

Twinleaf Newsletter

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Volunteers help clear a fallen tree at the 2014 Earth Day Work Day. photo by Nancy Hendrickson

Earth Day Work Day Call to Action

The Earth Needs YOU!

Join us in our mission to preserve native habitat by getting out into the woods with hands-on activity. We have many different projects to choose from to fit your activity level. All volunteers are invited to stay for a buffet lunch and dessert. Perfect activity for service groups, students, families and individuals. To learn more or to sign up, email Trish McGuire at mcguire@bhwp.org

Earth Day Work Day Saturday, April 11, 2015 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



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Preserve Completes Phase One of Nursery Renovation

We are happy to report that we have just completed the first phase of our Native Plant Nursery Renovation and Upgrade.

Our twenty-five year old Nursery suffered from many limitations, including outdated technology and a lack of protection from the elements. With the construction of the new greenhouse now complete, we are transforming into a facility that is protected from extreme weather.



Volunteers built this poly house as part of the Nursery Renovation.

The native plants we sell are not just a beautiful addition to the landscape, they are an important part of the Preserve's educational mission and a fundraiser to support our programs. With a footprint of 64° x 26° , our new greenhouse will provide an enormous amount of all-season growing space. This will allow us to grow plants to a finished size so they will be in bloom in time for our spring sale. It gives us the flexibility to cope with late growing seasons like the one we suffered through last year. 2014 was a very challenging grow year! The cool temperatures that hung around all spring caused plants like our bleeding hearts, typically in continued on page 5

Mark your Calendar!

Spring Native Plant Sale Members' Preview Friday, May 8



Free events for PRESERVE MEMBERS ONLY.*

Preview Lecture: noon -1:00 p.m. with Jared Rosenbaum see page 7 for details of Jared's lecture

Preview Shopping: 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Spring Native Plant Sale opens to public Sat., May 9, 10a.m. - 4p.m.

*Guest Passes can not be used for admission to Members' only events.

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The Preserve is located 2 ½ miles south of New Hope, PA at 1635 River Road (Route 32). Open year-round.

The grounds are open from 8:30 a.m. – sunset daily. Visitor Center and Twinleaf Shop are open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, Memorial Day, and Labor Day; closed Thanksgiving Day and 12/24 through 1/1.

Admission:

Preserve members: FREE Non-members: Adults - \$6; Seniors (65+) - \$4; Full-time students - \$4; children 3 through 14 - \$3; children under 3 are free.

Preserve Staff:

A. Miles Arnott, Executive Director
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Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve inspires the appreciation and use of native plants by serving as a sanctuary and an educational resource for conservation and stewardship.

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve is managed by the Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve Association, Inc. in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling 1-800-732-0999.

Registration does not imply endorsement.



Message from the Director

Why is it that we visit Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, many of us returning every year or season, and sometimes even daily? I think much of the reason we never tire of the Preserve is that it appeals to our inherent sense of wonder and appetite for discovery.

Whether we are just beginning our life journey, or are a seasoned naturalist who has spent countless hours on the trails studying, watching, and learning, there is always something new to learn, an observation to be made, a story to be told if only we will listen. Listen to the stories of children after they have been guided through the Preserve. They will eagerly share their discoveries with you, and you can watch them transform from student to teacher before your eyes as they relate their experiences to you as their audience. Listen to the volunteer naturalists as they share their newest discoveries about where Baltimore checker-spot caterpillars are feeding, which warbler species are moving through, and what insect they saw pollinating the yellow lady slipper orchid. All of these bits of information are words, phrases, or sentences that weave together to tell the larger story of the Preserve. There are countless stories here to be told and shared, and many of them are still secret just waiting to be discovered if we will just take the time to observe.

