

through the steps to paint a leaf that pops off the page. Bring a pencil, paper, and/or a watercolor set if you have one. All ages welcome. **Pre-registration appreciated (570-967-7275). Fee: \$15; members, \$10.**

HALLOWEEN FEST. Saturday, October 27, 4 p.m. Our popular family fall event is back for the 7th year, with lots of pumpkins, activities, games, and food. The festivities begin at 4 p.m. with pumpkin carving. At 6 p.m. we'll take turns at the piñata and then tell ghost stories until dark. We'll end the evening with our Haunted House. **Fee: \$5; families, \$20; members, 50% discount.**

November

WINTER BIRD FEEDING. Saturday, November 10, 10 a.m. till Noon. The winter months are a great time to enjoy feeding wild birds. Learn the secrets to attracting seed-eating species to your property. Our presenter, **Evan Mann**, spent three decades working in the bird-feeding industry. He will share his understanding of the principles behind attracting the widest variety of birds and the best practices for getting the most enjoyment from the hobby. He will also cover the birds, seeds, and types of feeders that can fill our yards with color throughout the upcoming season. **Fee: \$5; families, \$15; members, free.**

FALL STAR PARTY. Saturday, November 10, 6:30 p.m. The air is cooler and the sky is clearer. Come see Mars, Saturn, Neptune, and Uranus and the surrounding heavenly bodies. **Mike and Mary Sinkovich** will host this fall star party, beginning with a presentation at the Wheaton House (tips about telescopes and finding good astronomy resources on the Internet) and ending 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. We'll top off the evening with some hot cocoa and cookies. **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.**

HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE AND NATURE CRAFTS. Sunday, November 18, 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 your creativity, a container for your artwork (like a shadow box or a picture frame) and any accessories you might want to add. Bring your own tools—scissors, glue, glue gun—if you have them; we'll have a limited supply available to share. Children 3 to 103 welcome! **Fee: \$5; members, free.**

December

WINTER SNOW FUN. Saturday, December 8, 1 p.m. Get out to see some winter wonders—animal tracks, dazzling snow drifts, whitened landscapes. 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.** **Fee: Free-will donation.**

HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE AND NATURE CRAFTS. Sunday, December 9, 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 your creativity, a container for your artwork (like a shadow box or a picture frame) and any accessories you might want to add. Bring your own tools—scissors, glue, glue gun—if you have them; we'll have a limited supply available to share. Children 3 to 103 welcome! **Fee: \$5; members, free.**

WINTER SNOW FUN. Saturday, December 15, 1 p.m. Get out to see some winter wonders—animal tracks, dazzling snow drifts, whitened landscapes. 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.** **Fee: Free-will donation.**

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Friends of Salt Springs Park

Programs & Events

September - December

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Salt Springs Park
Franklin Forks, PA

(From Montrose: 6 miles N on Rt. 29;
1 mile W on Silver Creek Rd to park)

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***For all programs, children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.**

****Meet at the Wheaton House unless otherwise specified.**

September

SALT SPRINGS CELEBRATION Saturday, September 1

8:30 a.m.: Field, Forest, and Falls Trail Race.

Choose the 5K or 10K loop through meadows, forests, and fields and along the gorge. Registration begins at 7 a.m. Full details are on our website.

11 a.m.: Salt Springs Celebration. Food, animals, demos, displays, vendors, white elephant sale, guided hikes, music, silent auction, raffles, archery, a quilt show in the dairy barn, and more! The recent flooding changed the landscape but not our spirit! Come celebrate the resiliency of both the land and the Friends who help manage and care for it.

NATIVE SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY SNAKES.

