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# Messenger

The Newsletter of the Friends of Salt Springs Park

Spring 2018

## Taking a New Look at the Friends' Long Range Goals

As an organization that responsibly manages its resources, the Friends of Salt Springs Park relies on a set of long range goals to provide direction and focus to its mission. These naturally change as earlier goals are accomplished or new opportunities come along.

The Board of Directors is updating the long range goals of the Friends this spring and needs input from the membership. Your support is key to sustaining this park, and we would love to hear from you about the following:

- What do you see as weaknesses in our organization or threats from the outside that are holding us back? Examples might be global warming, insufficient public visibility of the Friends, vandalism, etc.
- What do you see as strengths in our organization or outside opportunities that we can build on? Examples might be new or renovated facilities, a committed board of directors, expanded partnerships with local not-for-profits or universities, etc.
- What goals do you think the Friends should be working toward over the next three to five years? Examples might be increased marketing, membership recruitment, developing a long-range facilities plan, etc.

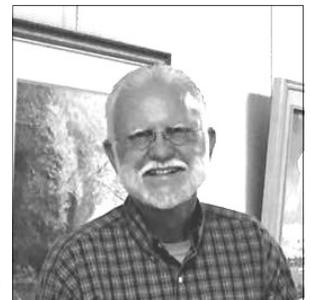
Please send us your thoughts in an email to [goals2018@saltspringspark.org](mailto:goals2018@saltspringspark.org). We want to be sure your voice is heard!

## Arts in the Park

The beauty and serenity of Salt Springs is the backdrop to countless creative endeavors each year. We see stone stacking near the streams and rock painting at picnic tables; professional photo shoots documenting important life events; and art and photography students from local high schools stretching their artistic muscles and learning new ways to express themselves. Two opportunities are scheduled this spring to paint in the park with artist instructors.

On behalf of the Montrose Area Adult School, Jeanne Osenbaugh will hold Plein Air Painting classes on Fridays in May. The class will focus on painting from life and be held outside whenever possible. Students can use any medium and should bring their own supplies, including easels and end tables. To participate, you *must* register with the Montrose Area Adult School ([montroseadultschool.org](http://montroseadultschool.org)); their fee is \$20.

The Friends' Artist in Residence Earl Lehman will conduct two Acrylic Landscape Painting Workshops in June. Composition will be emphasized, along with the elements of art and principles of design, with the



goal of creating a good painting or two. Weather permitting, we will paint outside. Bring acrylic paints and brushes if you have them (we'll have some on hand) and drawings or photos to work from if we have to work inside. Come for one or both workshops; the fee is \$10/person, per class.

## Friends of Salt Springs Park

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### 2018 Board of Directors

Thomas Stoll, President  
Scott Heckman, Vice President  
Jack Maynard, Treasurer  
Mary Butler, Secretary  
Diane Hawley-Wurth  
Richard Jordan  
Tanya Korutz  
Barbara McNamara  
Barbara Merritt  
Hedi Randall  
Joe Toman

### 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.

## Board Changes

We thank **Susan English, Robert Fearnley, Mike Hornak, Jim Kessler, and Tom Norville** for their service on the board for the past six years, all having reached their term limits on December 31, 2017. Coming aboard are **Tanya Korutz** and **Hedi Randall**.

Tanya Korutz grew up in Brackney. After spending 20 years away pursuing a career in the supply chain industry, Tanya has returned and is pursuing a new passion: working with horses and their people. Tanya has fond memories of Salt Springs and the hemlocks and times spent playing in the falls. As a mother, she introduced her son to the park, and they have shared many a visit to Salt Springs. Tanya understands the importance of fostering a human connection with nature and maintaining Salt Springs's place in the world, and she looks forward to spreading the word about Salt Springs. To fulfill that goal, Tanya has joined the Membership and Marketing Committee.

Hedi Randall's involvement with the Friends began with their first meeting on October 18, 1994. Hedi has held a number of positions, including president and membership chair (our first, in fact), and served on several committees. Hedi has joined us at the helm once again. She looks forward to helping us "maintain the unspoiled, rural character of the park [and] conserving the natural, scenic, aesthetic and historical values of the park," as dictated in our Mission Statement. Hedi joined the Membership and Marketing and Personnel committees.

