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Forty Six More for the Kittatinny Ridge!



Another 46 acres of beautiful ridge woodland has been preserved. Manada Conservancy is pleased to announce its newest Partner in Preservation, Dr. William Gordon!



Shown left: Dr. William Gordon (right) with his son, Dr. Dudley Gordon (left) at the easement signing

Find details on page 6!

Signs go up at Camp Small Valley!

Many thanks to all who supported this preservation project, from beginning through sign raising. It couldn't have been accomplished without your help!

Manada Conservancy dedicates this newsletter to Dr. Walter Koerber. The preservation of Camp Small Valley would not have been possible without his vision and support. Dr. Koerber will be dearly missed. See page 3 for details.



Above left: Manada's Director of Preservation, Sally Zaino, and Camp Small Valley Ranger, Steve Saltzburg, show off one of the two newly installed signs. Above middle: It was a team effort with Manada Board Member Bonnie Rannels, CSV Ranger Steve Saltzburg, Manada's Executive Director Shaun Levi

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In Memory

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A short while ago, the Conservancy received word of the death of Dr. Walter Koerber. Dr. Koerber and his wife, Diana, were Partners in Preservation with Manada Conservancy, having conserved their beautiful wooded property in upper Dauphin County a few years ago. Many of you may not know that, in addition, they hold considerable responsibility for the preservation of Camp Small Valley. Dr. Koerber approached the Conservancy with the proposition that he and Diana would pledge \$100,000 toward the placement of a conservation easement on this nearly 800 acre Girl Scout property if the Conservancy would take on the challenge. The board discussed the offer at some length. We had never undertaken a project of this scale and we were not at all certain we were up to the task. Ultimately, we decided to give it our best efforts and the rest is history. The preservation of Camp Small Valley became a reality in the spring of this year. Dr. and Mrs. Koerber and their daughter, Elizabeth, were able to attend the celebration at the camp and to see the realization of a dream. We are grateful on many levels for the opportunity we had to facilitate this project and we are so happy to have been able to do so while Dr. Koerber was still alive to appreciate it. We are pleased to note that many others were inspired to contribute to the preservation effort as a result of the Koerbbers' generous gift. The cumulative contributions made the difference.



I think it is not uncommon for people to think about sharing their resources with organizations that are carrying out the type of work in which they believe. This is especially true as people age and consider the significance of leaving a legacy. Dr. Koerber was a life long environmentalist and it was important to him to do something to contribute to the long term health of the planet. Most of the easements the Conservancy holds were donated by land owners who love their properties and see the value in preserving them for generations to come. The Conservancy welcomes contributions, however large or small, toward its dual missions of land protection and environmental education. Indeed, without them we could not do our work. Thank you all for thinking of Manada Conservancy as you plan your charitable donations and as you contemplate the possibility of making a legacy contribution to assure the long term health of the organization.

Nancy Cladel

Corrections from Manada's Summer Newsletter membership list:

LEGACY

Bonnie Rannels

Thank you, Bonnie and Deb!

FRIEND

Deb Barnhart

We are grateful for your support.

Manada Conservancy Partners in Preservation

Partners in Preservation have preserved land with Manada Conservancy.

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Gary Clawson	The King Family	Jeff Neely
& Diane VanDeHei	Walter & Diana Koerber	Doug & Nadine Neidich
County of Dauphin	Casper Kohler	Vic and Jean Rohrer
The Detweiler Family	Rhonda & Murray	Mary Louise Sherk
Dr. William S. Gordon	Laudenslager	Don and Jennifer Smith
Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA	Max & Erika Lauffer	Richard & Doris Vickroy
Peter & Mary Houts	Kenneth & Karen Lehman	Richard and Sally Zaino

