



Friends of Salt Springs Park

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Salt Springs is a good example that "The more things change, the more they stay the same."

In 1813, Rev. Davis Dimock wrote the following in his diary: "dined with four gentlemen from Philadelphia who . . . stayed the night before at the Salt Springs . . . they dealt in extraordinaries about it, as though they had been on a voyage around the world."

201 years later, Sally and Rob, of Endicott, NY, also stayed at Salt Springs and wrote about it: "a weekend to remember! Beautiful location, rustic - yes, but so cozy. The hiking was phenomenal - such amazing sights."

Despite the changes in 2014 (new pavilion, new restrooms, new picnic area, more visitors and campers than ever), the essence of Salt Springs remains the same.

As others recorded this year, Salt Springs is where they come to appreciate nature ("the views of natural habitat, pristine waters, beautiful trails"), their families ("this was so refreshing the boys were goofballs like always just older . . . you want the laughs and time of your life, bring your kids here every year"), and solitude ("please use your time here and let the cell-free - wifi free - time [be] for inner reflection. This place can help you see what might be holding you back").

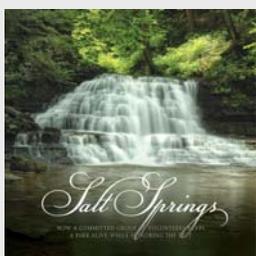
From January through December, Salt Springs is yours to explore and experience.

2015 Board of Directors

Three board members were up for re-election this fall. Sandra Rosenkrance, we regret, stepped down because she will be traveling even more next year. Richard Jordan and Mary Butler were re-elected.

We're pleased to announce the election of Barbara Merritt. Barbara lives in Brackney with her husband Mike. They have two sons and daughters-in-law and four grandsons. Barbara is originally from Vestal, NY. She retired in 2010 from Lockheed Martin, where she was a Systems Engineering Director. Since then she's been active in several local groups and organizations, including the Friends. Barbara is a member of the Historical Committee and participates in our clean-up days and Celebration.

Officers were elected at the December board meeting. In 2015, the board will be composed of Stephen Spero, president; Susan English, vice-president; Jack Maynard, treasurer; Mary Butler, secretary; and directors Robert Fearnley, Mike Hornak, Richard Jordan, Jim Kessler, Barbara Merritt, and Tom Norville.



Salt Springs: How a Committed Group of Volunteers Keeps a Park Alive While Honoring the Past

We still have a few copies left. \$20 each.

Volunteer of the Year



Meet Greg Liggett, our 2014 Volunteer of the Year. He directed dozens of members of his church, Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in constructing our new pavilion.

Donations Gratefully Accepted

Several times a year, including December, we ask for your donations. Why? Because they keep the doors open, so to speak, and the rooms warm, literally.

We get no state funds. Grants do not cover operating expenses. We cannot charge entrance or parking fees, and the few dollars we get from program fees do not cover program costs.

Honor a friend or relative with a donation in their name to the Friends. Honor yourself with a donation to support a place you value and use. Honor the Friends (which includes you!) because we ensure that Salt Springs is here for you when you need it and want it.

These are but a few examples of your donations at work:

\$100—one picnic grill or campground fire ring

\$250—food and water for volunteers on two April workdays

\$500—tractor maintenance and fuel to cut grass for one summer

\$1,200—E3 instructors for one year

\$2,500—75% of annual fundraiser (Celebration) expenses

\$5,000—80% of yearly Wheaton House heat and electricity