



# Friends of Salt Springs Park July 2013

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## A Hearty Welcome to Mary Butler

We are pleased that Mary Butler has agreed to join the Friends' board of directors. Thanks, and welcome, Mary!

Mary has lived in the Silver Lake and Little Meadows area all her life. She went to a one-room school, attended East Junior and North High in Binghamton, and graduated from Montrose. She worked at IBM for 33 years and for her husband, John, in the land surveyor business for 7 years. She presently works part-time at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Vestal, New York.

Mary and John have one son, Dennis, who is a patent attorney and lives in Garnet Valley, PA, with his wife and two daughters. Mary keeps herself busy kayaking, hiking, biking, and other outdoor activities. She is active in her church and loves to travel.

Mary has also given the Friends many hours of volunteer work. This past April she was caught on camera helping to operate the log splitter on Chainsaw Day.



Mary, left, and Toni Rafferty, right, helped reduce windfall to firewood, April 13, 2013.

## Membership Drive

We're in our annual membership drive and we could use your support. Every dollar you give is used to keep the park running and the special place that has welcomed hundreds of thousands of visitors in the almost two decades the Friends have managed the park.

As you may know, our agreement with the state goes like this: The Friends will maintain the buildings, trails and grounds. We will pay the salaries of our part-time workers. We will pay the electric, insurance and heating bills. We will charge no admission and no fees for parking.

In return for this, the state will give us no operating aid, although they do help us in many other ways.

We're happy to make that agreement because we think it is the best way to keep the park alive.

If you are not a member, please join us. If you are a member but have not yet renewed, please do so.

## Other Ways to Give

Contribute to the **Friends of Salt Springs Park Fund**, managed by the Community Foundation, or arrange for a planned gift in your will. Contributors of \$2,500 or more in cash donations or planned gifts earn membership in the **Salt Springs Chapter of the Community Foundation's Legacy Society**. For full details, contact the Foundation at [info@community-foundation.org](mailto:info@community-foundation.org).

## Mark Your Calendars

**Children's Gardening Series. July 10, 24; August 7, 21, 1 pm.** Programs include a story, a topic for the day, and hands-on activities in the garden. **Leader: Concetta Schirra. Fee: \$5 per person (adult or child); 50% off for members.**

**Tamarack (aka Connector) Trail Hike. Saturday, July 20, 10 am.**



**Jim Kessler** will talk about woodland trees. We'll pass through a stand of tamarack trees, the only coniferous tree that sheds its needles. **Meet at the Wheaton House. Fee: \$5; nonmembers, \$10.**

**Water Quality Monitoring. Sunday, July 28, 1 pm.** Environmental consultant Brian Oram conducts water quality awareness programs. He'll review the concerns and issues in our communities today. Some quick hands-on water testing will be done for pH, ionic salt measurements (conductivity), and total dissolved solids in the tap water and park streams. **Meet at the Wheaton House. \$5; members, free.**

## Woofstock 2013 at Salt Springs!

**Saturday, August 10, 12 noon-7 pm**

Zoom in on the poster for event details.

