



Salt  
Springs

# Messenger

The Newsletter of the Friends of Salt Springs Park

Spring 2022

## Volunteers Needed!

### Park Cleanup Day—April 23rd, 9 a.m.

It was a windy winter this year at Salt Springs, and we need your help tidying up the park. Chores include removing hay and plastic from the building foundations, splitting and stacking firewood, walking the trails and picking up and pruning as needed, raking out flowerbeds and lawns, scrubbing picnic tables, cleaning up campsites and digging out fire rings, cleaning out the salt spring, sweeping out the Carriage Barn, and washing off the interpretive signs. This year's list also includes scraping and painting a guardrail.

Bring gloves and any tools you like to use, with your name on them. We provide lunch, beverages, and a T-shirt for your help. **Please pre-register so we have enough on hand: 570-967-7275 or [friends@saltspringspark.org](mailto:friends@saltspringspark.org).**

## Second Annual Beer & Wine Fest Saturday, August 13, 2-6 PM

We had such a lucrative good time last year we are going to do it again this year—hold a beer- and wine-tasting fundraiser at the Williams Pavilion in August. Plan to buy your tickets as soon as they go on sale in June because only a limited number will be sold. We've invited a couple cideries this year as well.



Our neighbors a mile up the road, Endless Brewing, reported a successful time last year too and plan to return.

## Salt Springs Park Hiking Challenge June 18 & 19



Last year's hike in Sullivan County. Courtesy of EMHR.

The Endless Mountains Heritage Region (EMHR) and the Friends of Salt Springs Park are teaming up for the first event in the Heritage Region's "Susquehanna County Hikes & Bikes" series: "The Salt Springs Park Challenge," a two-day hike in the park.

To complete this challenge, participants will have two days to reach designated points and take a photograph with their camera or cell phone. They will have the option of hiking alone or with a guided group. The guided hike will cover approximately 8.5 miles on Saturday and 4.5 miles on Sunday. All participants will be given route options and park maps.

Those who will be participating both Saturday and Sunday have the options of staying overnight in the organized group camping area at Salt Springs, going home and coming back the following morning, or reserving overnight accommodations in the area.

The cost is \$20 per participant, which includes the hiking challenge, Saturday evening dinner catered by Uptown Grill, overnight tent camping at Salt Springs, educational programming, and an event T-shirt. Registration is now open: [www.emheritage.org/events](http://www.emheritage.org/events).

## Friends of Salt Springs Park

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### 2022 Board of Directors

Marty Kane, President  
Tami Noonan, Vice President  
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Matt Lewis  
Barbara McNamara  
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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.

### New Board Member

Matt Lewis joined the board of directors in early April. Matt grew up in Montrose. He obtained a bachelor's degree in Managerial Economics from Union College and then worked for NBT Bank as a Credit Analyst until moving back to Montrose. He is currently working with his father, William Lewis, at Sterling Wealth Management and plans to become a licensed Financial Advisor.

Matt frequented Salt Springs while growing up, sometimes for a school field trip and other times with his family. He brought college friends to hike in the park on visits home, and, now that he lives just 10 minutes from the park, he still finds it the perfect place to enjoy the outdoors. "I'm excited to join the board, help foster the park, and get other visitors involved through various events and educational programming," said Matt. He will be at the park helping out on our Spring Cleanup Day (April 23), so when you run into him, join us in welcoming him on board!

## Mother's Day

### BBQ Fundraiser

#### for the Friends of Salt Springs Park

✓ Tickets are \$18 and on sale now until April 30 *at*

Salt Springs Park, Franklin Forks  
*by appointment (570-967-7275) or by chance*  
OR

Red Rock BBQ, 33288 Rt 171 Susquehanna PA



✓ Pick up dinners on Sunday, May 8, 12-2 p.m. *at*

Salt Springs Park

OR

Red Rock BBQ

✓ Choices are

- 1/2 BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans & Cole Slaw & Corn Bread
- Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans & Cole Slaw & Corn Bread



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*All proceeds benefit the Friends' work at Salt Springs*

## News & Notes

### Wheaton House Opens for the Season

The Wheaton House (with historical and environmental displays and modest gift shop) will open on Saturday, April 30th. Hours are 9:30-4 p.m. Saturdays and 12:30-4 p.m. Sundays through September. Volunteers are available to answer questions, sell T-shirts, rent campsites, and give out trail maps.