We've Lost a Friend

In our last newsletter, you read our happy story about finalizing the Small Valley Girl Scout Camp property. This time, we have some sad news: Dr. Walter Koerber, who helped to make that project possible, has died. Dr. Koerber and his family, after preserving their own 66 acres with Manada Conservancy, then went on to give a major donation to help preserve Small Valley—a donation which served as a foundation for us to raise the rest of the money, and to acquire the grant which covered almost half of the project expenses. We will miss Dr. Koerber and his hope that his protection of a corner of the world would make a difference. We believe it will. We are so glad that the Koerber Family was able to share in the celebration that we held at Small Valley after the easement was signed, and that they were publicly recognized for the part that they played in its preservation. In the years that we worked with Dr. Koerber to preserve his property and to bring the Small Valley project to fruition, a wonderful and respectful friendship developed. We had common ground in love of the natural world, and working with him was a great pleasure—because of that, and because he was such a kind and caring person. Our thoughts are with his family.



Dr. Koerber and Sally Zaino, Manada's Director of Preservation, at the Camp Small Valley celebration in May

Thanks to Manada business member **Cocoa Kayak Rentals of Hershey** for a great trip on the Swatara Creek!

Be on the lookout for new wooden signs at upcoming Manada events! Thank you **Charlie Hyde**, for constructing them, and **Rosie Levi** for painting them!



Did you see Manada's Madame Butterfly, **Sally McKeever**, in The Sun newspaper?! Shown here is Manada member/volunteer, Sally, with the monarchs she is raising in a beautiful and functional butterfly house created by fellow Manada member/volunteer, **Leslie Wilson**.



Many thanks to **Kurt and Ann Bodling** for donating their car to benefit Manada Conservancy! For information on how to donate an old vehicle visit <http://www.manada.org/donations.html>.

Thank you **Stephanie Johnston** of Free Spirit Yoga in Hershey for hosting Manada's September yoga program!

Thanks to Manada's outreach volunteers for constructing a recyclables clad scarecrow, participating in Hummelstown's Scarecrows on the Square competition. We hope you will visit a participating Hummelstown business and vote for Ms. Recycle-stein (shown right)! Shown left, **Rosie Levi** and **Reece Dunlap** during construction.



Thanks to our volunteers this quarter!

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Recent Events



Critters of the Swatara Creek

Thanks to those who came out for Manada's Critters of the Swatara Creek kids education program in August. We had a blast lifting up rocks in search of critters and exploring the creekside surroundings at Camp Catherine with Penn State educator Jenn Fetter.



Ice Cream Social

Many thanks to Frank and Carolyn Troxell of The Inn at Westwynd Farm for graciously hosting Manada's Annual Ice Cream Social membership appreciation event. Board member Jim Egenrieder was honored for his time as Manada's Preserve Manager. Thank you Jim for all your hard work and the improvements you have made to Manada's preserves!



F.I.S.H.

Thanks to Kristen Kyler and Jenn Fetter from the Penn State Extension for introducing us to the First Investigation of Stream Health citizen stream monitoring program. For details visit <http://extension.psu.edu/natural-resources/water/watershed-education/watershed-evaluation/fish>.

Cladel Preserve, Potluck & Plant Sale



Thanks to Ann Bodling for leading a seed collection walk throughout the Cladel grounds!



Manada's Executive Director Shaun Levi takes first steps on the new bridge at the Cladel Preserve. Many thanks to Manada Board Member Jim Egenrieder for his beautiful construction job!



Native Plant Sale Volunteer Coordinator Paulina Burgdorf and Manada Board Member Bonnie Rannels are all smiles!



Thanks to Chuck and Nancy Cladel for allowing their beautiful home to be the event setting!





Eagle Scout Project Adds Beauty and Biodiversity

Eric Sullivan completed his Scout project with Manada Conservancy this summer, earning his Eagle ranking. His project entailed researching, constructing and installing habitat boxes on Conservancy properties and at recent planting sites. Eric built boxes for screech owls, bats, and solitary bees. He chose the designs, made a model of each, and then lead his fellow Scouts of Hershey Troop 65 to generate duplicates.

