



Friends of Salt Springs Park

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With Regret

The Board has accepted, with regret, the resignation of our Education Program Coordinator, Nancy Wottrich, effective December 31. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Nancy for her seven years of dedication to the Friends as both a board member and program coordinator.



With her guidance and expertise, our E3 (Earth Ecology and Environment) program has become a standard part of several local fourth grade curriculums, and Salt Springs is becoming known as a place to go for quality (and fun!) programs.

Although Nancy resigned to focus on her environmental consulting business with her husband, we're pleased that she will remain on the Friends' Education Committee. Thanks, Nancy, and good luck!

Thank You

As we review the past year we are especially grateful for the support given us by you, our members. Your generous donations have helped us to meet the challenge of record attendance at the park as well as the increase in the number of campers. Maintaining 800+ acres and eleven buildings takes careful planning in the use of resources. We do our utmost to make sure we wisely spend the dollars you have given us.

We thank you and hope that the holiday season brings you many joys. We wish everyone a bright New Year.

New Board Member

The Friends welcome Kathy Tuttle to the Board of Directors. Kathy, along with Sue Chance and Nancy Wottrich, helped design the Friends' E3 program in 2002 and has since been a participating educator. Kathy is a Math and Science Tutor and an Adjunct Instructor at Keystone College, where she teaches Biology in the Weekender Program.

Kathy says, "The 'Friends' caught my attention soon after its inception and, impressed by the accomplishments of a small group of committed citizens, I became a member and have been following the development of the park ever since." Kathy lives with her family in Harford Twp, together with their dairy goats, bees, dogs, cats, and garden. Welcome, Kathy!



Meet Paul DeSera

Another dedicated volunteer, Paul became "Ranger Paul" one stormy night this summer. As the day's Weekend Host, he'd rented a tent site to a young couple with a one-year-old child. Concerned that the child was frightened and possibly drenched, he went back to the park during the peak of the storm at 10 pm and "upgraded" them to a cabin. Fortunately so, as their tent had indeed collapsed.

Paul's done everything from donate cabin books (for campers to record their experiences) to weed whacking to starting fires (upon request!) to weekend hosting. With his friend, Rosemary Parry, he picks up trash along Buckley and Silver Creek roads both as part of our annual clean up and throughout the year as time permits.

Notice the cabin on Paul's T-shirt? It's Cabin 2, "Paul and Rosemary's Cabin." This picture was taken shortly after he mounted a new "Cabin 2" sign (commissioned and paid for by Paul) on the cabin, shown at right.

Program Highlights

Take a few minutes to relax and browse through the new Program Highlights pages in our Web site's Photo Album. The 80 new photographs indicate the wide range of programs the Friends offer, as well as how much they are enjoyed.

Need a reminder that winter doesn't last forever? Revisit the Spring and Summer photos in the Seasons Pages. For those who relish the bracing cold and snow, check out the Winter scenes.

Position Open

The Friends are seeking a new Environmental Education Coordinator. We hope to have the position filled in early 2010. Qualifications include experience in environmental education teaching and grant writing; and job duties include coordinating and conducting public programs at the park and directing and coordinating the Friends' E3 program. Full details and Job Description are available on our Web site. Resumes are due by January 8, 2010.



What Is This?

This photo was taken by the park's next door neighbor and volunteer Deborah O'Hara. (You may recognize her name from our Photo Album, which features a number of her shots.) The black and white version won the Photography "Domestic Animals—Insects—Black and White" category at the 2009 Harford Fair. We can't identify it; can you? Please call or e-mail if you have an answer, guess, or other comment.