Rural Routes Barn Tour

Presented by the Hummelstown Area, South Hanover Township, and East Hanover Township Historical Societies and Manada Conservancy

Saturday, October 29th 10am-3pm

Do you know why barns are often painted red?
What are snow eagles and how are they used?

Participate and find out! We invite you to partake in a driving tour of area barns and businesses. The self-guided tour route traverses South Hanover and East Hanover Townships as well as Hummelstown, identifying historic barns, some of which have been remodeled for modern day businesses. In all, there are 28 sites, 12 of which are open for visiting that day.

Your ticket will include a map to direct you to all of the participating locations as well as information and fun facts about our local history, resources and architecture. On the route, you will be able to view remnants of the Union Canal, visit a Manada Conservancy preserved property, and view barns that date back to the 1800s. Along the way are opportunities to stop and visit a variety of businesses. Enjoy barbecue by Forrest’s Feed Co. and wine at Cassel Vineyard, shop at Village Antiques, visit Some Saturday Frame Shop, peruse the Farmstead Market, and more!

Tickets are $25 per automobile, and can be purchased by contacting the Manada Conservancy at office@manada.org or (717) 566-4122.

The Rural Routes Barn Tour is a collaborative effort to promote an appreciation of the rich rural heritage of our area and the local organizations working to preserve it. Proceeds benefit the preservation efforts of our local Historical Societies and Conservancy.

We hope you will join us for this unique event!

Thank you to our sponsors, Dauphin County Parks & Recreation and Forrest’s Feed Co. BBQ!

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The work load of the Conservancy is increasing as more individuals and organizations note our successes and our commitment to ethics and integrity in all that we do. We not only have our own very active preservation program for Dauphin County but we are also interacting more with other like-minded organizations such as the Kittatinny Ridge Coalition to accomplish regional goals. This situation presents both challenges and opportunities for our organization. To address these challenges and to plan for the opportunities, we have undertaken a Strategic Planning process that we anticipate will direct our approach to the next five years as well as set the stage for the years to follow. Richard Zaino, founding member of the Conservancy and life member of the board, is leading the process. The entire board is participating via retreats and the details to inform the retreats are being formulated by a committee consisting of three board members and two staff. The process is requiring us all to evaluate the Conservancy’s strengths and weaknesses and to set priorities.

We have involved the community, too, in two ways. First of all, we sent out a questionaire which you received via email and which many of you returned. Your responses were most helpful and we want to thank you for taking the time to give your input. Second, we interviewed selected long-term members to see why they have seen fit to continue to support us year after year. We are most appreciative of the time these friends took to meet with us. We learned a lot and enjoyed these visits tremendously.

The planning process is expected to be completed by the end of the year. We anticipate two more retreats, some additional committee meetings and a lot of email interaction. I want to pay tribute to the members of the board and staff for their willingness to put in the extra time and effort. It says a lot about our organization that all are all willing to go these extra miles.

In the past two months, we have welcomed two new members to our Board of Directors—Pat Swartz and Dave McNaughton. Each brings great interests in conservation and a wealth of experience and we are most happy to have them join us. More details about the backgrounds of these two individuals can be found on page 3 of this newsletter. We have said farewell to Jim Egenreider, who has been with us for six years and has stepped down to become an emeritus member of the board. Jim’s contributions to our organization have been extensive and invaluable and we thank him for his dedicated service. Jim expects to continue with us as a volunteer.

Sincerely,

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Jim Egenrieder Retires From the Board
After six years of dedicated service, Jim Egenrieder has retired from the Manada Conservancy Board of Directors. Jim brought his skills to bear on multiple projects for the Conservancy and we are sad to see him go. He constructed the bridge on the Cladel Preserve, erected (with other volunteer help) the greenhouses we use to raise our native plants, kept our properties trimmed and in good shape, mowed trails, and did a myriad of other things. Jim and his wife, Ann, are planning to co-opt some of his abundant energies as they redo their kitchen. Jim will continue to help the Conservancy as time permits and, after a short leave, will resume work on the Preservation Committee. Thank you Jim for all you have done for us.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the addition of two new members to the Conservancy’s Board of Directors.

Pat Swartz has been an active volunteer on the plant sale committee for some time and has gotten to know the organization well through that association. She is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and a retired System’s Analyst from the Hershey Medical Center with extensive experience in computer technologies. Her most recent work involved implementation of aspects of electronic medical records for the Medical Center. Pat lives with her husband, Paul, along the Swatara Creek in Derry Township. Their property is in the State “Clean and Green” program and is home to multiple species of wildlife and wildflowers.
Welcome, Pat!