Donating over 300 hours of his time, Eric completed and placed 25 beautifully constructed habitat boxes. His remarkable efforts serve to enhance each site by supporting wildlife and creating opportunities for the community to observe the inhabitants.

Look for the boxes whenever you visit Manada's Cladel and Clawson Preserves, Boathouse Park, and the 2014 Arbor Day planting site on Kokomo Avenue in Hummelstown.

Thank you, Eric! We look forward to seeing who takes up residence.



Almost everyone is familiar with honey bees, and their recent population decline. But did you know that there are many kinds of solitary bees native to our region that are also very important to pollination? Some of these bees prefer to nest in cavities in wood like that of Eric's bee box. (Shown left)

Bats are also suffering from habitat loss and pesticide use. Because they usually only have one offspring a year, their populations are slow to grow.

Bat houses give females a safe place to raise their pups. (Shown top, right)



Screech owls prefer to nest in large trees with rotted hollows, but will also nest in a man-made owl box like the one shown here.

Upcoming Events

Hike with Manada and the Horse-Shoe Trail Conservancy!

Join us Sunday, October 25th 1:30-4pm as we share in the Horse-Shoe Trail's 80th Birthday Celebration by hiking a segment of the trail that runs parallel to the Manada Creek and Sand Beach Road, Hummelstown. This event is free and open to the public! For details and to register, please contact office@manada.org or (717) 566-4122.

Thank you Highmark for sponsoring

Manada Conservancy's 2015 Outdoor Recreation Programs!



Manada Conservancy presents Forest Insect Pests of PA

Join us Tuesday, November 10th at 7pm at the Perking Point (located in the Giant shopping center on Rte 39, at 257 Hershey Road, Hummelstown) as Tim Marasco, Field Operations Supervisor for the PA Bureau of Forestry's Division of Forest Pest Management, explains the impact that insect pests have on our forests, home landscapes and economy. Tim will identify what is happening in PA right now including the Emerald Ash Borer, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, Gypsy moth, native caterpillars, and the Spotted Lanternfly. Manada Conservancy education programs are free and open to the public! Please register by contacting office@manada.org or (717) 566-4122.

A Night Out with Manada Conservancy!

Join us Friday, November 20th for happy hour (5pm to 7pm) at Rubicon! Manada's *celebrity bartender* Andrew Bliss, Community Outreach Coordinator for Capital Region Water, will be on hand to make your favorite cocktails! Tip proceeds will benefit Manada's mission of land preservation and environmental education. Rubicon is located at 270 North Street in Harrisburg. No RSVP necessary. *We hope to see you there!*



SAVE THE DATE...

Get Jazzed at

Manada Conservancy's 2nd Annual Winter Benefit Concert
Saturday, March 12, 2016

Forty Six More for the Kittatinny!

Thanks to Dr. Gordon, another piece of the puzzle has been put together. The Kittatinny Ridge, known to the Lenape Native Americans as “endless” or “great mountain”, is an area that has, in recent years, become a high priority for protection among various conservation groups. As habitat on the mountain continues to become fragmented more and more by development, Manada Conservancy and fellow organizations are rallying together to impress upon local municipal officials and landowners the importance of the resource they possess.

Dr. Gordon and his family were already well aware of the value of their land before reaching out to Manada Conservancy, first in 2008. Dr. Gordon and his wife, Doris, purchased their piece of mountain land in 1971. After making improvements to the existing 1850s log cabin home, they moved their family there. The Gordon property contains headwaters to Beaver Creek, a tributary to Swatara Creek. It is one of the largest remaining tracts of

land in the area and is contiguous with 77 acres of woodland already protected by Manada, a great accomplishment for the Kittatinny Ridge preservation effort.

With the recent passing of Mrs. Gordon, the desire to preserve the family land became even more significant and led Dr. Gordon to reach out to Manada once again. The Conservation Easement was completed this July. It has been a pleasure working with Dr. Gordon and his son, Dudley, to finalize their dream of preserving the land on which they have so many family memories, a piece of land that will forever contribute to the integrity of the Kittatinny Ridge.



