



Salt
Springs

Messenger

The Newsletter of the Friends of Salt Springs Park

Fall 2017

Earl W. Lehman

2017-2018 Artist in Residence

We are pleased to announce that our Artist in Residence position has been revived to showcase the talents of local painter Earl Lehman, whose year-long residency began in September at the Celebration.



Earl and Sharon Norville discuss the transformation of an idea from concept to paper to canvas.

Earl's paintings currently hang in the hallway in the Wheaton House and can be seen by appointment until May 2018, when the house is again open on weekends. They are for sale, and proceeds will benefit both the artist and the Friends.

In addition, Earl will provide several classes next spring and summer. Says Earl:

I'm a teaching artist, and I love this too! Part time. I really enjoy working with people, especially kids. I teach the language of vision in terms of paint and anything else you can see, hear, touch, feel, or imagine, in an atmosphere of delight and acceptance.

Forest Restoration in Progress

Pictured is the Hemlock Trail trail head located in the picnic area just east of the salt spring. Note the rope and



sign, which says "Please Don't Climb Here. Forest Restoration in Progress." The rope and signs run along the base of the hillside almost to the first waterfall. Another rope runs parallel to it at the top of the hill.

We are not limiting anyone's access to the boardwalk, Hemlock Trail, or old-growth forest. We are asking that all hikers use the designated trails to access these points. Many hundreds of visitors are used to taking shortcuts up the hillside between the trail head and the waterfalls, and the environment needs people to stop doing this.

Why? Here's just one reason. Between soil particles are pores for water and air to flow through. When we walk on soil, our body weight over time compacts. This process slowly cuts off the air and water that plant and tree roots and soil-dwelling organisms need to live. Further damage occurs as well because compacted soil will repel, not absorb, rainwater (contributing to erosion and flooding).

For more reasons, pick up our handout next time you're in the Wheaton House.

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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.

Solar Power at Salt Springs Park

by Tom Stoll

As reported in the Spring edition of the Salt Springs *Messenger*, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) agreed to fund the long-anticipated installation of a solar electric generation system at the Williams Pavilion. Work on the project started in June and was completed at the end of August.



Electricity is generated by solar panels on the pavilion roof (see photo) and is fed into the power grid through an underground cable that runs to a new utility pole in the parking lot near the road. The park's power provider, Claverack Rural Electric Cooperative, measures the amount of electricity produced using a new meter at the small kiosk behind the pavilion and gives a credit to the Friends for the value. In the first 17 days after it was turned on the Friends earned \$61. Although this may not seem like a lot, we anticipate it will lower our annual electric bills by over a thousand dollars!

The project also included installation of electrical outlets and high-efficiency LED lights in the Williams Pavilion. This makes it more attractive to rental groups and improves its usefulness for programs run by the Friends.

The Friends thank DCNR, PowerFactor (the contractor), and Claverack for fulfilling this dream!

5th Annual Trail Race

With \$100 prize money for the first male and female to cross the finish line, there was plenty of competition on the 5.5-mile long course at the 5th annual Salt Springs Field, Forest & Falls Trail Race on Saturday, September 2.

Jarrett Newby took just 39:22 to run the course; Jenna Hunsinger was the fastest female with a time of 59:31. A huge thank-you goes to Phil Maynard and his new venture, eatrunrest.com, for donating the prize money.

There were 117 runners; 72 ran the long course, 45 ran the short course. Most came from the Binghamton area, but a fair number came from around Scranton and Philly. Ages ranged from 8 to 70-plus.

First-place winners in each age group received custom wooden medals made by Chris Terwilliger. We also gave away coupons from Endless Brewing, prize packages from Confluence Running, and a basket of blueberry products from Hilltop Berry Farm. Overall winners of both long and short courses sported flower

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Volunteer of the Year

Meet Rick Heinrich, our 2017 Volunteer of the Year. In addition to helping us out on our April workdays, Rick stops in every couple of weeks in the spring, summer, and fall to tend the Wheaton house lawn and barn beds. He also responds favorably when we ask for his help with odd jobs, which this year included some painting in both farm houses, clearing Japanese knotweed patches, and planting spring bulbs.



Rick is a long-time member. Born and raised in the Binghamton area, Rick recently retired after 44 years with the Union-Endicott school district's buildings and grounds department. Rick loves being outdoors, preferably walking in the woods, and we're pleased and fortunate that he shares his time and expertise with us. Thank you, Rick!

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Fee Increases

On September 1, tent site and cottage fees were raised \$3 per site, per night—the first increase in 8 years! Also, now that the Williams Pavilion has electricity, the daily rental fee is \$100.

Your membership year begins on the day you join.



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Save These Dates!

Full details on the website.

