



# Friends of Salt Springs Park February 2020

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## Spring Program Brochure Now Available

We are ready for spring! With lots of hikes (now on the first days of the months and others under a full moon), favorites like our Tree Pruning Class and Archery for Beginners, and new ones examining The Five Elements scheduled, we look forward to getting outdoors with you and exploring our natural world.

You can print the brochure from our website homepage or pick one up at the park or around town. Details are also posted on our website and periodically on our Facebook page.

## Quilt for Sale



This Salt Springs-inspired quilt, "Sereneness," was made by Ellie Palmer. It is 18 x 26 inches, features popular elements of the park, and would look lovely on your wall! It is \$40. Give us a call if you'd like to come see it.

## Tree Planting May 2

We will have 600 trees and 100 shrubs to plant along Silver Creek this spring and would love to have your help.

This is part of the Riparian Buffer project begun last year, when funding was procured from the Endless Mountains Resource Conservation & Development Council for stream bank restoration work in the park.

A time has yet to be set. More details on the project will follow next month.

## Barn Pavilion Update

Deconstruction of the pavilion has begun. This is a milestone we are sad to have reached. But with time and planning and some future fundraising, it will rise again. It will return as a treasured place to gather with friends and family, listen to music, exchange wedding vows, and laze around in the sun.

This structure is an 1820s-era threshing barn from Tunkhannock. John McNamara and crew dismantled it, brought it here, and enlisted the help of the Timber Framers Guild of North America to raise it.

We invited the public to come out on Saturday, June 20, 1998, to help in an old-fashioned barn raising. Hundreds came to watch and lend a hand. All work was done with period materials and tools, including draught horses.

We have loved and used this barn for 20 years and mourn its loss. But we are not ones to stop here. It will be rebuilt elsewhere in the park, and you will all be invited to celebrate its return.



## Mark Your Calendar! Full Details on Our Website

**First Day Hike Revisited. Sunday, March 1, 1 p.m.** Start the month with an invigorating hike. Come out of hibernation and get moving! If needed, we'll provide snowshoes and poles—just wear your winter boots. **\$5; \$15 for families; members, free.**

**Full Moon Hike. Saturday, March 7, 6:30 p.m.** Come explore the park by the light of the moon. Bring a snack to share around a campfire afterwards, a flashlight, and an adventurous spirit. Dress for the weather. **\$5; \$15/family; members and kids, free.**

**Hellbenders and Other Salamanders  
Saturday, March 21, 1-3 p.m.**



Devin Welch will discuss his volunteer work with hellbenders and incorporate general information on other local salamanders. Live specimens will be on hand, and the presentation will be followed by a salamander hunt and a vernal pool search for eggs. Wear waterproof footwear for the hunt. **\$5; members and kids, free.**

**Tree Pruning Class. Sunday, March 22, 1 p.m.** Retired forester **Jim Kessler** will discuss and demonstrate the why, where, how, what, and when to prune in this interactive class. **\$10; members, \$5.**



**First Day Hike—Take a Break and Get Outdoors. Wednesday, April 1, 6:30 p.m.** This is no April Fool's joke: another "First Day" hike, with another hour of daylight to enjoy it in. Give yourself a mid-week break at Salt Springs Park. **\$5; members, free.**



**Owl Prowl—Owls and Night Hike. Friday, April 3, 7:30 p.m. Rain date: Saturday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.** After a presentation by **Angela Lambert**, Environmental Education Specialist, we'll wander the hemlock forest

"calling in" owls common to the habitat. Bring a flashlight, wear sturdy shoes, and dress in layers. **\$5; members, free.**