Detweiler Family Donates River Access



You may remember that in 2013 we preserved the 8-acre Detweiler-Stackpole Corner, in Middle Paxton Township—a lovely wooded parcel which forms, along with Clark’s Creek, a scenic and protective gateway to Clark’s Valley. Sadly, since that time, David Detweiler, one of the three siblings who donated that Conservation Easement, has passed. His family has again

reached out to Manada Conservancy—this time to gift to us a small piece of land along the Susquehanna River that belonged to David. The parcel, in Reed Township, is only .4 acre, but it has frontage both on a road and on the Susquehanna River. Because River access is hard to come

by, and because protection along waterways is so important to us, we accepted this parcel with gratitude. It is our first land on the Susquehanna River, and we are still thinking about what its future will be. But whatever its future, it will be conserved and stewarded well, and will remain part of the Detweiler Family’s conservation legacy. The Susquehanna River is the largest feeder of the Chesapeake Bay, and the health of both the River and the Bay depend upon the condition of the surrounding landscape. We thank them for their gift. We especially thank Esme (Detweiler) Freedman, and her husband, Bart, for their work to help gift this property to Manada Conservancy. Many thanks, too, to Jean Seibert, our attorney, who negotiated the legal complications that accompany receiving such a gift.

Shown left: Manada crew during a March 2015 visit to the property: Intern Collin Littlefield, Stewardship Director Richelle Dourte, Board Member Jim Egenrieder, E.D. Shaun Levi

Scott Logan Visits Logan Farm Park

Although we protected the 60-acre Logan Farm Park some time ago, we are still attempting to add some peripheral parcels and stream frontage to that Park, so that it will protect the Paxton Creek as much as possible, and afford the public the best access to the Creek in that location. To that end, we have continued to partner with Susquehanna Township, the Susquehanna Authority, and adjacent landowners. Our recent additional acquisition of 1.3 acres was deeded over for the park recently. Jennifer Hine, Manada Conservancy’s Associate Director has remained on the Township Planning Committee for the Park. A master plan for trails and public use is in the process of being developed. All of the ongoing work being

done by Manada Conservancy for the Park is done with continued support and participation by Scott Logan, on whose family farm the Park now exists, and who donated the original conservation easement that protects the Park. Mr. Logan, now a resident of Florida, was in the area for a visit in September, and we took a little excursion to visit the Park and to discuss future plans. It was a beautiful day. We hiked a portion of what we hope will be part of a peripheral trail.



WHAT'S THE BEST HOLIDAY GIFT?

A FOOTPRINT!

If you've ever wondered how to introduce The Manada Conservancy to your friends, here's the perfect opportunity! Our **Pathway to Preservation** initiative is designed to help others join us in our mission to preserve land in our region. For a \$35 donation, you or your designated friend will receive a Footprint Certificate heralding your contribution to land preservation. Given as a gift, this certificate will provide your friends with a way to join you in helping to preserve the beautiful landscapes of our area for the future. We can't think of a better present!

We have chosen the concept "**Pathway to Preservation**" to emphasize the importance of moving forward together towards our goal of ensuring the health of our natural resources. Your certificate will be printed with one of a variety of wildlife (or human!) footprints, underscoring the fact that all living things are part of this journey of stewardship. Footprints may be purchased as either single certificates, or as a larger gift on one certificate containing multiple footprints. Let us custom make your Preservation Certificates, and your holiday shopping is done!

A footprint on the Manada Conservancy "Pathway to Preservation" will be used specifically for acquisition of new preservation lands. Each \$35 footprint will be a gift towards the future of farms, wildlife, and community.

Yes! I would like to purchase _____ footprints on the Pathway to Preservation with the Manada Conservancy. Please check as many boxes as apply.

- ☐  For myself _____ footprints
- ☐  For my friend _____ footprints

(Please feel free to attach a list with number of footprints desired for each friend, or to copy this flier)

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