



# Friends of Salt Springs Park November 2017

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## Giving Thanks

We have much to be thankful for. Second only to our gratitude that the 842 acres of earth we call Salt Springs Park exist and we are their stewards at this time is our thankfulness that you, our members, support us.

Your membership dollars enable us to provide a peaceful sanctuary for all who seek it, and your labor on volunteer work days help keep the park safe and beautiful.

We are thankful for the new Friends who joined us this year—Ben Adams, Charles and Virginia Ahearn, Associates of Psychotherapy (Endicott, NY), Cathy and Tom Brundage, Helenmarie Fries, Evie and Bill Goff, Kim Grace, Scott and Lois Heckman, Paul King, Eloise Krogh, Elizabeth Manlove, Michael Paules, Chris Schiappa, Deanna Smith, Tasha Smith, Charles Stoffa, Nancy Vanness, Allen and Debbie Van Tassel, and Scott and Diane Wurth.

Thank you, new and continuing members and Friends — keep up the great work!

## Annual Envirothon Practice

On Friday, October 27, 120 high school students (Mountain View, Blue Ridge, Susquehanna, and Montrose) spent the day at Salt Springs Park learning about the environment in preparation for next year's Envirothon—a series of contests at the county, state, and national levels based on environmental knowledge.

Robert Fearnley and others at the Susquehanna County Conservation District organize and sponsor local participation in the Envirothon. They bring the kids to Salt Springs each fall to begin prepping for next year's contests.

Students are tested in five areas, and the District lines up experts to teach them: forestry (this year taught by Jim Kessler), wildlife (Wildlife Conservation Officers Ben Rebeck and Shane Kliner, shown below giving their presentation in the Carriage Barn), soils (Ain Welmon and Kay Garner), aquatics (Wes Congdon), and a current issue (this year, grazing and grass management, taught by Curt Hepler). It is especially gratifying to see this many kids participate, because Envirothon is an elective. They don't have to participate if they don't want to.



## Mark Your Calendar!

**Winter Snow Fun.** Saturday, December 9, 1 p.m. AND Saturday, December 16, 1 p.m. We will provide snowshoes or ice cleats and poles—just wear your winter boots. Basic instruction will be given to those new to these winter sports. **If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll reschedule. Free-will donation.**

**Holiday Centerpiece and Nature Crafts.** Sunday, December 10, 1 p.m. Let's take a walk to gather some of nature's treasures and create a piece of art—maybe a wreath, ornament, or centerpiece. Bring a container for your artwork (like a shoebox or picture frame), accessories to add, and tools (scissors, glue, etc.). **Free-will donation.**

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pieces of Earl W. Lehman's hanging on our walls in the Wheaton House that are for sale. Proceeds of all sales will support either this talented local artist or one of your favorite charities—the Friends of Salt Springs Park.

Buy this chipper! It's a DR 11.00 Premier Rapid-Feed Chipper, model #C350-CHP. It was donated to us to sell as a fund-raiser. We're asking \$450. Call for details.

