



Friends of Salt Springs Park

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Celebration 2013

Except when it rained, the weather was spectacular. We've had such good weather over the years that we barely noticed.

Kids had a great time playing games, listening to *The Cat, the Sun, and the Mirror*, eating hot dogs, petting the animals, and just being in the park. Older kids spent more money at the Silent Auction this year than in the past, and the musicians perfectly reflected and enhanced the mood with their upbeat tunes.

Because there's limited space here, we'll follow up with some photographs and our detailed heartfelt thanks in the October Salt Springs *Messenger*.

Fields, Forest and Falls Trail Race

The inaugural Fields, Forest and Falls Trail Race on Aug. 31 was a success, with the number of runners exceeding expectations. There were 20 pre-registered and 31 who signed up on the morning of the race, including several families. Their ages ranged from 8 to 69. Besides the Binghamton and Montrose areas, runners came from as far as Cortland, Owego, Harpursville, Waverly and Newfield, NY, and Simpson, Hallstead and Dimock, PA.

There were two courses to choose from: an approximately 2.5-mile course and a 5.5-mile course. Runners were almost evenly split between the two. Conditions were wet, humid and slippery, and although that made for tough running, there were lots of smiles at the finish line. Short-course winners were Eric Bixby and Avenlea Bixby; short-course masters winners were Brett Bixby and Joanne Clements.

Long-course winners were Cole Crosby and Ashley Johnson; long-course masters winners were Steve Cammisa and Dawn Devita. Prizes were donated by the Friends of Salt Springs Park (T-shirts) and Confluence Running, Endless Brewing and Jem's at Creek Bend (gift certificates).

People who made the race possible include Mike Hornak, Lou Mitchell, George Schreck and Steve Spero from the Friends of Salt Springs. Other volunteers were Phil and Peggy Maynard (son and wife of board member Jack Maynard), Sam Spero and members of the Broome County Triathlon Club: Tom, Kelley and Alexis Hamlin, Ed DeSantis, Jo Cator, and Brenda and Erin Beavan.

— From Diana Bean, race director

Welcome Richard Jordan

We are pleased to announce that Richard Jordan has rejoined the board of the Friends of Salt Springs Park (having served for a year in 2009).

Mr. Jordan holds a JD from the University of Notre Dame, was a partner for 32 years in the Philadelphia-based Mid-Atlantic Regional Law Firm of White and Williams LLP, and currently practices part-time in Montrose.

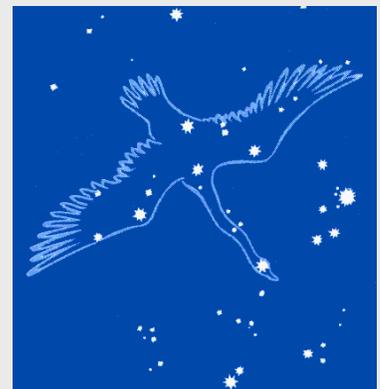
Mr. Jordan has been extensively involved in historical and environmental community activities, including serving as director of Elfreth's Alley Association and director and president of Awbury Arboretum. He is married to Maureen Brown Jordan (a retired lawyer) and a father of five children.

Mark Your September Calendars

Game On! Friday, Sept. 20 (also Oct. 11, and Nov. 8), 7-8:30 pm. What is everyone looking forward to at the end of the week? How about some fun and games at Salt Springs Park? Come out and learn about our environment and what lives here. Games include Animalopoly, plants and predators, orienteering activities, and more. **Free-will donation.**

Bike 'n Bonfire. Saturday, September 21, 5-8:30 pm. Say goodbye to summer with a bike tour along the roads in Salt Springs. Welcome autumn around a toasty fire as we watch the full moon rise. Bring snacks to share. **Free.**

Astronomy for Beginners. Saturday, September 28, 7-9:30 pm. Mike and Mary Sinkovich, members of Lackawanna Astronomical Society, present an evening about astronomy. We'll begin at the Wheaton House with some basic instruction on using the telescope. By 7:45 pm, we'll move to the field above on Salt Springs Road to view the starry skies.



Cygnus constellation, part of which will be viewable with the naked eye.

All levels of astronomers and stargazers welcome, with or without your own equipment. Remember to dress in warm layers. Total cloud-out or rain is unpredictable. Call the park on the afternoon of the event if the weather looks iffy. **Fee: \$5 per person; \$15 for families; FSSP members, free.**

A Way to Help — The United Way

This month, all over the country local United Way chapters are kicking off their annual workplace giving campaigns. We ask you to consider pledging a regular donation to the Friends of Salt Springs Park during the next cycle.