Dave McNaughton has been active on the Conservancy’s Preservation committee for some time where he has brought his considerable skills to the committee’s work. Dave is a wetland scientist and is employed as Assistant Wildlife Program Manager at Fort Indiantown Gap. He is the author of numerous publications and is a sought-after speaker by local environmental and birding groups as a consequence of his vast knowledge of herpetology and ornithology. Dave has received numerous honors for his work. We are delighted to have him on board. Welcome, Dave!

Welcome Program Coordinator Anita Pritchett!
As the Conservancy is in the midst of strategic planning, multiple preservation projects, and planning some special 20th anniversary activities, we quickly recognized the need for additional help around the office and with the coordination of events and programs. In the spring, we announced the position opening for a part-time temporary Program Coordinator to help us with such things. The wonderful pool of applicants that we heard from made it a tough decision. Luckily we had an applicant that fit the bill in every way. In June, we welcomed Anita Pritchett to our team!

Anita has an extensive history in the conservation field. Having worked for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, Anita has a wealth of experience in grant writing, volunteer management, biological assessment and habitat conservation. She resides in Hershey with her husband and three children. Anita’s desire to get involved with conservation efforts in her local community led her to discovering Manada Conservancy prior to the position opening. In the short amount of time that Anita has been with us, she has already contributed greatly to Manada’s strategic planning process and was of great help at the recent Music Over the Mountains celebration.

Many thanks to those of you who took the time to complete the Conservancy’s recent email survey regarding our ongoing Strategic Planning effort. The input of our members, friends, and the community is vital to our process. Congratulations to Maud Clark for winning the native plant drawing which accompanied the online survey. Shown left, Maud and her dog, Savannah, picking up her winnings.

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~ Music Over the Mountains ~

The Conservancy officially kicked off its 20th anniversary on Sunday, September 25th, with a wonderful event entitled Music Over the Mountains. The late afternoon/early evening celebratory occasion included good music, good food, lots of camaraderie, and an incomparable setting at Wind in the Willows overlooking the Blue Mountain in Grantville.

Heritage began the evening with the flute and hammered dulcimer. Tunes by the Harrisburg Mandolin Ensemble set the mood outside under the tent, and Colebrook Road rocked the barn for the remainder of the evening. The crowd noshed on hors d'oeuvres outdoors and then enjoyed a barbecue main course inside the barn, all by Forrest’s Feed Co. of Hummelstown. The evening ended with fall flavored desserts by Dalicia Bakery.

The event was a huge success thanks to the herculean efforts of our wonderful staff, the Conservancy’s Outreach Committee, and our many volunteers. We owe a debt of gratitude to our generous sponsors who are listed below. We are most appreciative of Pam and Dave Graybill for the use of their gorgeous property, and for the donation of drinks by the Vineyard and Brewery at Hershey. Many individuals and organizations donated baskets for our silent auction and bidding on these very special offerings was brisk. Many thanks to all for these contributions.

It takes a great deal of work and dedication to bring an event such as this to fruition. What better way is there, however, to celebrate 20 years of work in land preservation and environmental education?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MANADA CONSERVANCY!
~ Celebrating Manada Conservancy’s 20th Anniversary ~

~ Manada Conservancy thanks these generous sponsors ~

Glen S. Bartlett
Preservation

Reed Township Parcel will become River Access!
You may remember that we recently received the generous gift of a half-acre parcel of land along the Susquehanna River from the Detweiler family. The parcel has just been transferred to Dauphin County, and will soon become a much-needed river access point for canoes and kayaks. We are very grateful to the Detweiler family for making this possible, and believe that it is a perfect use for this small parcel. Many thanks to them, to the Dauphin County Commissioners, and to Carl Dickson, at Dauphin County Parks and Recreation Department, for yet another great partnership effort.

Manada Conservancy and Return on Environment
As part of our continuing partnerships with Audubon PA, Appalachian Trail Conservancy and land trusts all up and down the Kittatinny Corridor, and with the assistance of John Rogers of Keystone Conservation Trust, we have been participating in an effort to prepare a “Return on Environment” report for Dauphin County. This will be a detailed evaluation of the economic value and payback of the ecological services and other public benefits provided by the natural resources of Dauphin County. In other words, how much money are we saving our municipalities and residents by preserving the resources that support us? And what economic benefits come to our area because of the valuable resources we have?

We are really thrilled that this report is being produced for our County, and know it will be a useful tool both for outreach to policy-makers at the municipal level and to grant makers, and we are happy to be able to participate. We’ll keep you posted!

First Annual Small Valley Monitoring
As you know, when we accept conservation easements, we also then have the responsibility to do an annual field monitoring to document the continuing condition of the property, and to touch base with the landowner, to make sure they don’t have any questions or concerns. Small Valley is a BIG monitoring responsibility—it takes at least 12 volunteers for good part of a day to cover and photograph 762 acres. This year’s visit, under the able supervision of our Stewardship Director, Richelle Dourte, took place in August. It was a beautiful day, and it is always a joy to see that “protected by Manada Conservancy” sign, and to walk the beautiful woodlands that we have protected, with help from all of you. It is also very satisfying to see the wonderful outdoor education facilities that the Girl Scouts are improving, and know that every year, a new group of girls will experience this landscape and build memories that they will keep all of their lives. Many thanks to our intrepid volunteers.