One of the most intriguing stories is the age old and still evolving relationship between flowering plants and their pollinators. The plant/pollinator story involves family ties and long histories, mutually beneficial arrangements and chemical arms races, thievery and deception, and some of the most fascinating specializations in living form and function that can be found in the natural world. Pollination ecology is a story that appeals to our curious nature and serves as a microcosm of the larger questions about the web of life. Because those stories are so fascinating and so appealing and because so much depends upon pollinators, from zucchini and apples in your home garden to mountain mint and milkweed in the meadow, the Preserve will be highlighting the role of pollinators in our educational programming and in our messaging to the public. Even the theme of this year's Gala is our meadow and the pollinators that make it their home. We will be developing meadow pollinator specific programs for school groups both on and offsite. And we will be developing a "pocket meadow" concept by offering assemblages of native meadow plants to homeowners and schools that support a variety of native pollinators.

2015 is shaping up to be the Year of the Pollinator at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve and we have so many wonderful stories to share!

- Miles Arnott, Executive Director

Follow us on Twitter

Tweeting is no longer reserved for our bird friends! Stay up-to-date by following us:

@Bowmans_Hill_WP

Wish List

We are always in need of seed for our bird feeders. The Education Department is also seeking a donation of Maple Sap Collection supplies to be used at future programs.

If you would like to donate one of these items, please contact Kelly Joslin.

Thank you for your generosity!



People

Welcome to our Newest Trustee



We are pleased to welcome Alison Hargreaves to the Board of Trustees. Alison has been a Solebury resident for the last 15 years after moving from London UK. She has fond memories of the Preserve and the fun she had walking the trails with her children as they grew up in the New Hope area. Alison is an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (ACA) in the UK and for many years before moving to Bucks County was the Group Trust Accountant at the Grosvenor Estate in London and Cheshire UK.

She is committed to environmental preservation and the protection of open spaces, natural habitats, native trees and plants.

Alison agreed to serve as Trustee because she sees the Preserve as, "a precious resource for teaching and learning about the value of preserving our natural environments that can influence the views of current and future generations on responsible planning and development."

Alison has served several times on the Gala Committee; she has been the chairwoman and newsletter editor for the Encores Club of Doylestown and is a leading patron of La Fiocco an early music group based in Solebury. She hopes that she will be able to help enhance the visibility of the mission of the Preserve and help to ensure its financial stability and growth, "so that it can continue to give pleasure to all who visit its wonderful grounds." We are grateful to have Alison lend her talents and expertise to the Preserve's Board of Trustees.

Special Thanks to Lynn Stoner

Lynn Stoner completed her term as a Trustee at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve in December of 2014. Lynn was amazingly productive during her time as a Board member. She was instrumental in the development and implementation of the Preserve's Strategic plan, especially our outreach to seniors and retirement communities. Lynn was chair of a record setting Wild about Flowers Gala in 2013 which focused on butterflies and wildflowers. Thank you Lynn for all of your dedication and hard work on behalf of the Preserve and our important mission -- you left the Preserve better than you found it!

Special Thanks

To the Lingohocken Garden Club for trimming a holiday tree for wildlife.

We'd like to extend special thanks to the following instructors who have donated their time, talent, and expertise to our winter programs:

Mary Anne Borge, Jenny Rose Carey, Ian Kindle, Ed Lignowski, Ph.D., Pam Newitt, Peter Osborne, and Lee Allen Peterson.



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Virginia bluebells, Mertensia virginica

People & Events

Volunteers Drive the Mission

With 11,545 volunteer hours served this year, the Preserve was able to accomplish more than ever; a great reason to celebrate!

On November 15th, 2014 we transformed our Pavilion into a party hall with tent sides, heaters and a roaring fire. We embellished the tables with antique gardening book centerpieces, served lunch from Emily's Café and celebrated with our dedicated team of talented and generous volunteers. The event started with local musician JB Kline kicking it up with his heartfelt R&B. We presented our top volunteers with gifts of appreciation, generously donated by local business including: a champagne brunch for two at Lambertville Station, tickets to Riverside Symphonia, and gift certificates from Heart of the Home and Max Hansen Carversville Grocery. The event always includes a wide array of desserts made by the staff in appreciation of all the sweet things our volunteers do! We also enjoyed a generous donation of cider and donuts from Solebury Orchards.