### Memorial Garden



We established a Memorial Garden off Overlook Trail in 2018 and dedicated it to our Lifelong Friend Rusty Ely. It is close to a parking lot, and the trail from there to the garden is level and accessible. You can honor a loved one or commemorate an event by adding a bench or planting a perennial, bush, or tree with an accompanying memorial plaque. Contact us to discuss this or to obtain our list of approved plantings and bench designs.

### Now Taking Donations for White Elephant Sale

Our White Elephant Sale will be held on Saturday, July 3, at 10 a.m., at the Williams Pavilion. We are now taking donations of gently used home and garden items. Please, no books, clothes, electronics, or exercise equipment. Call the office (570-967-7275) to make arrangements to drop off your donations.



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#### Membership Categories

Individual	\$30
Family	\$50
Sponsor	\$100
Patron / Corp.	\$250
Best Friend	\$500
Other (any amount)	_____

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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!

**Meet outside the Wheaton House unless otherwise noted. Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Arbor Day Tree Planting. Friday, April 30, 10 a.m. till Noon; again from 1 to 4 p.m.** We'll walk the North Creek Trail to the riparian buffer site and plant some seedlings. Bring gloves and small shovel. **Free.**

**Annual Roadside Cleanup. Sunday, May 1, 10 a.m.** We pick up trash along the roads in and around the park. Supplies provided; bring a truck if you can. **Free.**

**Wild for Wildflowers. Sunday, May 1, 1 p.m.** We'll identify wildflowers during a mile and a half of easy-to-moderate hiking. **\$5; members, free.**

**Metal Detecting. Saturday, May 15, 1 p.m.** Bring your detector, if you have one, and wear good hiking shoes as this involves crossing a large, rather wet field to an old farmstead's dump site. **Meet at the Friends Land Parking Lot on Buckley Rd. \$10.**

**Archery for Beginners. Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m.** Our class is taught by a certified instructor, and we provide the equipment. **\$5; \$15/family.**

**Yoga in the Park. Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m.** Bring a yoga mat or blanket and participate in our Vinyasa Flow (Yoga) practice along Silver Creek. Beginners welcome. **\$5; \$15/family; members, free.**

## 2021 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,

I sincerely appreciate the warm welcome that has been extended to me by the Friends' board, staff, committee members, and volunteers over the past several months. I have been busy learning the inner workings of our organization. I am constantly impressed with the amount of talent around me and the dedication of everyone who keeps our park operating so efficiently. I also want to thank Tom Stoll for the detailed hand-off that he provided for me and for continuing to be available as a resource.

We have a busy year ahead. We continue to work with DCNR on the new footbridge. The Request for Proposals was posted on March 9th and Contractor Proposals are due April 17th. There is a temporary stream crossing in the construction specifications, and we are encouraging DCNR to have the temporary crossing constructed as soon as the Notice to Proceed for construction is posted. This will provide a safe means for our visitors to access trails until the new bridge is completed late fall/early winter. We are also working with DCNR to replace the underground electrical service to the cabin area.

We are financially solvent. The Finance Committee has recommended an annual budget line item of \$10,000 for Capital improvements. Additionally, they have recommended a one-time allowance of \$40,000 for much-needed equipment, park upgrades, and maintenance projects. The Executive Committee met and prioritized these expenses. We will be purchasing grounds maintenance equipment, installing replacement windows in the Wheaton House apartment, installing new gutters, installing rail fencing in front of the Calvin House, performing ongoing maintenance and improvements to trails on Friends-owned land, and many other smaller projects. Also, I am working with Coterra to negotiate a new natural gas lease for Friends-owned land. More details to come. Many thanks to Scott Heckman, our treasurer, and to the entire Finance Committee for their wise use of our investments.