Shown left to right: Tom Winner, Dave McNaughton, Ron Floess, Sally Zaino, Marsha Dulaney, Randy Goss, Laura Goss, and Stewardship Director Richelle Dourte. Photo by Rich Zaino.

Swatara Greenway Receives Another Steward
Lower Swatara Township has joined as a Partner in Stewardship for the Swatara Greenway! Lower Swatara and fellow Greenway pledgees Derry Township, Hummelstown Borough, Londonderry Township, PP&L and SUEZ United Water have all committed to conserving a healthy buffer of vegetation along the Swatara Creek on the properties they own.

The purpose of Manada’s Swatara Greenway Stewardship program is to create awareness about the value of streamside buffers for water quality, wildlife and stormwater absorption. Manada works with private, municipal and business landowners who voluntarily wish to participate.

Learn more at http://www.manada.org/preservation/swatara-greenway/
Thank You, PPL Foundation!
Manada Conservancy is pleased to announce it has received a $1,000 grant from the PPL Foundation. These funds will support our youth environmental education program. “PPL is committed to improving the communities where our customers and employees live and work,” said Ryan Hill, president of the PPL Foundation. “Organizations like Manada Conservancy improve the quality of life in our region, and we are pleased to be able to provide support for such an important initiative.” Thank you, thank you!

Upcoming Events!

Mountains of the Heart with Scott Weidensaul ~ Marking the 20th Anniversary Edition ~
When: Wednesday, October 12th at 7pm
Where: Derry Presbyterian Church (East Derry Rd, Hershey)

Join us to hear noted naturalist and author Scott Weidensaul talk about the natural history, human history, and sense of wonder that he finds in the Appalachian Mountains of Pennsylvania. He will be telling us about these ancient mountains, and what has changed in the 20 years since his book, Mountains of the Heart, was published as we celebrate its 20th anniversary and new edition.

In celebration of the 20th anniversaries of both Manada Conservancy and Mountains of the Heart, complimentary cake will be served after the program. You will also have the opportunity to purchase a book signed by the author.

Manada Conservancy’s education programs are free and open to the public. Please register at office@manada.org or (717) 566-4122.

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Geocache with Manada Conservancy and East Hanover Township
Come one, come all! Grab your friends, family members and smartphone and head to the EHT Community Park for a free Introduction to Geocaching presentation and hunt! Arrive at the park’s octagon pavilion (behind the tennis courts) at 10am for a presentation on the basics of this fun activity by avid Geocacher Matt Fisher. After that, it’s off to the park for a cache treasure hunt. Several caches will be permanently registered and dedicated to the park that day. Geocaching is a great way to have fun while enjoying the beautiful PA outdoors. Join us and give it a try!

When: Saturday, November 5th at 10am
Where: East Hanover Township Community Park, 8848 Jonestown Rd. Grantville PA 17028

This program is free and open to the public. Please register at office@manada.org or (717) 566-4122.

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Another Fun-filled Ice Cream Social!
Thanks to those of you who took part in Manada’s annual member appreciation ice cream social. We were happy to see many longtime members as well as meet some new faces who have an interest in the Conservancy.
Many thanks to Pronio’s Market for supplying ice cream once again!
Thanks to Frank and Carolyn Troxell of the Inn at Westwynd Farm for hosting the event and sharing their 40th anniversary with us that day. We are thankful to have received a contribution in honor of Frank and Carolyn’s 40th Anniversary.
Thank you!

We are sad to announce the passing of Mary Lou McDowell. Mary Lou was a longtime Manada member and friend. She will be dearly missed.

This holiday season, remember to shop smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Manada Conservancy, at no cost to you!

Wish List
- Wagons for hauling plants
- Tables for events (white folding or other)
- Filing cabinets
- Metal U-posts for signs
- Deer camera
- CD/DVD organizer
- HP color toner cartridges
- Fire proof safes

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Thanks to our volunteers this quarter!

Andy Groff
Ann Bodling
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Bonnie Rannels
Chad Stebbins
Cheryl Capitani
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MEMBERSHIP

☐ NEW MEMBER  ☐ RENEWAL MEMBER
Please Enroll me as a member in the Manada Conservancy for 2017 at the level I have indicated below

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Mission Statement

Manada Conservancy is a land trust dedicated to the preservation of the natural, historic, agricultural, and scenic resources of Dauphin County and to the promotion of environmental education.

* Manada Conservancy is a member supported organization.