



# Friends of Salt Springs Park

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## Board Changes

We are pleased to welcome four new board members this year: James Kessler, Stephen Spero, Dennis Wilson, and Sandy Babuka.

Jim recently retired as the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Forester for Susquehanna County. Over the years he has helped cut new trails, given talks, led walks, and shared extensive knowledge on practical forestry issues.

Steve has worked as Assistant Managing Editor for the *Binghamton Press*. His Bachelor's Degree in Economics as well as his experience with payroll and non-payroll budgets make him a perfect fit for our financial management needs.

Dennis is returning to the board after a year's absence. Whether on or off the board, Dennis oversees our trail maintenance work and ensures that all trails are clearly marked. He also leads public llama hikes over our trails.

Sandy is also returning to the board after a year's absence. She is the director of Trehab's wind energy program. She is also Chair of the Friends' Education Committee and has participated in the Friends' E3 program since its inception.

We thank Michaela Steele, who is leaving us after serving one term. Michaela, an elementary school teacher, has led many of the children's programs at the park and coordinated the children's activities during our annual Celebration. We intend to hold her to her promise to stay involved

## Upcoming Program

**Holiday Wreaths and Natural Decorations**—Saturday, December 5, 9-2 pm. Save money and still decorate beautifully for the holiday using only what nature provides. We'll teach you a simple method to make a beautiful mixed green wreath in just a few hours, as well as whimsical creatures to adorn your Christmas tree or table. Greens, seed pods and other natural objects to stimulate your imagination will be provided. Upon registration, participants will receive a list of other items to bring. Program fee: members, \$5; nonmembers, \$10. Pre-registration required.

## Highlights of "Honoring Our Rural Heritage"

October 3, 2009

Hands-on activities and displays featured old tools, games, animals, food, and the grange.



We made, and ate, butter.



We washed clothes . . .



hauled milk



planted corn



and played games.



Saturday, October 24, 2009

Congratulations to Tami and Kevin Noonan, the latest couple to get married at Salt Springs, and the first to hold a reception in the Carriage Barn. What a bouquet!

Below, Tami and Kevin are standing where they got married—by the stone wall near the memorial bench.



Meet our newest volunteer, Ellen Fortunato. Ellen is a hard worker! She cleared the Fall Brook banks (in the picnic area) and the east side of the back parking lot of Japanese knotweed, cleared rocks and log debris left in the creek bed by the June 2006 flood, and helped build the stone wall near the new memorial bench.