Saturday, September 8, 1 p.m. Former Ross Park Zookeeper **John Brunner** will show and tell about snakes native to Susquehanna County. He will bring a few live specimens to observe and touch. Following his presentation, we'll take a short walk to see what we can find. Take advantage of this great opportunity to have your snake questions answered. **Fee: \$5; members and kids, free.**

"HEAD FOR THE HILLS" HIKE. Sunday, September 9, 1–4 p.m. Did you know that Salt Springs Park encompasses 842 acres, with over 15 miles of trails? Join us as we venture beyond the waterfalls along trails that will take us through several habitats to the edges of the park. Expect moderate hiking and some hill climbs; we'll cover about 4 miles. Bring plenty of water and snacks. **Fee: \$5; families, \$15; members, free.**

FULL MOON HIKE. Friday, September 21, 6:30–9 p.m. We'll hike into the dusky woods and explore the park by the light of the Harvest Moon. Bring a snack to share around a campfire afterwards, a flashlight, and an adventurous spirit. **Fee: \$5; members, free.**


DRAGONFLIES, DAMSELFLIES, AND OTHER INSECTS. Sunday, September 23, 1–3 p.m. Meet at the Wheaton House for Binghamton University professor and avid odonatologist **Thomas Donnelly's** presentation. Then try your hand at catching and studying dragonflies, damselflies, and nymphs along a stream with nets that we provide. Bring waterproof or other sturdy shoes. All ages welcome. **If cloudy/rainy, call (570-967-7275) for cancellation information. Fee: \$5; members and kids, free.**

TREES IN OUR BACK YARD. Saturday, September 29, 1–3 p.m. Fall is a glorious time to admire the colorful variety of our native PA trees. Whether you are an interested land owner, excited school kid, enthusiastic photographer, or just curious, hike with us to learn the basics of tree ID and some fun facts. We'll share some educational craft ideas for kids after the tree walk. **Fee: \$5; members and kids, free.**

TWO-WHEELED TOUR OF SALT SPRINGS PARK. Sunday, September 30, 1 p.m. This is your last chance to get in a fun bike ride with us before the chilly weather sets in. We'll explore some roads and trails to the edge of the park, with easy to moderate riding. **Fee: Free-will donation or nonperishable food item for the local food bank.**

FROM APPLES TO CIDER. Sunday, September 30, 2 p.m. Once produced on nearly every farmstead, apple cider is now generally available only in stores. Bring your apples (1-bushel *minimum*) and an empty jug, and help **Dana Woods** run those apples through the presses. Or, come sit a spell, watch cider being pressed, and enjoy a taste. **Live music with special guest Eli Gere on percussion. Fee: \$5; kids 12 and under, free.**

October

 **EARL W. LEHMAN ART EXHIBIT, ARTISTS' OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND. Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, October 6, 7, and 8, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily; With Soup Sale Oct. 6, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Earl will mount an exhibit in the historic Carriage Barn during the countywide self-guided Artists' Open House Weekend art tour as the culmination of his year-long residency at Salt Springs Park. A portion of his sales will be donated to the Friends. The Friends will also host a hot soup lunch sale on Saturday, October 6, 11 a.m. till 2 p.m.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS. Saturday, October 6, 1–4 p.m. Capture the beauty of the season and learn how to frame a picture you would love to hang on your wall for years to come. We will explore using the Manual settings to create stunning nature photos. A 45-minute presentation on basic shooting techniques will be followed by some hands-on practice out in the park. Bring your digital camera and a tripod if you have one; hiking shoes will also be appropriate for this photo shoot. Come early for the hot soup sale accompanying artist Earl W. Lehman's showing in the Carriage Barn. **Pre-registration appreciated (570-967-7275). Fee: \$10; members, \$5. Rain date, Sunday, October 7, 1 p.m.**

ARCHERY FOR BEGINNERS. Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m. – Noon. 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 else for a little friendly competition. All ages are welcome. This is a great family activity taught by **Diane Hawley-Wurth**, a NASP-certified instructor. **Fee: \$5; \$15/family. In case of rain, we'll shoot in the upper level of the Dairy Barn.**

FALL COLORS. Sunday, October 14, 1 p.m. Professional scientific illustrator **Kelly Finan** will explain the plant anatomy and physiology behind our beautiful fall colors and guide us