The Environmental Education Committee continues to offer a variety of quality programs. Endless

Mountains Heritage Region is conducting the "Salt Springs Park Challenge" hiking event on June 18th and 19th and it promises to bring many first-time visitors to our park. The Second Annual Taste of the Endless Mountains Beer and Wine Festival will be conducted on August 13th. This promises to be another successful fundraiser.

As we enter the summer season, I look forward to seeing you at the park. Thank you so much for your continued support of our organization.

Marty Kane

President, Friends of Salt Springs Park, Inc.

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Doing what we do: making the best with what we have. After locating the remnants of the footbridge over Fall Brook that was washed away in the 2018 flood, and with the help of numerous volunteers, we dug it out of the mud, dismantled it, hauled it by tractor up to the Friends Trail, and rebuilt it into a more basic footbridge over a muddy section of the trail.



New items added to the gift shop in 2021 include PA Passport Books, Pocket Naturalist Guides to Salt Springs Park & Vicinity, long-sleeved T-shirts, and, as our groundskeeper Lou Mitchell models, hooded sweat-shirts.

## Annual Financial Statement 2021

## Major Donors

### Year-End Financial Position

Current Assets	\$ 57,641
Fixed Assets	\$ 17,420
Other Assets	<u>\$1,525,551</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,600,612</b>

### Long-Term Endowment

Opening Balance	\$ 809,089
Total Return	\$ 96,537
Transfer to Operating Fund	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$ 905,626</b>

### Income & Expenses

#### **Income**

Direct Public Support	\$ 35,986
Government Grants	\$ 13,593
Indirect Support	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 23
Program Income	\$ 22,841
Rentals	\$ 17,625
Special Events Income	\$ 9,869
Sales	<u>\$ 5,396</u>
Gross Income	\$ 105,333
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>\$ 4,349</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 100,984</b>

#### **Expenses**

Business Expenses	\$ 100
Support of Park Facility	\$ 4,546
Operations	\$ 10,986
Other Expenses	\$ 6,586
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 2,672
Program Expenses	\$ 12,182
Payroll & Tax Expense	<u>\$ 61,442</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 98,514</b>

<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 2,470</b>
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Transfer from Endowment	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Net Change for 2020</b>	<b>\$ 2,470</b>

Charlie Anderson and Liz Kearney  
 David and Priscilla Andre  
 Tony and Linda Baroni  
 Donald and Christine Burton  
 William Chamberlin and Kathryn LeSoine  
 Maria Corea  
 Jim and Kate Crowley  
 Amy DeShong  
 Donna Fassler  
 Thomas Ferme  
 Donald and Kathryn Gitto  
 Ken and Karen Harnish  
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 Carol Korutz  
 Eloise Krogh  
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 Sandra J. Major  
 Julia and Evan Mann  
 Bob, Rose, and Tommy McKertich  
 Debbra Nagle  
 Debbie Perkins  
 John and Shelley Pokrivka  
 Hedi Randall  
 Ann Scala  
 Stephen Spero and Diana Bean  
 Scott Spicer  
 Thomas and Jayne Stoll  
 Mary Torney  
 James Yeich

#### **Grants**

Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau  
 Endless Mountains Resource Conservation &  
 Development Council  
 Susquehanna County Conservation District

#### **Highlights & Achievements**

- Replaced Dairy Barn Roof (DCNR project)
- Installed stone retaining wall along Fall Brook (DCNR project)



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## **Volunteers Needed Saturday, April 23, 2022, 9 a.m. Meet at the Dairy Barn**

You help us spring clean—we'll feed you lunch and give you a T-shirt.

