



# Friends of Salt Springs Park

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## Looking Ahead

Thank you all for the generous support you have given us this year. We were thrown a wet and mucky curve in August, but with your words and deeds you have worked alongside us. For this we are thankful!



There's much to do in 2019, and we look forward to doing it all with you. Mark your calendars for Saturdays, April 13 and 27, for our traditional spring work days (though with a week in between this time). Until then, we'll continue updating you on our plans and progress — and appreciating all your support. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## Thank You, Artists!

Each year the artists who participate in the Open House Weekend donate a portion of their weekend sales to a few local nonprofits. We are



honored to be a recipient this year and are amazed by and grateful for their donation of \$953.

We are the only nonprofit volunteer organization to manage a Pennsylvania state park. For the Commonwealth, we maintain 10 buildings (11 until one was washed away in August!); mow and trim 25+ acres of lawns, picnic areas, fields, and pathways; care for more than 15 miles of trails; provide rustic camping facilities; and offer educational and recreational programs. We also pay electric and heating bills, insurance premiums, and the salaries of five part-time employees. Because we get no direct financial support from the state, we must pay all the expenses through camping fees, memberships, grants, and *donations*.

We ask you, Friends, in turn please support these local artists. They will soon be opening a new gallery on Pine Street in Montrose. Keep an eye out for their announcements, and plan to visit often.

## Photo Contest



Our insurance company, Non-profits Insurance Alliance Group, is holding a photo contest, and we've entered this view of the waterfalls captured by Concetta Schirra.

Voting opens Monday, January 7, 2019, at 8 am, and closes Friday, January 11, at 8 pm. You can vote once on each of the five days. Here's the link to vote on our entry: <https://review.wizehive.com/voting/view/winter-2018-2019-photo-contest/0/5505217/0>.

First prize is \$500, with several \$250 and \$100 prizes as well. Join in the fun and vote for us!

## Last Scheduled Program of the Year!

**Winter Snow Fun**  
Saturday, December 15, 1 p.m.



We will provide snowshoes or ice cleats and poles—just wear your winter boots. **We'll reschedule if the weather doesn't cooperate. Free-will donation.**

## Salt Springs Restoration Fund



This photograph, taken by well-known local photographer Kirk Van Zandbergen, portrays a much loved place and conjures feelings of peace, serenity, and home. Now through December 31st, 2018, every donor of \$100 or more to the Flood Restoration Fund will receive a signed 8" x 12" print of this photograph.

You can donate by check or money order, by credit card over the phone, or through our GoFundMe campaign—Friends of Salt Springs Park, P.O. Box 541, Montrose, PA 18801. 570-967-7275. [GoFundMe.com/salt-springs-park-restoration](http://GoFundMe.com/salt-springs-park-restoration).

As "real" winter approaches (a mere 8 days away), consider this:

*"Hear! hear!" screamed the jay from a neighboring tree, where I had heard a tittering for some time, "winter has a concentrated and nutty kernel, if you know where to look for it."*

—Henry David Thoreau