Top 5 Board Members: Michael Glenn, Ian McNeill, Allison Hamilton, Pam Newitt, Jim Newbold.

Top 5 Volunteers by Hours: Mary Ann Borge, Dave Horne, Betsy Falconi, Jean Barrell, Monica Flint.

Volunteers with 200+ Hours: Stephanie Lovenguth and Barbara Bailes.

Volunteers with 100-200 Hours: Paul Teese, Ed Carpenito, Pat Saunders, William Tregaskis, Teri Dabrowski, Nancy Putnam, Margie Rutbell, Catherine Williams, Ellen Stryer, Chris Dewaghe, Leah Hight, Rick Anderson.

Volunteers with 50-100 Hours: Kathy DiTanna, June Bitzer, Pete Barrell, Kathie Shanno, Jane McNeill, Naudain Sellers, Tom Sandusky, Blanche Anderson, Tom Potterfield, Erin Russin, Tim Abbott, Bill Carpenter, Emily Fitzgerald.





Pictured:

1. Miles Arnott, Monica Flint, Jean Barrell, Betsy Falconi, Dave Horne,
Mary Anne Borge & Trish McGuire
2. JB Kline and John Mertz
3. Jean Barrell and Chris DeWaghe
4. Rick Raskin, Dave Offerdahl, Tom Sandusky, Rick Fonda & Jim Newbold

Photos by Gordon Neiburg

New in the Twinleaf Shop

Visit the Twinleaf shop this Spring and be sure to check out our new gardening items!

Looking to soothe your hands from all of the gardening you have been doing? Then you will definitely want to see our newest addition from Good Earth Soap. They make a wonderful Garden Balm in soothing scents to help heal dry hands after digging in the dirt. Also try their extremely gentle but cleansing soaps, lip butter, and their amazing natural "Squito Spray" bug repellent. Good Earth Soap is owned by Tracy and Michael Valenta. They are committed to producing the highest quality natural products while remaining a carbon neutral business.

The Winter Lecture Series brought us some fascinating speakers. We still have a few books available that were signed by the authors. Also, watch for the new "Staff Pick of the Month" Book. Each month we will feature one of the Staff's favorite books on our Facebook page.

- Liz Poole Lamb

People

Farewell to Jared Rosenbaum, PSI Coordinator

Jared Rosenbaum stepped down from his position as Plant Stewardship Index (PSI) Coordinator at the end of 2014 in order to focus all his time on his business, Wild Ridge Plants, LLC. While necessity dictates that he move to the next phase of his professional career, Jared remains deeply committed to the practice of Floristic Quality Assessment (FQA). As opportunities arise he will continue to consult with Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve and other partners as we advance the use of FQA in the region and beyond.

When the Plant Stewardship Index was developed at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, it represented the vanguard of the field. We are proud to have made this contribution to the Floristic Quality Assessment's continued development, and to have facilitated the process of bringing FQA to the East Coast by our involvement in the creation of Coefficients of Conservatism (CC) values for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the mid-Atlantic.

Floristic Quality Assessment is now in nationwide use in the EPA's National Wetland Condition Assessment and elsewhere, and the Universal FQA platform provides a next generation calculator with national reach. Rather than replicate efforts, we are urging that all PSI users transition to the Universal FQA platform.

We continue to support the use of FQA in the stewardship and monitoring of wild plant communities, and are proud of our role in nurturing it as it grew to national prominence through the dedicated work of Jared Rosenbaum. With Jared's input we continue to work on the development of a Functional Ecosystem Valuation for the New Jersey Highlands Council, which will use FQA to help effect No Net Loss of Habitat Values in that environmentally critical region.