### Historical Exhibit

The Wheaton House will open for the season on Saturday, May 5, and new historical displays will feature the Wheaton family. When the Wheatons purchased the "Salt Springs tract" in the 1830s, part of what they acquired—and maintained along with the land—was the tradition of visiting the area for the beauty and tranquility of the waterfalls and gorge and surrounding environs. The exhibit will illustrate the rhythms of the Wheaton family's lives on the farm.

### Trail Mapping Project

Chris Wilkerson has undertaken a project to create an online map of all the trails and points of interest at Salt Springs Park. When completed, it will be available to hikers out on the trails via cell phone. It is currently undergoing final review; we'll let you know when it goes live and how to access it. We are grateful to Chris for the many hours he has put into creating this.

## News & Notes

### Field, Forest & Falls Trail Race

Registration is open for the annual Salt Springs Field, Forest & Falls Trail Race on September 1. You can register online at [RunSignUp.com](http://RunSignUp.com) or download the form from our website homepage. Registration is \$20 until midnight August 29 or \$25 thereafter. T-shirts are still \$10 each but must be ordered by August 22. Courses this year will be 5K and 10K. If you have any questions, or would like to help out on the day of the race, email race director Diana Bean at [dbean0120@gmail.com](mailto:dbean0120@gmail.com).

### April Volunteer Workdays

#### Saturdays, April 14 & 21, 9 am

Given the continued cold and snow, we are doubly eager this year to get out on the trails and into the woods, cleaning up after Mother Nature's wild winter. On Chainsaw Day, April 14, in addition to turning downed trees into campground firewood, we have flood damage to repair at the base of Hemlock Trail and rocky washouts to cover with dirt and grass seed—and more. On Trail Day, April 21, we have trails, buildings, and flower beds to clean and trail signs to paint and install—and more! As always, we will provide free t-shirts and a hot lunch to all volunteers. We'd appreciate a call or email if you plan to attend so we can provide supplies accordingly.

If you haven't already done so, please update our email address to [friends@saltspringspark.org](mailto:friends@saltspringspark.org) and then send us a quick message letting us know you can help out this year.

We thank **JHA Companies** for sponsoring this effort. If you'd like to jump in and help too, don't hesitate! Just give us a call or shoot us an email.



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#### Membership Categories

Individual	\$25
Family	\$45
Organization	\$75
Sponsor	\$100
Patron	\$250
Best Friend	\$500
Other (any amount)	\$ _____

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: **FRIENDS OF SALT SPRINGS** (Your cancelled check is your receipt.)

Your tax-deductible gift will support our mission.

## Save These Dates!

Full details are on the website.

**Tree Pruning Class. Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m.** Forester **Jim Kessler** will discuss and demonstrate techniques and answer your questions. **Fee.**

**Build Your Own Nesting Box. Saturday, April 7, 1 p.m.** A / V presentation followed by assembling boxes ordered with registration. **Please pre-register (570-967-7275). Fee.**

**"Take a Break" Hike. Sunday, April 8, 1 p.m. Free.**

**Celebrate Earth Day. Sunday, April 22.** We offer three afternoon activities. Come for one or all. **Fee:**

- **1 p.m.** Tree Planting
- **2:30 p.m.** Beekeeping
- **4 p.m.** (Amphibian) Egg Hunt

**Annual Roadside Clean-Up. Sunday, May 6, 10 a.m.** We supply bags and gloves. **Free.**

**Go Wild for Wildflowers. Sunday, May 6, 1 p.m. Hike. Fee.**

**North American Migration Count. Saturday, May 12, 7 a.m.** Birding walk to record sightings. **Free.**

**Archery for Beginners. Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m.** Taught by a certified instructor; equipment provided. **Fee.**

**Mammals of NEPA, Saturday, May 19, 1 p.m.** Trapper **Bill Kasten** will show and tell about his pelts and traps. **Fee.**

## 2017 Annual Report

**Mission Statement:** *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.*

Dear Friends,

Looking back, 2017 was another successful year for the Friends of Salt Springs Park. Here is some of what we accomplished:

