



Friends of Salt Springs Park

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Weekend Events

The longest day of the year, the first day of summer, and Father's Day—three things to celebrate at Salt Springs this weekend! Join our Summer Solstice Celebration on Saturday, with solar-based demos in the afternoon and story-telling in the evening. Or spend Sunday afternoon with dad in activities like rock scrambling and orienteering. Pack a picnic lunch and make a day of it.

New Board Members

One of the pictures in the April newsletter featured Tom Stoll's log splitter, an integral tool used on Chainsaw Days. May's newsletter carried the list of bird species spotted during Evan Mann's North American Migration Count hike at Salt Springs in May. This month, we're pleased to announce that both Tom and Evan are now members of our board of directors.

Tom Stoll and his wife Jayne moved from New Jersey to Choconut Township in 2010. They were drawn here, says Tom, "by the open spaces and rural nature that reminded us of the summer camps where we met and then lived at year-round early in our marriage. Although I moved on to a career in information technology after 15 years as a camp superintendent, we never lost our love for the outdoors and for the benefits provided by public and private land preserves."

After retiring in 2013, Tom sought out volunteer opportunities. "I was particularly attracted to Salt Springs by the unique nature of the partnership between the state and the non-profit Friends organization. I attended my first Chainsaw Day and thoroughly enjoyed the strenuous physical labor, the friendly welcome from board members, and the sense of a common cause. More events like that followed and I was hooked."

Tom has joined our grounds committee and looks forward to "helping preserve and enhance this wonderful place so others can enjoy it as much as I do."

Evan Mann spent most of his working career in positions tied closely to birds, trees, and agriculture. Now that he's retired, Evan is pursuing his passions: birding, woodworking, and gardening.

"I am blessed to live in northeastern Pennsylvania," says Evan, "surrounded by the natural beauty of the region. I am an avid outdoors person and consider myself an amateur naturalist and a competent birder, able to identify all our local birds by sight and song. I care a great deal about preserving and protecting the local flora and fauna, and the ecosystems upon which they depend."

Like Tom, Evan has joined our grounds committee. "There are only a handful of properties within the county that allow public access and contain such a wealth of biodiversity. Salt Springs' unique status and its natural residents deserve our very best efforts to keep their home safe and unsullied, while making it available for all to enjoy. I look forward to contributing my perspective to the issues the Friends board will face moving forward."

Welcome, Tom and Evan!

Mark Your Calendar!

Full details are on the website.

Summer Solstice Celebration. Saturday, June 20, Noon. An afternoon of solar viewing, solar lessons, solar panels, and other ongoing demos will be followed by an evening of story-telling around a bonfire.

Father & Son Sunday. Sunday, June 21, 2 p.m. Spend the afternoon delving into some environmental education and recreational activities like treasure hunting, orienteering, and rock scrambling.

Music in the Park

Friday, July 3, 7 pm



Join us for an evening of music under the stars at the pavilion, with the Lonnie Griffis Band. Lonnie, Ellen Mulligan, and Scott Zimmerman will perform a mix of jazz, rock, and patriotic classics. Bring chairs or blankets. We toast marshmallows over a bonfire afterward. There's no fee, but we pass the hat.

Yoga at Salt Springs

Experience an all-ages and all-levels fun-filled hour of yoga in natural park settings. Join registered yoga teacher Whitney Wilkerson in practicing Salt Springs-inspired yoga, breath work, mindfulness, and meditation and connecting in nature with ourselves, our friends, and our community. No yoga experience necessary; open to all ages and abilities. Meet at the Wheaton House, and bring water and a mat if you have one.

There will be five sessions, all beginning at 6 pm, on July 9, 18, and 23 and August 1 and 13. Fee is \$5/person; members and kids, free.