Thank you Jared for all of your hard work and dedication as we worked together on behalf of the plants. You left the Preserve stronger and better than you found it!

Nursery Renovation (continued from front page)

bloom late May to early June, to bloom in LATE July! Our new greenhouse will make sure plants bloom in time for spring planting.

The first phase of this project was accomplished with many hours dedicated by key volunteers and significant contributions from several sources. "I want to make sure my volunteers know how much their hard work is appreciated. I simply cannot thank you all enough. My plant crew always amazes me with their dedication and get-it-done attitude" comments Bob Mahler, Nursery Manager. "I'd also like to send out a special thank you to my Greenhouse Building Team. Ian McNeill and Pete Barell are a crucial part of the team. We couldn't have gotten this far without you, so thank you!"

We'd like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the following funders who have given so generously to this project:

- * Bucks County Foundation
- * The McLean Contributionship
- * Norman Raab Foundation
- * Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP)
- * Private donations from individuals
- * Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust



Staff and volunteers pause during construction of the new greenhouse. Pictured: Pat Saunders, Trish McGuire, Bob Mahler, Barbara Flagg, Ray Weddington, Miles Arnott, Kelly Joslin, Nancy Quanstrom, Michael Glenn, Dave Horne, Ed Carpenito, Dave Shanno, Joyce Koch, Ian McNeill

Your investment in our mission has made the vision of a fully-functioning, up-to-date nursery and propagation area a reality for the Preserve. We are grateful for your endorsement through significant donations to this priority project. Thank you!

Happening in 2015, we continue with the second phase of our nursery renovation. This will include the addition of a smaller propagation greenhouse at the front of the one-acre nursery area closest to the parking lot. Think old-school style, with glass and concrete side walls. This handsome addition will have a controlled environment that will allow us to grow more unusual plants.

Preparation is underway for the 2015 Spring Plant Sale. Jared Rosenbaum will be our speaker at this year's Members' Preview on Friday, May 8. As usual we will have an exciting selection of plants, so look for our plant sale catalog toward the end of April.

- Angela Jacobsen and Bob Mahler

Education

New this Spring!

We are pleased to bring you these terrific NEW programs. Call (215) 862-2924 to reserve your spot. Be sure to check our website for the complete 2015 event calendar. In it you'll find many more program offerings this spring.



Raptor's Delight with Hawk Mountain Sanctuary

Saturday, June 13, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Members: \$6/adult, \$4/child; Non-members: \$10/adult, \$8/child.

Learn about the history of the sanctuary and why raptors are so abundant there during migration. Then get an up-close look at a live bird of prey to learn about what makes them specialized predators.

Walk When the Moon is Full

Saturday, May 2, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Members: \$5; Non-members: \$7.

Set your sense of adventure on high and join us for an evening full of folklore and stories under the light of a full moon. Program will end with marshmallows around the campfire.

The Wonders of Water

Saturday, June 20, 10:00 a.m. - noon Members: \$4; Non-members: \$6.

Naturalist Mary Anne Borge and Education Coordinator Kelly Joslin team up to help you explore the flora and fauna of our aquatic habitats including ponds and riparian and ephemeral pools.

Explorer's Tour:

Birds and Blooms of Delaware Water Gap

Weds., June 10, 6:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Members: \$65; Non-members: \$75.

Fee includes transportation and boxed lunch.

Registration with payment required by Thursday, June 1.

The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area includes a variety of ecosystems that are home to countless species of plants and animals. Birding expert Peter Bacinski will serve as our private tour guide and will help us search for Cerulean and Hooded Warblers and the empidonax flycatchers.

The blooms are no less spectacular! The area has a number of microclimates that sustain an incredible diversity of plant species, ranging from aquatics to massive deciduous trees, to ferns and cacti. We'll seek out the delicate blooms of pink lady slipper, mountain laurels, ferns and cacti that live in the many microclimates of the region. Plus, we'll see a gorgeous waterfall at the end of our trip.

