



Friends of Salt Springs Park

April 2014



www.friendsofsaltspringspark.org

570-967-7275

Celebrate Earth and Arbor Days Saturday, April 26

Take a walk with Jim Kessler through the woods at **10 a.m.** to learn about the different trees in the park. Meet at the Bunny Trail trailhead, in the parking lot off Buckley Rd. Fee.



Then, or, join Concetta Schirra at **12:30 p.m.** to learn some basics of landscape design and see a tree planting demonstration. Meet at the Wheaton House. Fee.



On **Sunday, April 27, 1 p.m.**, come for a hike to find a different kind of Easter egg — salamander eggs. The hiking loop is 2.5 miles, with moderate hiking. Bring drinks, snacks, and an empty container. Meet at the Wheaton House. Free-will donation.

April Trail Days An Overwhelming Success

The Friends are extremely gratified by all of the community support for our efforts to keep the park a pleasant place for all to enjoy. Over two weekends, we had about 65 people devote hours of work, improving trails, pruning live trees, felling dead trees, raking lawns, and cleaning barns, display rooms, offices, and more.

Volunteers cooked food, filled dozens of old paint cans with kitty litter for later disposal, split and stacked firewood, and did many other chores.

Some volunteers drove long distances to come to the park, including two descendants of the Wheaton family who drove from their home in western Massachusetts to help us keep alive the old family traditions of welcoming strangers to this special place.

Our sponsors, Visions Federal Credit Union, State Farm Agent Dan Ricci, Jr., JHA Companies, Montrose Sporting Goods, Metro Racing, Original Italian Pizzeria, Down to Earth Equipment Rentals, Rovendale Ag & Barn, Endless Brewing, ProCare Physical Therapy, J & J Springs, and Little and Nelson made it all possible.

Thanks to everyone for all their help.

— Stephen Spero, president



Decades of junk was disposed of. Metal went to a local scrap dealer, wood is on the burn pile, and the rest was hauled away in three bagsters.

Upcoming

Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m. Annual Roadside Cleanup. “Let’s model good stewardship and besmirch those who fouled our earth,” says Sandy Babuka, volunteer leader. We’ll break into groups of three and cover Buckley Rd. and the east and west sides of Silver Creek Rd. We could use another truck — let us know if you can help with this. Call Sandy for more details (607-759-6139).

Check **“Programs & Events”** on our website for full details of May and June programs.

Trail Days Highlights



Dennis Holbrook sawed up downed trees in the campground, Lou Mitchell hauled them behind the dairy barn, and Paula Mack and Tom Stoll split them into firewood.



Kim Henry tackled the Wheaton House.

Arthur Levy helped us distinguish between usable and throwaway electrical, plumbing, and other bits and pieces — often identifying them for us first. (Yes, that’s a tree-trunk beam in the barn.)



After bringing order to the basement, Maureen Hoover joined Bruce Roberts raking along the fence line.