



Friends of Salt Springs Park December 2020

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John Southworth Wheaton



L to R: Joy and John Wheaton and their traveling companions Don and Marilyn Dennis, attending our Celebration in 2013 from Coeur d'Alene, ID, where the Wheatons lived after retirement.

John Wheaton, son of Ezra and Ruth Wheaton and great-great-grandson of Salt Springs' founding couple Nathan P. and Mary Wheaton, passed away on September 29, 2020. Being the "organized, caring and thorough person he was" (according to his family), always interested in sharing his life experiences and lessons learned, he actually wrote his own obituary as a resource for when he passed.

I want to share one paragraph in particular with you. I have always admired the extended Wheaton family,

from Nathan P. on down, for the care and respect they have shown both their land and the people they interacted with, be they family, friends, or strangers—as I was able to glean from their diaries and papers as well as personal interactions with them. I had the pleasure of meeting John and getting to know him a bit, and he always seemed to be "evidence" that I was right in my opinions about the family—and the honor I've always felt being part of the group that continues stewardship of Salt Springs after the Wheaton family.

Even if we weren't closing out such a distressing year as 2020, I would want to share these thoughts with you, recorded by John in his obituary:

During my business career, I learned some important lessons that I have tried to pass on to my children and grandchildren. First, try to engage people in a positive manner. Listen to what is important to the other person. Second, be willing to compromise. Search for a way where you can get 75% of what you want and the other person gets 75% of what he wants. Make it a win-win situation. And third, treat each person with respect. Most wars, divorces, and failures in business occur because of a lack of respect which leads to a loss of pride which leads to failure.

Consider these shared pearls of wisdom another gift from the Wheatons, engage with them, and pass them on.

2020 Annual Meeting

The FSSP annual membership meeting was held via Zoom on Friday evening, December 4, 2020. As you can imagine, attendance was lower and the meeting was shorter than usual. However, business was conducted and participants enjoyed a more intimate gathering of friends. Thank you to all who attended.

And thank you also to those who voted by ballot to both re-elect and elect board members. Officers were also elected at the December directors meeting, so the full board going into 2021 is:

Tom Stoll, president; Tami Noonan, vice president; Scott Heckman, treasurer; Diane Hawley-Wurth, secretary; and Lisa Bistocchi, James Hinds, Tanya Korutz, Tyler Krowiak, Barbara McNamara, Deb Nagle, Joe Toman, and Karl Wimmer, board members.

Looking Ahead. . . .

The pandemic will still be a factor in 2021, but we hope by April our country and our people, along with the rest of the world, will be well into recovery mode.

If this is the case, we will hold our two spring volunteer work days on April 17 and 24. On these two Saturdays, we get the park spruced up for the year. We hope to then begin closing out the summer with our annual Celebration on Saturday, September 4. Until next year, happy holidays!

New COVID-19 Restrictions

The following DCNR restrictions, closures, and cancellations are in effect in all PA state forests and parks, including Salt Springs, until further notice:

- All in-person PA state parks and forests **programs are cancelled until further notice.**
- Anyone from another state (1) must have a negative COVID-19 **test** within 72 hours before entering a state park or forest or staying overnight in a camping cottage or (2) must **quarantine** for 10 days upon arrival in Pennsylvania (or 7 days with a negative test on or after day 5 of quarantine) before visiting a state park or forest or staying overnight in a camping cottage.
- **Masks** are required to be worn in park and forest offices; any other indoor public space, including restrooms; and while outdoors when social distancing (at least 6 feet) is not possible.

Restrooms, trails, parking lots, picnic areas, tent sites, cottages, and the Williams Pavilion remain open. The Wheaton House (exhibit rooms and gift shop) remains closed.

Gift Ideas

We'd be happy to help you with your holiday shopping. Please call (570-967-7275) or email (friends@saltspringspark.org) for details and assistance. In addition to memberships, gift certificates, T-shirts, and caps, we have sweatshirts, wool blankets, and license plates.



Hooded sweatshirts, also in fluorescent orange. \$25; XL, \$30.



Long-sleeved Ts. \$23; XL, \$28. Green on cream or light blue.

Dress up your car with one of these FSSP custom front license plates. \$15.



Twin-sized 100% Shetland wool blankets, \$100 each, in three patterns (Labyrinth, Garden, and Flags, respectively):

