



# Friends of Salt Springs Park October 2015

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## Annual Meeting

It's already October, which means our Annual Meeting is coming up. Members have been sent their notices and reservation forms.

Not a member? You are welcome to attend too . . . and of course to sign up for a stint with us! We meet for dinner in Dreyer Lodge at the Montrose Bible Conference on the last Tuesday of October, this year on the 27th.

We gather at 6 pm and are seated at 6:30 for a buffet dinner. This year we're having glazed ham and scalloped potatoes as well as a vegetarian selection. We save the short business part for last. If you are interested, please call 570-967-7275 by Friday for further details.

This is Steve Spero's final year as president. Please join us as we thank him for his service - and please heed one of his last requests (as president) for a donation!

## Something To Consider

Carpenter ants.

They're why we—the Friends of Salt Springs Park—exist.

We're charged with maintaining the historic Wheaton House, and we do it while remaining as true as we can to the 1860s methods used in the house. This means no foundation plantings. No gutters, either.

Rain falling from the metal roof we installed damaged the paint. Handyman Larry Holbrook saw some of the clapboard siding was damaged and pulled a few boards off.

He found the ants in the main corner supports at the front of the building, ants that appeared to have been there for decades. We immediately called an exterminator, cut out the rotten wood, shored up the supports, replaced the siding and repainted the wood.

I'm telling you this not because I am looking for a pat on the back. I'm looking for money.

The board of directors recently adopted a \$96,000 expense budget, but only a \$62,000 revenue budget. We expect to pull \$20,000 out of our investments, leaving us \$14,000 in the hole.

That deficit is budgeted despite increases in budgeted revenue for membership, events, programs, and camping. We can use your help. Please consider making a donation of any size. We promise to be good stewards of your money and use it to keep the park the special place it has been since the Wheatons first arrived.

Stephen Spero  
President, Friends of Salt Springs Park

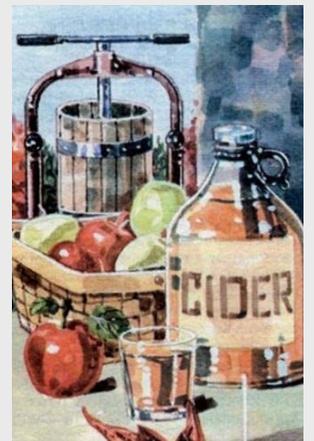
## Mark Your Calendar

Full details are available on our website.

**Monarch Migration and Milkweed. Saturday, October 17, 1 pm.** Learn about monarchs and what milkweed means to them. Hands-on activities include making milkweed seed dirt balls and face-painting. All ages welcome. \$5/person; \$15 for families; members, free. In case of rain, activities will be indoors.

### From Apples to Cider October 18, 2 pm

Bring a bag of apples and an empty jug. **Dana Woods** will run those apples through his press, and you'll go home with that jug full of fresh cider. Or just bring a container, and we'll have some fresh cider for sale. Don't want that much? Come sit a spell, watch cider being pressed, and enjoy a glass with us for a donation. \$5/person; kids 12 and younger, free.



We're pleased to announce that *Casual Water* will be playing while we're making cider. **Derek Lyons** (guitar) and **Eli Gere** (drums) play a combination of soft rock, funk, and folk music. They'll turn a plain old good time into a party!

### Halloween Fest! Saturday, October 24, 4 pm



Festivities begin with pumpkin carving. At 6 pm we break open the piñata and tell ghost stories until dark, when we end with a walk in our haunted woods. We'll have treats for those who come in costume and a campfire following the walk. \$5/person; \$20/families; members, 50% discount. Rain date: Sunday, October 25.

**Border Hike. Saturday, November 7, 11 am.** We'll start with a leisurely pace along a stream and work up to a moderate to difficult finish for those so inclined.