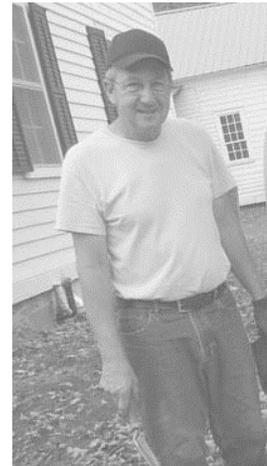
- We held almost 60 environmental and historical programs of all types, hosted by our staff and volunteers, which drew almost 600 participants.
- Our two regular volunteer work days in April were a big success, drawing well over 100 energetic workers to clean up after winter and prep the site for the season.
- We recruited an Artist in Residence, Earl W. Lehman. Earl has been an active presence around the park and has work displayed and for sale in the Wheaton House.
- After a flash flood inundated low-lying areas at the end of July, more than 80 dedicated volunteers came together on short notice to clean up and fix the damage. This wonderful outpouring of love shows once again how highly the community values our park!
- The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) completed installation of the solar array, interior lights, and outlets at the Williams Pavilion. The solar array went live at the end of August and has already saved the Friends several hundred dollars on electric bills.
- The annual Salt Springs Celebration over Labor Day weekend was a tremendous success, drawing hundreds of visitors to enjoy food, music, activities, and company.
- And, more generally, thousands of visitors hiked the trails, picnicked, climbed the waterfalls, camped out for the weekend, relaxed in the solitude of the hemlock grove, and enjoyed the out-of-doors.

You can look forward to more of the same in 2018!

All this takes time and money and we need your ongoing help to make it happen. Renew your membership when it comes due, call the office to volunteer at one of our work days, take part in our wonderful programs, and just find time to visit the park again and “Come to your senses!”

Tom Stoll  
President  
Friends of Salt Springs Park

Rick Heinrich  
2017 Volunteer  
of the Year



New program this year, Archery for Beginners, taught by National Archery in the Schools Program–certified instructor (and board member) Diane Hawley-Wurth.

**Financial Statement  
End of Year 2017**

**Highlights**

**Statement of Financial Position**

Current Assets	\$ 34,883
Fixed Assets	\$ 17,420
Other Assets	\$1,302,515
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,354,818</b>
Liabilities	\$ 2,655
Equity	\$1,352,163
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$1,354,818</b>

**Statement of Investment Results**

Opening Balance	\$ 630,454
Total Return	\$ 81,276
Transfer to Operations	\$ (25,000)
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$ 686,731</b>

**Statement of Income & Expenses**

**Income**

Direct Public Support	\$ 28,612
Government Grants	\$ 16,661
Indirect Support	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 42
Program Income	\$ 30,076
Rentals	\$ 12,190
Sales	\$ 1,949
Total Support & Revenue	\$ 89,530
Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 666
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 88,863</b>

**Expenses**

Business Expenses	\$ 100
Park Facilities	\$ 10,705
Operations	\$ 14,096
Other Expenses	\$ 2,404
Program Expenses	\$ 19,505
Payroll & Taxes	\$ 65,369
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 112,180</b>

<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ (23,317)</b>
Transfer from Investments	\$ 25,000
<b>Net Result</b>	<b>\$ 1,683</b>

**Major Donors**

Artists' Open House Weekend Artists  
Don and Chris Burton  
Claverack Rural Electric Cooperative  
CoBank, Sharing Success Program  
Darlene Cobbler  
Coughlin & Gerhart  
Jim and Kate Crowley  
Donna Fassler  
Tom Ferme  
William and Elsie Hackbart  
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Peoples Security Bank & Trust  
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Jason Riesbeck  
Silver Needles Quilt Club  
Stephen Spero and Diana Bean  
Diantha Spicer  
Scott Spicer  
A Stitch in Time Quilt Guild  
Thomas and Jayne Stoll  
Mary Torney  
John and Joy Wheaton  
Micheleen Wheaton

**Grants**

- DEP 2016-2017—\$3,000 for environmental education
- Endless Mts. Visitors Bureau—\$2,200 for publicity
- PA Rec & Park Society—\$1,510 for environmental education
- Susquehanna County Conservation Grant—\$700 for environmental education



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## **2018 Volunteer Workdays Saturdays, April 14 & 21**



**We need your help cutting, splitting, and hauling firewood; raking out flower beds; sweeping out the Wheaton House, Carriage Barn, and cabins; and much more!**