



# Friends of Salt Springs Park

June 2013

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## End and Begin Your Week in the Woods

Hike the Border Trail, Saturday, June 8, 10 am



This trail was blazed last spring by a team led by **Mike Hornak**. Tomorrow, Mike will lead a hike along it and discuss orienteering. It's long and strenuous, and Mike will pace it accordingly. You'll enjoy a number of views and habitats. Shown is a

large crop of rocks; the trail goes right through them. Fee. Meet at the Wheaton House.

Dragonflies, Damselflies, and Other Insects, Sunday, June 9, 1 pm

With Binghamton University professor **Thomas Donnelly** we'll learn about the dragonflies, damselflies, nymphs, and other insects we find in or near Fall Brook. Nets will be provided. Fee. Meet at the Wheaton House.



Shown is a bluit damselfly, courtesy of George Schreck.

## Well, Well, Well . . .

Look what LDS church volunteers discovered under the deteriorated concrete pad they removed for us with the intention of replacing.

We believe the well was dug in 1838 before the Wheaton family started building the main house. The well probably was covered in concrete in the 1930s or 1940s and uncovered in April 2013. It is approximately 12 feet deep and made of laid up stone.

The landscaping and new well house were done by Rely Landscaping and McNamara Construction.



Top left: Our first sighting. Right: Rusty Ely drawing water. Bottom left: The well after Rusty re-laid the stone.

We have some video of Rusty climbing down into the well, which we'll post on Facebook over the weekend.

## More June Programs

**Children's Gardening Series.** Seven Wednesday afternoons, 1 pm, beginning **June 12**; then, **June 19, 26**; **July 10, 24**; **August 7, 21**. Some children are drawn to digging in the dirt; others are curious about watching a plant grow. This series will foster your children's natural inclinations about gardening, whether for flowers or vegetables. Programs include a story, a topic for the day, and hands-on activities in the garden. **Leader: Concetta Shirra. Fee: \$5 per person (adult or child); 50% off for members and if you prepay for all sessions.**

### Build Your Own Bird Box or Feeder.

**Sunday, June 16, 1 pm.** Celebrate Father's Day in the park with a family activity. Create your own bird-friendly yard by



providing a place they can call home. All materials will be provided to build a box and take it home. **Leader: Concetta Schirra. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register by June 9 (570-967-7275). Fee: members, \$5 (adult or child); nonmembers, \$15 adults, \$5 children.**

**Summer Solstice Celebration.** Friday, **June 21, time tba.** Join us for a seasonal celestial celebration. We'll have games and activities for the whole family and a bonfire after dark. Bring lawn chairs, viewing cameras, or telescopes for night-sky viewing. **Leaders: Concetta Schirra and Valerie Winters. Free.**

**Silver Creek Trail Hike.** Saturday, **June 22, 12:30 pm.** **Concetta Schirra** will lead us along the trail, through the meadow and into the woods. We'll look for wildflowers and other woodland plants. A quick off-shoot of the trail will be a welcome surprise and place for a respite and snacks before returning. Bring snacks, camera, and plant ID books if you have them. **Meet at the Wheaton House. Fee: \$5, members; \$10, nonmembers.**

**Susquehanna County Forest Land Owners Association's Annual Picnic and Presentation.** Sunday, **June 23, noon, picnic; 1 pm, presentation.** Join us at the Pavilion for some food and furry animal interaction with live animals. Sandwich-makings and beverages will be provided; bring a dish to pass, too. Then **Angie Colarusso**, founder of Second Chance for Wildlife, will talk about understanding animals, including their habitats and behavior; our pets' interactions with wildlife; and what to do with injured or abandoned animals. **Free, but bring a dish to pass for the picnic, or just come for the program.**