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June

STAR PARTY. Saturday, June 1, 8:30–10:30 p.m. (Rain date: Sunday, June 2, 8:30 p.m.) Mike and Mary Sinkovich will host this spring star party, and this time we hope to see Mars, Jupiter, and maybe Saturn. We begin the evening with a presentation at the Wheaton House (tips about telescopes and finding good astronomy resources on the Internet) and end in the upper field, where viewing is ideal. Dress in warm layers. All levels of stargazers are welcome; bring a cheap flashlight and we'll transform it into a red light with nail polish. **Total cloud-out and rain can be unpredictable; call the office if the weather looks iffy (570-967-7275). Fee: \$5; families, \$15; members, free.**

CONFETTI QUILT. Sunday, June 2, 1–3 p.m. Celebrate spring with fabric confetti! Artists in Residence **Barbara Merritt** and **Jayne Stoll** will be in the Carriage Barn to assist anyone interested in creating their own unique small collage quilt using fabric scraps and other embellishments. All materials are supplied, and no sewing is required, so stop by and try your hand at becoming a fiber artist. This is appropriate for both adults and kids; children must be accompanied by an adult. **No fee.**

ARCHERY FOR BEGINNERS. Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m.–Noon. Archery is one of the fastest growing sports today. We offer a beginner's program based on the National Archery in Schools Program. We provide the equipment, and you bring your focus and maybe someone

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FULL MOON HIKE. Saturday, June 15, 8:30–10 p.m. Come explore the park by the light of the moon. Bring a snack to share around a campfire afterwards, a flashlight, and an adventurous spirit. **Fee: Free-will donation or nonperishable food items for the local food bank.**

CELEBRATE THE SUMMER SOLSTICE. Saturday, June 22, 12–4 p.m., with evening campfire. (Rain date: Sunday, June 23, same times.) Come for one or all of the workshops offered. Bring your picnic to the park—blankets or lawn chairs, snacks, food, and drink. **Fee: \$5; members and kids, free.**

12 p.m. Summer Sun. Learn about the layers of the sun and safe ways to view the center of our solar system—and make a food model.

1 p.m. Bees & Honey with Jim Perkins. Bees pollinate 33% of our food as well as make honey. The presentation will include discussions, demonstrations, honey samples, and Q&A.

3 p.m. Stream Stomp. Cool off in the creek and find some critters. Learn about macroinvertebrates, aquatic insects, and the ecosystem they support.

Evening campfire. Join us for story-telling and a campfire at dusk. Bring snacks to share and revel in the long daylight until the stars come out to shine.

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NOTE: **For all programs, children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. **Meet at the Wheaton House unless otherwise noted.

April

“TAKE A BREAK” HIKE. Saturday, April 6, 1–4 p.m. Take a break from your taxes and head for the hills of Salt Springs Park. We'll hike a 3-mile moderately difficult loop along a lesser known trail. Wear appropriate layers and sturdy shoes, and bring snacks and drinks. **Fee: \$5; members, free.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—CHAINSAW DAY. Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m. We need volunteers for this annual spring workday. We turn downed trees into firewood to sell and address some of the larger spring cleaning jobs around the park. Bring chainsaws and trucks if you can. **Free food, drinks, and T-shirts provided to all volunteers. Please pre-register (friends@salt springspark.org) so we have enough supplies on hand.**

BUILDING HOMES FOR BIRDS. Sunday, April 14, 1–3 p.m. As spring approaches, birds are thinking about building a home and raising a family. **Evan Mann**, local birder and Friends' member, will teach us how to attract birds to our properties by offering them nesting boxes. Learn which species will use these boxes, where best to place them, and how to be a “good landlord” so their young successfully fledge. After a 45-minute A / V presentation (with lots of beautiful pictures), we'll move to the Carriage Barn where you will assemble the nest box you pre-ordered with your class registration. **Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please pre-register (570-967-7275 or friends@saltspringspark.org). Meet at the Wheaton House. Fee: \$5; members, free; PLUS \$20/nest box.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—TRAIL DAY. Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. On this second day of spring cleaning, we tackle everything else! We'll finish up with the firewood; clear trails, lawns, and flowerbeds; clean the buildings; attack invasive species; and more. **Free food, drinks, and T-shirts are provided to all volunteers. Please pre-register (friends@salt springspark.org) so we have sufficient supplies on hand.**

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY. Sunday, April 28. Enjoy the afternoon at Salt Springs Park participating in one or both of these activities. **Fee: \$5; members and kids, free:**

1 p.m. Recycle Mania. Test your sleuthing skills on a scavenger hunt for recyclable items. Race against time (and your opponents) to collect all the items and put them in their proper recycle bin. Prizes for all.

2:30 p.m. Tree Planting. Trees produce nearly 30% of the earth's oxygen. Learn more about them and help us plant a few near our native garden. Bring gloves—this will be a hands-on learning experience. The first 20 participants will receive a bare-root sapling for their own yards.

May

ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP. Sunday, May 5, 10 a.m. Help us clean the roadsides in and around Salt Springs Park. We work in teams. Bring a truck if you can. We provide bags, safety vests, and gloves. **No fee.** And, back-to-back pickin'—bring a lunch and join the walk at 1 pm in search of wildflowers.

WILD FOR WILDFLOWERS! Sunday, May 5, 1–4 p.m. Let's see how many wildflowers we can find along our hike. A wildflower guide, camera, and notebook are handy but not necessary. Bring snacks and drinks, sturdy shoes,

and appropriate layers for a 1.5-mile easy to moderate hike. **Fee: \$5; members, free.**

NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION COUNT. Saturday, May 11, 7:30 a.m. Local resident and avid birder **Evan Mann** will lead a walk to identify as many bird species as we can by sight and sound. We'll search the campground and ravine for the park's signature species, Louisiana waterthrush and winter wren, and visit meadows for bluebirds and the upper fields for bobolinks. The upper gorge will yield multiple warbler and thrush species, and the early successional fields of the Friends land will add another suite of birds to our list. Expect to detect 60 different species. We'll begin in the Wheaton House parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and conclude late morning. Join us for all or part of the walk. Good walking shoes and binoculars are recommended. **Fee: Free-will donation.**

FULL MOON HIKE. Saturday, May 18, 8:30–10 p.m. Come explore the park by the light of the moon. Bring a snack to share around a campfire afterwards, a flashlight, and an adventurous spirit. **Fee: Free-will donation or nonperishable food items for the food bank.**

KIDS' CLUB INITIAL GATHERING, Sunday, May 19, 1 p.m. Do your children enjoy learning by discovery? Do they enjoy being outside, or would you like to introduce them to nature in a fun and safe environment? Join us for more information about making this group work for your family. The meeting will be about an hour and is followed by an archery activity. **No fee.**

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