



# Friends of Salt Springs Park

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## Happy New Year!

Bears, snakes, and other critters are hibernating right now, but we're not! We're busy planning new programs and events for 2011. We're streamlining our committee structure a bit too as we welcome new board members and incorporate their talents and interests. As always, our committees are open to all members of the Friends of Salt Springs. You don't have to be on the board to be on a committee. We'd love to hear from you. Whether you're interested in helping with a one-time project or program, joining a committee (programs, stewardship, administrative, finance, membership, publicity), or even just discussing an idea you have, give us a call.

## A Winter Wonderland



Courtesy of George Schreck.

## Look for These

Conditions are perfect right now to find evidence of the many species still active in the winter. The fresh five-inch blanket of snow that fell this week is a perfect canvas for recording the tracks of the raccoons, wild turkeys, coyotes, pheasants, squirrels, and other animals that roam the meadows and woods.

Look for tracks in the early morning or late afternoon, when shadows are more prominent, making the tracks easier to see. Note the number toes: Two toes in front and back indicate deer, elk, or moose. Four toes on each of the front and hind feet point to the dog family, cat family, or rabbit family. Four on the front and five in back mean it's a rodent. Five on front and back means it's a raccoon or member of the weasel family, bear, beaver, or opossum.



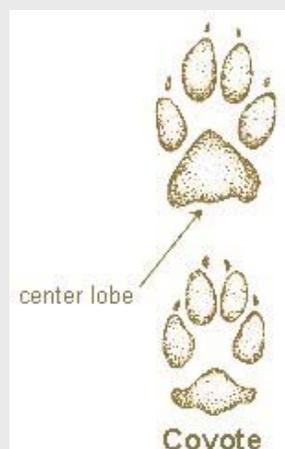
Pheasant



Raccoon



Bobcat



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Coyote

## Meet Our New Board Members

Join us in welcoming Kathy Blaisure, Peter Bouman, Susan Gesford, and Colleen Kane to the Friends' board of directors.

Kathy lives with her family in Hallstead. Kathy recently resigned from her position as Watershed Specialist with the Susquehanna County Conservation District, where she worked for nearly 5 years, to spend more time with her family. Kathy has been a long-time environmental educator for the Friends and has joined our Environmental Education Committee.

Peter lives with his family in Brackney. He joined Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP, in 1975 and is currently Of Counsel with the firm. He handles lawsuits in both Pennsylvania and New York, including securities fraud, antitrust, and environmental and constitutional law cases. Peter is one of the Friends' longest standing members. He has spent many hours with his sons at Salt Springs and will work with the Stewardship Committee to help keep our trails safe and enjoyable.

Susan and her husband Dennis operate a small dairy farm in Dimock. She is the former editor of the *Susquehanna County Independent* and is currently a deputy clerk in the Susquehanna County Register and Recorder's office. Susan is also a freelance writer. She has helped us with publicity in the past and will do so in the future. She will help us with program and membership efforts as well.

Although Colleen was raised in the Binghamton area, she also "grew up at Salt Springs." Family trips here were a tradition, which she has carried on with her own children, Max and Sam. Colleen moved to Quaker Lake in 1984 and is the owner of Sea Hag Soaps and Art Mercantile on McCormick Road, Brackney. Always a donor to our Celebration's Silent Auction, Colleen will now be helping to organize it. She has also joined our Program and Administrative Committees.