



Friends of Salt Springs Park

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Hello, Friends of Salt Springs,

We are pleased to see so many more visitors to the park this year. We know special memories are made here. We invite you to share them in our Salt Springs Memory Writing Contest.

Full details are available from the Events Calendar on our Web site (www.friendsofsaltspringspark.org).

Driving Down Memory Lane



On June 13, lovers of the Model A Ford motored up from Scranton for a picnic lunch. While they dined on cold chicken, park visitors marveled at the machines. How many of you recognize this model and remember riding in a rumble seat?

All-American Patriotic Music



On the evening of July 3rd, we got ready to celebrate our country's birthday. Luck was with us as the rain stopped just before the event. Led by Charlene Thomson and Rob Siegers, the crowd sang old-time favorites, including *It's a Grand Old Flag* and *America the Beautiful*. After the songfest, we toasted marshmallows over an open fire. People left both satisfied and happy.

Montrose Area School District Summer Camp

In July, the Friends will again participate in the Montrose Area School District summer camp program. The program (funded by a grant for the summers of 2008 and 2009) is for K-5 students and is held at Choconut Elementary School. Last year, Among other activities, Salt Springs' instructors spent a day exploring Choconut Creek with the students. We look forward to another fun learning experience this month.



IBM's Matching Grants Program — We're Eligible, Are You?

IBM will match eligible contributions of up to \$5,000 per donor, per institution, to a total of \$10,000 in gifts per calendar year. Contributions must be made by (1) regular or regular part-time employees of IBM or one of its wholly owned subsidiaries, (2) persons retired under the IBM Retirement Plan, or (3) members of the Board of Directors of IBM or one of its wholly owned subsidiaries. The Friends of Salt Springs Park, Inc., qualify as a cultural and environmental institution.

IBM matching funds are particularly valuable to the Friends because they are unrestricted as to use. They help support key needs (such as maintenance and administration) that are ineligible for the vast majority of existing grant programs.

Upcoming Programs

Salt Springs Sampler—Saturday, July 25, 9–11 am. Ever wonder how Fall Brook Gorge was formed, why the spring is salty, or how old the hemlocks are at the park? Cool off on this hike through the gorge and under towering old-growth trees and learn all about the park's natural and human-made features. **Note:** Climb through gorge is steep and difficult but great fun for sure-footed kids and their accompanying adults. *Program fee: members, free; non-members, \$5.*

Measure Up!—Sunday, August 2, 2 pm, in the Carriage Barn. Why do we care how long or how high something is or how much it weighs? Learn about the importance of "weights and measures" throughout history. Join hands-on activities and watch fascinating demonstrations using items (like the steelyard scale) from the recently acquired John McKeage Collection. Handouts will provide historical information, little known facts, and an easy reminder of all you have learned. *Program fee: \$5 per person.*

Members — Thank you for your recent renewals. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so soon. We want to keep sending you our newsletters, and your membership dollars are vital to our success!

Join the Nominating Committee — Friends' President John Miskell requests that anyone interested in joining the committee contact him at johnmiskell@epix.net. The first meeting will be held in August. In addition, members interested in serving on the board are encouraged to contact John.

Help Make the Silent Auction a Success — You can help by doing little more than perusing your attic, closets, cupboards or basement for some good "stuff" you may no longer want. Our Silent Auction is the biggest income producer at the Celebration (Saturday, September 5) — primarily due to the generosity of businesses, members and others who have donated to the event. We are looking for **new or "gently" used but still new-looking items, such as**

- antiques or framed artwork
- books, electronics, decorative items, dishes or kitchenware, handmade items, or the like
- tickets for a show, sports, etc.
- gift baskets with any kind of theme
- children's items such as books, sports equipment, toys, games
- no clothes unless hand made / woven / knitted just for this event