



Friends of Salt Springs Park

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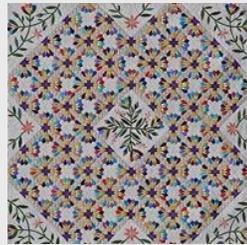
Photo of the Year!



Tami Noonan (vice president and chair of the trails committee) and her husband Kevin hiked the Cliff Trail last weekend. Tami took this photograph, which is the best one I've seen so far this year. Wow! There is so much to appreciate in our own back yards.

Update

Pam Secrist of Sayre, PA, won the "Kaleidoscope of Many Hands" quilt. The raffle was a phenomenal success. We are pleased to announce that on June 6 we were given a check for \$2,250 to support our flood restoration efforts. Thank you to the **Common Threads Quilters Guild** and to all who purchased tickets.



Flood History and Geology—Special Presentation

The **Susquehanna County Forest Land Owners Association** hold their annual picnic at Salt Springs. After their meeting and lunch, they provide a program that they open up to the general public, free of charge. The topic of this year's program, flooding, is especially poignant, as in some ways we're still reeling from the results of last year's!

Evidence that water is a powerful force is littered all over our former picnic area. It can also be found in the bedrock and sandstone and shale lining the gorge walls. Join **Jim Kessler** on **Sunday, June 23, 1 pm, at the Williams Pavilion** for a discussion of the most recent damage from a historical perspective. This will be followed by a short walking tour in the gorge, looking for historical evidence of past floods.

Progress — and Completion!



Major progress has been made on the **footbridge**. The state's "swing crew" — the work crew that does the jobs in the region's state parks that require large equipment — has been here for a couple weeks installing our new septic system. Before they left they put the poles in place that the decking and rails will be attached to.

Next is to secure the poles to their bases and add the decking and hand rails.

A section of the **Overlook Trail** that crosses a small stream was severely undermined in the 2018 flood as well. This past week **Dave Rebello, of Rock Solid Landscaping**, repaired the damage.



And . . . drum roll . . . the **new septic system** is now fully operational, so we can once again rent out the apartment and the Calvin House.

Thank you to all our donors and volunteers, and to the Bureau of State Parks, for making these repairs possible. This partnership rocks!

Upcoming Programs Full Details on Our Website

Kids' Club

Saturday, June 22 11:30 a.m.



Would you like to introduce your kids to nature in a fun and safe environment? **Fill out a survey so we can gather more information to make this group work for your family.** Bring a bag lunch. The meeting starts at

11:30, with summer solstice activities to follow. **No fee.**

Celebrate the Summer Solstice. Saturday, June 22, 12-4 p.m., with an evening campfire. Come for one or all of the activities offered, featuring the solar system, bee-keeping, and critters in the creek. **\$5; members and kids, free.**

All-American Music

Wednesday, July 3, 7 p.m.



The **Brackney String Band** will perform — at the Williams Pavilion this year. **Free, but we pass the hat.**

"Head for the Hills" Hike. Saturday, July 13, 1-4 p.m. Expect moderate hiking and some hill climbs; we'll cover about 4 miles. Bring plenty of water and snacks. **\$5.**

Dragonflies, Damselflies, and Other Insects. Saturday, July 20, 1 p.m. After a short presentation, we'll go to the creek and search for insects. **\$5; members and kids, free. Rain/cloud date: Sunday, July 21.**

Archery for Beginners. Saturday, July 27, 10 a.m. We provide the equipment and instruction by certified instructor **Diane Hawley-Wurth**. **\$5; \$15/family.** In case of rain, we shoot in the upper level of the Dairy Barn.

Metal Detecting for Beginners. Sunday, July 28, 2 p.m. Experts **Joseph Adrian** and **Michael Lettieri** introduce you to the equipment and to the do's and don'ts and how-to's and how-not-to's. Artifacts from their 30+ years of detecting will be on display. **\$10. Held at the Williams Pavilion.**