Full Moon Hike. Friday, November 3, 6:30 pm. A hike and a campfire after dark. **Free-will donation.**

Archery for Beginners. Saturday, November 11, 12:30 pm. Equipment provided. Taught by NASP-certified instructor Diane Hawley-Wurth. **\$5/person; members, free.**

Border Hike. Saturday, November 18, 11 am. Bring lunch. **Free-will donation.**

Holiday Centerpiece and Nature Crafts. Sunday, November 19, 1 pm. Create with natural materials. Bring a container and your own tools (glue, scissors, etc.) if you have them. Some will be provided. **Free-will donation.**

Winter Snow Fun. Saturday, December 9, 1 pm. We provide snowshoes or ice cleats and poles—just wear your winter boots. Basic instruction will be given to those new to these sports. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll reschedule. **Free-will donation.**

Holiday Centerpiece and Nature Crafts. Sunday, December 10, 1 pm. Create with natural materials. Bring a container and your own tools (glue, scissors, etc.) if you have them. Some will be provided. **Free-will donation.**

Winter Snow Fun. Saturday, December 16, 1 pm. We provide snowshoes or ice cleats and poles—just wear your winter boots. Basic instruction given to those new to these sports. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll reschedule. **Free-will donation.**

Celebration Highlights

Quilt Show

As they say, “Many hands make light work.” We thank Ed & Trudy Chara, Barb & Mike Merritt, Sue & Bob Catterson and Jayne & Tom Stoll for helping set up and take down the Quilts in the Barn display. Faye Gottschall, Sharyn Powers, Sandy Rosencrance, Hedi Randall, Sue Cooper along with Trudy, Barb, Sue C. and Jayne were hostesses during the day. And to all the people who shared their beautiful quilts, the visitors at the Salt Springs Celebration were truly amazed by your work! We appreciate everyone who showed their quilts — Marge Burke, Mary Butler, Sue Cooper, Sue Catterson, Trudy Chara, Glenda Ely, Karen Farmer, Faye Gottschall, Donna Holbrook, Tracy Marconi, Barbara Merritt, Sue Penny, Sharyn Powers, Helen Shippenko, Carolyn Stella, Sandy Rosencrance, Jayne Stoll and Claire Theophanis.



The winner of the Harvest Home raffle quilt was Trudy Chara, and Dorothy Thomas won the Harvest Home pillows. Thank you to everyone who participated in the raffle.

Trail Race, *cont'd from p. 2*

crowns, made and donated by artist and runner Josh DeMarree. (We love giving all racers a chance to win — if you have a craft, product or service you would consider donating for next year’s race, email Diana Bean at dbean0120@gmail.com).

This was our fifth year, and we’re discussing some changes for next year to satisfy runners’ desire for a longer, harder course. Stay tuned!

New Additions

We tried our hand at offering gently used items for sale, and it was a grand success. Next June-ish we’ll start asking for your donations of new, nearly new, and good condition unwanted home and “backyard” items for the sale.



Thanks to a Get Outdoors PA grant she received, environmental education coordinator Concetta Schirra was able to purchase some archery equipment. Now we can offer archery classes throughout the year — and at the Celebration. Our classes are taught by Diane Hawley-Wurth, an FSSP board member and National Archery in the Schools Program-certified instructor.



NOTE: The next *Archery for Beginners* class is Saturday, Nov. 11, 12:30 p.m.

A Hearty Thanks to the Volunteers and Donors Who Made Salt Springs Celebration 2017 A Grand Success!

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Quilt Exhibit

Ed Chara	Trudy Chara
Bob Catterson	Sue Catterson
Sue Cooper	Faye Gottschall
Barb Merritt	Mike Merritt
Sharyn Powers	Hedi Randall
Sandy Rosencrance	Jayne Stoll
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Quilts exhibited by Marge Burke, Mary Butler, Sue Catterson, Trudy Chara, Sue Cooper, Glenda Ely, Karen Farmer, Faye Gottschall, Donna Holbrook, Tracy Marconi, Barbara Merritt, Sue Penny, Sharyn Powers, Sandy Rosencrance, Helen Shiptenko, Carolyn Stella, Jayne Stoll, and Claire Theophanis.

Trail Race: "The race doesn't happen without the efforts of volunteers who mow, trim branches, buy food, do publicity and show up at the crack of dawn on race day. Thank you to the Friends, especially Debra Adleman, Tom Stoll, Steve Spero, Richard Heinrich and Rosalyn Perlick; my neighbors Tom and Linda Cox, and Cathy and Scott Aspling; and fellow Triple Cities Runners Club and Broome County Triathlon Club members Bob and Brenda Beavan, Matt Gawors, Ed and Renee DeSantis, Kelley Hamlin, Tilghman Smith, Emily Micalizzi, Anne and Isaiah Seepersaud, Josh DeMarree, Grace Tabeek and co-race director Phil Maynard." —Diana Bean

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