



Friends of Salt Springs Park

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Welcome to Sandra Rosencrance

Joining the board in 2014 is Sandra Rosencrance. Welcome!

Since first moving to the Quaker Lake area in 1960, the Rosencrance family, including three growing children, found Salt Springs Park to be a special place. When Bob and Sandy retired and returned to live in Silver Lake Twp. (for the third time) in 2007, Sandy wanted to volunteer some of her time to the park. When she was asked to become a member of the park's Finance Committee, she readily agreed.

We'll tell you more about Sandy in our March newsletter.

From the Archives: "Killers" to Caretakers

Among the early supporters of the Friends' work at Salt Springs Park was Trehab, a regional community action agency. Trehab provided a crew of teenagers for six weeks in summer 1998 to work on maintenance projects. As reported in our October 1998 newsletter, they learned more than just how to paint a wall:

The crew initially nicknamed our location Salt Snakes Park because we often sighted as many as eight snakes basking on sunny stones by the creek. It was inspiring to watch the crew's mentality shift from "death to all snakes" to one of searching for skins and offering the snakes food and protection.



For the Archives: What Do the Friends and Salt Springs Park Mean to You?

Twenty years have passed since we joined together to save some dilapidated farm buildings surrounded by 405 acres of pristine, yet increasingly stressed nature. This is a year of great reflection for us as we revisit past accomplishments.

We'd also like to hear from you and include as many of your reminiscences (and photos) as space will allow. We have two questions. What does Salt Springs Park mean to you? If you have or do volunteer here, why?

There are many other places and causes in our world for people to support. Why among all others do you choose us?

New & Noteworthy

- We are pleased to announce that the Susquehanna County Conservation District awarded us \$5,000 to operate the E3 program in 2014. Thank you, SCCD, for all the ways you have supported us during the past 20 years!
- The Endless Mountains Farm Fest will be held at Salt Springs this year, Saturday, May 31. It features local agriculture-based businesses, from animals and products to gardening and produce. Food and music too, of course! Keep an eye out for more information.

Mark Your Calendars

Spring programs have been set and begin Saturday! Check Programs & Events on our website for full details.

Saturday, March 1, 2 p.m. Who Goes There? Indulge your curiosity about the animals that live, but are mostly unseen, in Salt Springs Park. With **Nancy Wottrich** as our guide, we'll follow the signs they leave on their travels. **Fee: Free-will donation.**

Saturday, March 15, 6:30 p.m. Full Moon Hike. **Concetta Schirra** will lead us on a hike through the hills. If we're lucky, a blanket of snow will illuminate the night, even in cloudy conditions. **Fee: Free-will donation.**

Saturday, March 22, 10 a.m. Tree Pruning Class. Yearning for summer and fall bounty? Well, March is the time to prepare for it. **Jim Kessler** will discuss and demonstrate tree pruning, focusing on several different species. Bring your questions; the discussion is interactive. **Fee: \$10; \$5, members.**



Sunday, March 23, 1 p.m. Build Your Own Bird Box. Celebrate spring in the park and enjoy a family-friendly activity. We'll build bluebird and American kestrel bird boxes from pre-cut patterns. Local birders **Dave Andre, Dave Clemens, Evan Mann,** and **Tom Norville** will be on hand to answer your questions about your favorite birds. **Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please pre-register by March 14. Fee: \$15; \$10, members; kids free.**



This could be in your own back yard!
Courtesy of George Schreck.