Movie Night: Field Biologist

Friday, May 1, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. \$8/member; \$12/non-member Registration required by Tuesday, April 28.

Join us for popcorn and a movie! We're pleased to host this very special film screening, followed by energizing discussion on environmental conservation with Director Jared Flescher. This critically acclaimed documentary follows 22-year-old Tyler Christensen, a high-school graduate who loves the outdoors and wildlife and embarks on his own research on birds in Costa Rica. Christensen's adventure took him to the cloud forests of Monteverde, to the mangrove swamps of the Nicoya Peninsula, and culminated in a plan to try and help save the highly endangered mangrove hummingbird.

Nature Buddies

Select Thursdays, 10:00 -11:15 a.m.

Members: FREE; Non-members: \$7 for one child with adult + \$3 for each additional child. Pre-registration required by the Tuesday prior to each program. Program includes a story, outdoor walk, and a craft. Appropriate for ages 3 to 7. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Walks are weather dependent - please dress for the weather.

Windy Days, March 26 Earth Day Every Day, April 23 Flower Power, May 21

Flashlight Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 28, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Members: \$10 for one child with adult; Non-members: \$12 for one child with adult. Advance registration required by March 25.

Kids ages 3 to 7 can join us to learn about some of the animals that come from eggs. We'll read a story about oviparous animals, decorate a special basket and then head outside for a very special egg hunt. A trail of goody-filled eggs has been left in the forest. Bring a flashlight and find some of those eggs to take home.

Friday Night Frog Slog

Friday, April 17, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Members: \$6/adult, \$4/child. Non-members: \$8/adult, \$6/child. Advance registration required by Wednesday, April 15.

Join us as we explore the natural world during the evening hours. We will hear and look for spring peepers and wood frogs, plus we will see what other spring treasures await us. Bring a small flashlight.

Membership

Spring Native Plant Sale Members' Preview Lecture

Don't Miss Guest Speaker Jared Rosenbaum Friday, May 8, noon - 1:00 p.m.

FREE for Preserve Members only. Seating is limited - arrive early for best seating.

"Healing Under the Trees:

Restoring the Land (and Ourselves) with Forest Herbs"

Can we restore the forest, our cultural ties to it, and our health at the same time? Jared Rosenbaum of Wild Ridge Plants integrates restoration ecology with traditional herbalism, discussing native medicinal and edible herbs like black cohosh, goldenseal, ginseng, solomon's seal, spikenard and others.

These long-lived species inhabit rich, mature forests experiencing primarily natural disturbances. Many are declining due to overharvest, deer browse, and habitat loss. Jared's presentation will cover shade gardens and other ways of bringing these forest elders back into our landscapes and life ways.



New Program -

Celebrate Mother's Day with Mother Nature

Start your Mother's Day weekend off with a morning of family fun and a chance to learn more about Mother Nature too!

This interactive program will include a story, craft, and engaging walk through the wildflowers where we'll discover the important connections between flowers, insects and birds. Each mom will take home a beautiful, native plant to grow in her own garden. Call or visit our website for full details!



Preserve Seeks Input from Members During Museum Reaccreditation Process

Later this year the Preserve will complete a formal self-study for the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). This is the first step in a process that will hopefully lead to continuing accreditation of the Preserve as a botanic garden with a living collection of native plants on its grounds. Much of the self-study is straightforward, but other parts are invitingly open ended. One of the most interesting and important questions is the very last one. It reads, "An accredited museum is more than the sum of its parts. Tell us why your museum matters and what gives you the greatest pride. Describe why your museum is important, to whom it is important, and how it makes a difference."

As you might imagine, we have our own ideas about how to respond. But we want to include your ideas too. So we ask you ... how would you respond? What would your answer be? You decided to become a member here. Some of you are new. Others have been members for decades. Some give financial support. Others volunteer their valuable time as well. You evidently feel that the Preserve is important, that it matters, that it makes a difference. Please put this into words for us now.

