



Friends of Salt Springs Park

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Fall Colors Can Still Be Found at Salt Springs

We generally think of fall colors in terms of the splashy oranges, yellows, and reds of October leaves. But there's still much to delight the eye during a stroll through Salt Springs in November. The male ring-necked pheasant. The pumpkins at the Wheaton House. Those rusty leaves that still cling to the trees, especially when backlit by the bright blue sky. Take a hike this month and let us know what other colorful sights you see. Better yet, send us a photo of it and a short description of who, what, when, where . . . so we can share it with others in our December e-letter.



Salt Springs' "American Pickers"

Paul DeSera and Rosemary Perry, like those guys on the History Channel, scour the back roads picking up items of interest to them. Fortunately for the Friends and all visitors to Salt Springs, their back

roads wind through Salt Springs, and their interests center on garbage. In addition to participating in our annual spring roadside cleanups, Paul and Rosemary make the rounds on their own several times a year. In their recent 2-day, 5-mile trek over the Halloween weekend, from the intersection of Rt. 29 and Buckley Rd. to Franklin Forks, they filled three bags. Highlights include a food processor, 3 cans of condensed milk, and a bag of used cat litter. Thank you for properly disposing of these "treasures"!

Support the Friends with Community Foundation Endowments

The Community Foundation of Susquehanna & Wyoming Counties currently manages two endowments established by the late Kenneth and Mary Leasure that provide permanent support for Salt Springs Park and that can receive additional tax deductible donations to enhance the benefit for the park. The Friends of Salt Springs Legacy Society recognizes those who have created estate plans to contribute to these two endowments or to establish additional endowments for support of the Park. For more information, or to make a donation, please contact The Community Foundation at 270 Lake Avenue, Montrose, PA 18801; 570-278-3800; foundation@epix.net.

- Friends of Salt Springs Park Endowment
- Mary K. Leasure Memorial Bench Endowment
- Legacy Society Members:
 - Nancy Wottrich and Bruce McNaught since 2007
 - Hedi and Charles Randall since 2008

Pumpkins !



Pumpkin carving in the festively decorated Carriage Barn.

The Salt Springs First Annual Pumpkin Carving and Races event, organized by Education Coordinator Matt Purdy, was held Sunday, October 31. It was a success thanks to the help of several volunteers, including Bridget Nowik, Michaela Steele, Sandy Babuka, Student Specialist T.J. Warholic, and Eileen Baessler. The day was packed with fun activities, including pumpkin carving, cider and treats, costumes and face painting, games, races, Charlie Brown films, and story telling by Eileen Baessler.



Bruce and Eileen Baessler.

Pumpkins are an amazing fruit. Most parts of the pumpkin are edible, including the fleshy shell, the seeds, the leaves, and even the flowers.

Native Americans dried strips of pumpkin and wove them into mats. They also roasted long strips of pumpkin on the open fire and ate them.

The origin of pumpkin pie occurred when the colonists sliced off the pumpkin top, removed the seeds, and filled the insides with milk, spices, and honey. The pumpkin was then baked in hot ashes. The pumpkin is truly a staple of North American history.

— Matt Purdy