement. Too much has accumulated over the years, and we need lots of help getting it from the buildings to the dumpsters.

We also need help gathering the winter debris from the trails, flower beds, and parking lots.



Pack 92 are getting their marching orders!

## Friends of Salt Springs Park

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#### Friends' Mission

*The Friends of Salt Springs Park will maintain the unspoiled, rural character of the park created by the Wheaton family. The Friends will provide opportunities to enjoy healthy outdoor recreation and education, while conserving the natural, scenic, aesthetic and historical values of the park.*

The Friends of Salt Springs Park is a private 501(c)3, non-profit organization. Support for the Friends' work at the park comes from memberships, public and private agency grants, business donations, in-kind donations of materials and services, special events, and program fees for educational services. Contributions are tax deductible.

## Welcome, Sandy

Since first moving to the Quaker Lake area in 1960, the Rosencrance family, including three growing children, found Salt Springs Park to be a special place. When Bob and Sandy retired and returned to live in Silver Lake Twp. (for the third time) in 2007, Sandy wanted to volunteer some of her time to the park. When she was asked to become a member of the park's Finance Committee, she readily agreed.

Sandy held several positions while moving around the country because of her husband's job transfers. Sandy spent 10 years as a stockbroker for Janney Montgomery Scott in Chester, NJ, and finally, before retiring in 2005, 10 years as Corporate Office Manager for the J. O. Conley Corp. in Woodstock, GA, where she supervised a staff in charge of payroll, account receivables/account payables, human resources, and import logistics. The J. O. Conley Corp. was the parent company of a chain of 16 retail stores around Georgia and Alabama offering furniture and decorative items.

In addition to being a member of Silver Needles Quilt Club, the Silver Lake Ladies Club, and a book club, Sandy recently was elected to be one of the Auditors for Silver Lake Twp. In her spare time she enjoys making quilts and gifts for her grandchildren, family, and friends.

## Summer Festivals in Salt Springs Park

Endless Mountains Farm Fest, featuring local agricultural-related businesses, is Saturday, May 31.

True Friends Animal Welfare Center's annual Woofstock is Saturday, August 16, 2014.



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## 2013 Annual Report

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Dear Friends,

Big things and little things were accomplished at the park in 2013. In some ways the little things were much more gratifying than the big things, which were very important, indeed.

The Friends installed two new stone staircases, which will ease the way for all who use the park. The “Bridal Path” staircase helps people trying to get from the lower parking lot to the road for the short walk to the pavilion. It’s called the Bridal Path because women in high heels trying to clamber up the hillside inspired us to install the stairs.

We have a new stone staircase leading from the main parking lot to a new roadway behind the old dairy barn. The old one was narrow, uneven, and occasionally shaky.

Both of these stairways were built with stone uncovered during the renovation of the old dairy barn, which took its present form around 1913. Excavators removed tons of material from behind the barn to get the ground to slope away from the building, and the uncovered stone was used to build the staircases. Much of the other material finished a roadway that slopes from behind the barn to the vegetable garden.

Rebuilding the barn was the big thing. We fixed drainage problems, straightened, squared, and added structural timber, and replaced part of the roof. The first barn was built around 1840 and expanded in 1913 by moving two smaller barns and attaching them to the original. A hundred years later and the structure was near collapse.

We’re thankful to the expertise of John McNamara and Rusty Ely, two old friends who led the work. We’re thankful for the help from WPX Energy and Williams Cos., which helped pay for the work.

But most of all, we are thankful for our members and the hundreds of volunteer hours our friends contribute so the park remains a wonderful place for all to enjoy.

Stephen Spero  
President  
Friends of Salt Springs



New weatherproof case for trail information, made possible an EMVB grant.



New Bridal Path from back parking lot to Salt Springs Road and the Pavilion.

# Financial Statements

## End of Year 2013

## Highlights

### Statement of Financial Position

Current Assets	\$ 29,682
Fixed Assets	\$ 17,420
Other Assets	\$1,223,662
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,270,764</b>
Liabilities	\$ 2,274
Equity	\$1,268,490
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$1,270,764</b>

### Statement of Income & Expense

#### Income

Direct Public Support	\$ 31,517
Indirect Support	\$ 3,780
Program Income	\$ 21,059
Government Grants	\$ 6,315
Rentals	\$ 21,180
Sales	\$ 962
Other Income	\$ 69
Total Support & Revenue	\$ 84,882
Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 448
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 84,434</b>

#### Expenses

Business Expenses	\$ 158
Park Facilities	\$ 7,951
Operations	\$ 11,022
Other Expenses	\$ 1,711
Program Expenses	\$ 16,981
Payroll & Taxes	\$ 48,285
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 86,108</b>

**Net Income** **\$ (1,674)**

### Major Donors

Jean Blaisure  
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 WPX Energy

### Other Sources

- United Way—\$2,950 in designated donations.
- Endless Mts. Heritage Region—\$600 grant for trail signage

### Accomplishments

- Cabin rentals increased 29%.
- Pavilion rentals increased 45%.
- We expanded the Annual Celebration to include a Trail Race, with 50 participants in the first year.
- John McNamara Construction made significant structural improvements to the dairy barn, including foundation stabilization, wall straightening, drainage, and partial roof replacement.

### E3 Program Support

With a PA DEP grant and donations from Talisman and the Susquehanna Co. Conservation District, we were able to provide the E3 program for free.





**Friends of Salt  
Springs Park, Inc.**

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Upcoming programs

April 13: "Take a Break" Hike

April 26: Tree ID Walk with Jim Kessler

April 26: Tree Planting and Landscape Design with Concetta Schirra

