



Friends of Salt Springs Park September 2017

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Salt Springs Celebration A Grand Success!

Cloudy and cool, but comfortable, weather was the backdrop to a perfect day. One hundred seventeen runners participated in the morning Trail Race, and a record number of people came in the afternoon to enjoy the music, food, sales, quilt show, animals, historical and environmental displays, and the engaging company of friends and family.



New this year was a White Elephant sale, organized and run by Donna Holbrook and Dorothy Thomas.



Also new this year was an Archery how-to activity, made possible by a Get Outdoors grant for the equipment and run by Diane Hawley-Wurth and Mary Butler.



Hedgehog! One of the animals brought by the Ross Park ZooMobile.



Jenna Hunsinger, female winner of the long course — and a flower crown!

Sunday, October 1, Offerings

Photography Class with Dave Teachout, 2 pm, \$20.

Dave Teachout is a local award-winning artistic photographer specializing in nature and high-action sports portraits. He enjoys pushing the boundaries of Manual mode as well as passing on his discoveries and knowledge of camera manipulation.

We will explore using the Manual settings to create stunning nature photos. Learn how to frame a picture you would want on your wall for years to come. Bring your digital camera and tripod; hiking shoes will be appropriate for this photo shoot.

Pre-registration appreciated.

From Apples to Cider, 2 pm, \$5

Bring your apples (1-bushell limit) and a jug, and we'll have two presses (thank you **Dana Woods** and **Jerry Sibley!**) to run them through. Enjoy the music of **Canary Circus**, with special guest **Eli Gere** on percussion, while you wait.



Mark Your Calendar!

Basic Orienteering Treasure Hunt. Saturday, September 30, 11 a.m. Learn some basic orienteering skills—map reading and compass navigation—in a fun and safe environment. **\$5; \$15 for families; members, free.**

Botanical Sketching. Sunday, October 8, 12:30 p.m. Join scientific illustrator **Kelly Finan** as she shares her knowledge of paint, flower anatomy, and field sketching, and then embark on a botanical challenge of your own. Bring a pencil, paper, and/or a watercolor kit (basic is fine) if you have one. **\$5/person; members, free.**

Trees in Our Back Yard. Saturday, October 14, 1 p.m. Hike with us to learn the basics of tree ID and some fun facts. We'll share educational craft ideas for kids after the tree walk. **\$5/person; members and kids, free.**

Archery for Beginners. Saturday, October 21, 10:30 a.m. AND Saturday, November 11, 12:30 p.m. We offer a beginner's program based on the National Archery in the Schools Program and taught by certified instructors. We provide the equipment and targets. **\$5/person; members, free.**

Halloween Fest. Saturday, October 28. The fun begins at 4 p.m. with pumpkin carving, continues with a piñata and ghost stories from 6 p.m. till dark, and ends with a haunted house. **\$5; \$20 for families; members, 50% discount.**

Full Moon Hike. Friday, November 3, 6:30 p.m. From the Wheaton House we'll hike into the dusky woods and explore the park by moonlight. Bring a flashlight and a snack to share around a campfire afterwards. **Free-will donation or nonperishable food item for the local food bank.**

Border Hike. Saturday, November 18, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pack a lunch and join us along a trail less travelled. **Free-will donation.**

Holiday Centerpiece and Nature Crafts. Sunday, November 19, 1 p.m. AND 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.**

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.**