You can email your responses to Liz Poole Lamb (lamb@bhwp.org) throughout the year. Feel free to write repeatedly if new ones come to mind. There is no right answer and you will not be graded on spelling and grammar, so give it a try! We don't need great writing, just your insights and perspectives. Maybe you will even surprise yourself with what you say, and better understand why you value our Preserve because of it. Finally, while the purpose of this request is to compose our self-study, your response is more fundamentally important than that. After all, we all need to know the answer even more than our accreditors, right? We have the greatest stake in keeping a Preserve that is perennially relevant, treasured by our community, and in short, a place "where mind, heart, and spirit bloom."

Thanking you in advance,

- Miles Arnott

Membership

Welcome New Members

Special thanks to all of you who have joined the Preserve Family in the late summer and fall of 2014.

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Membership Makes a Difference

We are thrilled to usher in another Spring season at the Preserve. We hope all of our members will have an opportunity to visit us during this exciting time as the ground thaws out and our spring ephemerals explode into bloom. It's your support that enables us to protect and preserve this special place. For that we thank you! If you haven't had an opportunity to renew your membership for 2015, please be sure to complete and return the enclosed remittance envelope or visit the membership page of our website to stay current.

John Kopcha

Rosemary Krabbe

If you have any questions about your membership please call or send me an email at: pennington@bhwp.org.

Thank you,

Jennifer Pennington, Membership Coordinator



spring beauties, Claytonia virginica

Special Events

12th ANNUAL



Please join us for the 12th annual Wild about Spring Garden Gala to take place on Saturday, April 25th! This year's Gala will celebrate the "Magic of Meadows" and the wonderful diversity of life they sustain.

Gala guests will have the opportunity to explore the stunning spring wildflower beauty of the Preserve through an intimate evening woodland walk along the trails, enjoy a menu featuring locally grown and organic selections by Max Hansen Caterer and participate in spirited live and silent auctions. New this year... the auction will begin online in mid-April. Please visit www.bhwp.org/gala.htm for details!



Deborah Agnew and Susan Vigilante will co-chair this years' event, with the support of our talented and enthusiastic Gala Committee and the Preserve staff. Members will receive an emailed invitation to this event. If you prefer to receive a mailed invitation, please email your name and address to Jacobsen@bhwp.org.



Special Thanks to our 2015 Gala Committee. Pictured:

Back row, left to right: Michael Glenn, Nancy Kovacevich, Betsy Falconi, Stephanie Lovenguth, Jacqui Griffith, Sue Eveland, Sue Shaffer, Pat Whitman.

Second row, left to right: Angela Jacobsen, Sally Henriques, Dee Dee Bowman, Jean Falconi, Donna Lacey, Jane McNeill, Julia Klossner, Carol Church, Lynn Stoner.

Front row, left to right: Miles Arnott, Susan Vigilante, Deborah Agnew.

Not pictured: Denise Bancroft, Sue Eavenson, Janet Eshleman, Diana Garrett, Allison Hamilton, Alison Hargreaves, Nancy Heyrich, Sue Hurst, Marlynne Marlow, Ruth McMonigle, Anastazja Panek-Tobin, Naudain Sellers, Alice Shapiro, Francine Verwiel, and Jane Yeuroukis.

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Jane Yeuroukis

Annual Fund

Special Thanks To Our Generous 2014 Annual Fund Donors

Thank you for your generous donation to the 2014 Annual Fund. Your annual fund gift provides support for our educational programs, renovation and maintenance of our trails, and helps us provide hands-on activities and special programs for members and visitors of all ages. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, our staff and volunteers, thank you for including the Preserve in your philanthropic giving and for supporting our mission. Your support recognizes the importance of what we offer to the community and to the region. Your gift to the Annual Fund is an inspiration to us all.

Warm regards,

Miles Arnott, Executive Director



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