



Friends of Salt Springs Park July 2016

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Participants Wanted

We invite vendors, representatives of local organizations and non-profits, and anyone interested in demonstrating their skill to consider participating in the Celebration this year.

We are particularly interested in showcasing locally made products as well as organizations and skills and crafts that reflect our local history and heritage.

If you are interested, please e-mail us at friends@epix.net. We're in the planning stage for this year's bash and would love to hear from you.



Open House to History Sunday, August 21, Noon to 4 p.m.

Submitted by Vince Hawley

An Open House will be held on Sunday, August 21 from Noon to 4 pm at the *Richmond Hill One-Room School*, approximately 4 miles west of the park in Silver Lake Twp., and at *Salt Springs Park*.



The Richmond Hill School has been in existence since 1840; the current building is circa 1870. The school has been authentically restored to show the one-room school as it existed in 1932, with displays and history starting in 1840. The school contains the names of several hundred students, as well as approximately 30 teachers.

Richmond Hill School is a true re-creation, by a former student, of the life and times in rural America between 1840 and 1942. Your visit

will be hosted by a former student [Vince Hawley].

Salt Springs has been an important part of local history dating back to Native American culture when salt was a prized and often closely guarded resource. The earliest settlers in the area were aware of the spring, which led to development over the years of a farm, a woolen mill, and later on attempts to drill for oil.

Two 19th century farmhouses, a carriage barn, and a dairy barn remain. The large, circa 1840, farmhouse (the Wheaton House) is open to the public on weekends, providing historical and environmental exhibits. One exhibit focuses on the one-room school that existed in the Salt Springs neighborhood and also identifies dozens of former students and some of the teachers.

To get to the Richmond Hill School from New York state, take PA Route 167 (Silver Lake Road) from the state line south for 7.3 miles to the Wilkes-Barre Turnpike. Turn right, cross the bridge, and bear left. Go 0.7 mile to the school. To get to the school from Montrose, take PA Route 167 North 5.6 miles. Turn left at Meehan Road and go 0.6 mi, where it ends, with the school on the right.



The school was known as the Dacey School when it closed in 1942. These children were in the last class: James and Rita Gillooly, Emily Lockett, Bonnie Natzel, and Stanley Shields.

Mark Your Calendar

Full details are on the website.

Lyme Disease Education and Prevention. Friday, July 22, 10 a.m. Presentation by Jane Osborn, PA state office nurse.

Native Snakes of Susquehanna County. Saturday, July 23, 10 a.m. Presentation by John Brunner, former zookeeper.

Bike the Border. Sunday, July 24, 1:30 p.m. Bike and maintenance tips followed by a ride through the park.

Perseid Meteor Shower. Friday and Saturday, August 12 and 13, 8:30 p.m. Star gazing in an open field.

Wild for Wildflowers Crafts. Sunday, August 14, 1 p.m. Turn natural treasures into a work of art.

Full Moon Hike. Thursday, August 18, 8 p.m. Moonlit hike followed by a campfire.

Mushrooms and Mycelia. Saturday, August 20, 10 a.m. Discussion and slide show followed by a walk.

Open House to History. Sunday, August 21, Noon to 4 pm. Former student Vince Hawley opens up his one-room school house.

Special Musical Event

featuring

The Celtic Martins



Friday, August 12, 7 p.m.

This high-energy band features **traditional Celtic music, American fiddle tunes, and Irish step dancing.** The Celtic Martins are a family band from southeastern PA. They began performing in 2004 and quickly became popular at regional fairs and festivals, such as the Smokey Mountain Highland Games, the Kutztown Folk Festival, and the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival. Rain or shine in the Barn Pavilion. Bring chairs or blankets to sit on. *Free, but we pass the hat.*