Manada Conservancy’s 16th Annual
Spring Native Plant Sale
Co-Sponsored by the Hummelstown Business & Professional Association

Saturday, May 7th, 8am-2pm at Boro Park
(Located at the intersection of Poplar Ave & Water Street in Hummelstown 17036)

Featuring 6 regional native plant vendors, art vendors, live music and refreshments

View our online tree and shrub pre-sale at www.manada.org going on now through April 15th!

Attention Manada Members! Join us for Manada’s Member Appreciation Breakfast 8-10am and enjoy a complimentary breakfast provided by The Healthy Living Kitchen, in appreciation for all that you do to support Manada’s mission. Manada members also enjoy first pick of plants before the sale opens to the public at 10am, and a 10% discount on plant purchases from Manada Conservancy!

More plant sale details on pages 4-5...

Good News From DCNR!
The State budget impasse has caused problems for almost everyone, so we didn’t hear about our application to the PA Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) until February. (We usually hear in December.) We were very thrilled to get a call from Sen. Teplitz’s office that our application to purchase a 50-acre property along the Kittatinny Ridge was successful. We have since received the official documentation from DCNR, confirming. We will be working on this project to bring it to completion and are working with the landowner to create the most convenient timetable. The property is in Lower Paxton Township, will have public access, and goes right up to the ridgetop—a great addition to help with the continued effort to protect the Kittatinny Ridge migration and habitat corridor. We will provide more information as the project unfolds. Thanks to all of our staff and volunteers who evaluated the property and submitted the grant!
President’s Message

It seems wonderful to sense spring in the air, to hear the birdsong increasing and to observe the days lengthening. Here at the Conservancy, we are looking forward to our ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT SALE to be held Saturday, May 7th, at Boro (Shaffner) Park in Hummelstown. This has been an annual event for sixteen years and has grown and evolved over that time. Details can be found throughout this newsletter. We encourage you all to join us for this very special occasion.

As most of you know, last year the Conservancy finalized the preservation of Camp Small Valley in the northern part of the county through funding from a DCNR grant as well as generous contributions from members and friends of the organization. The Conservancy recently received notice that it was awarded another such grant to preserve a forest tract on the Kittatinny Ridge. The Ridge is a priority preservation target for both Manada Conservancy and for the State of Pennsylvania due to the fact that it is a globally important migration route for birds and some butterflies. The ridge also provides vital habitat for all manner of wildlife and plants. It is most gratifying to be able to work on these projects. It is also financially challenging because the grants do not cover compensation for staff time or for maintenance of properties once they are preserved. We are most appreciative of the contributions that you, our members, make for they are what make it possible for us to do this work. I would be dishonest, however, if I indicated that our revenues are sufficient for the work that is out there to be done. We are striving to increase our income so that we can continue to take on such projects. Many of you have increased your annual contributions and we are most appreciative of the boost this has given us. We are hopeful that others will follow suit. Your support is vital to our success. All of us benefit in the long run.

There is much to anticipate in the months to come. The 20th anniversary of Manada Conservancy is just around the corner and special celebratory events are being planned. You will hear details about them in the near future. Our member appreciation ice cream social held annually at Westwynd Farm is scheduled for July 17th. This is an opportunity to mingle with other Conservancy members, meet some of the Conservancy’s board members and experience the wonderful ambience of this very special B&B, provided courtesy of proprietors Frank and Carolyn Troxell.

This month we bid farewell to our Executive Director, Shaun Levi. Shaun has given tirelessly of her time and talents during the past two years and her enthusiasm and exuberance will be missed. We wish her well as she moves on to new endeavors.

Nancy Cladel
Executive Director Steps Down

On behalf of the Manada Conservancy Board and staff, we bid farewell to Shaun Levi, our Executive Director since 2014, as she pursues new avenues in her professional career. A visionary and dedicated proponent of Manada’s mission, we are grateful for her service. We look forward to seeing her at Manada member events and functions. See below for a message from Shaun.

Dear Manada Conservancy Members,

Working with Manada Conservancy has been one of the highlights of my professional career. I believe in the mission and am invigorated by the challenges of serving our community and conserving its resources. I respect the people connected with the organization—and reasonable people can disagree. Over the past year, my vision for Manada's future and the vision of the Board have increasingly diverged. Because Manada's stability requires congruency between the Executive Director and the Board of Directors, it is time for a change, and as of April 8th I will be stepping down. It has been a privilege to serve our community and I will remain connected as a member, and sincerely hope that our paths continue to cross.

Wishing You the Best,
Shaun

DRUM ROLL, PLEASE...

In the spirit of spring and our upcoming 20th anniversary, Manada Conservancy is excited to announce its fresh, newly designed website and logo which will be launched on Earth Day, April 22nd! Created by Hauck Interactive, Inc. the photo-featured website offers user friendly access to comprehensive and informative pages of the Conservancy’s activities and events as well as membership and supportive opportunities. This redesign process was made possible by way of a grant from The Donald B. and Dorothy L. Stabler Foundation. Check us out on Earth Day at www.manada.org for all the upcoming news on preservation, environmental education, native habitats and fun events!

Thank You, Thank You!

We are grateful to once again be the recipients of Dauphin County Technical School’s annual Dress Down Day fundraiser. On behalf of all of us at Manada Conservancy thank you DCTS students and staff! And many thanks to DCTC educator Ryan Reed for dedicating his 2016 service hours to Manada on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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It is once again time for Manada Conservancy’s ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT SALE! This year’s sale will be held Saturday, May 7th, from 8am until 2pm at Boro (Shaffner) Park, Hummelstown. The sale is being co-sponsored by the Hummelstown Business & Professionals Association. We are most appreciative of their support.

In preparation for the big day, sixteen stalwart volunteers recently potted up nearly 2000 plant plugs (representing about 35 species) and these are growing in the portable greenhouses erected by Jim Egenreider and friends last year on the Cladel Preserve. Not only will these plants be available day of sale but also six other native plant vendors will be present at the venue. Each vendor will have unique offerings, sure to meet the needs for everyone’s home landscape! Included will be woodland natives, trees and shrubs, and hard to find native perennials. Conservancy benefactor, Jay George, will provide blooming-size trilliums again this year. It takes seven years for a trillium to go from seed to bloom so these are very special plants. They sold out quickly last year; come early for best selection.

Also present at the sale will be several select artisans selling their unique wares. Michelle Wohlfarth of The Healthy Living Kitchen will cater a complimentary breakfast for Manada Members and will be providing food for sale throughout the day. This, alone, is reason enough to visit the sale! Local musicians Julie Moffitt and Holmes Powell will provide music for your enjoyment. What a day it will be!

Please note that this year the Conservancy is offering select NATIVE TREES AND SHRUBS via PRE-SALE. We have vetted these plants and they are of excellent quality. Presale plants must be purchased online and picked up day of sale. Deadline for presale purchase is April 15th. The catalogue can be accessed by going to www.manada.org.

Your purchases, while enhancing your yard, will also help to populate the area with plants necessary for the well-being of the pollinators of our region. Come and bring your friends and neighbors to this special event!

* Boro Park is located at the intersection of Poplar Ave and Water Street in Hummelstown. Parking is available at the adjacent Lower Dauphin High School. Pick-up of presale trees and shrubs will take place at the pavilion located along Poplar Ave.

Questions? Contact the Manada office at office@manada.org or (717) 566-4122. We look forward to seeing you there!

A Special Thank You to Manada’s Potting Day Volunteers!
Andy Groff, Bonnie Rannels, Denis Ginder, Greg Burgdorf, Janet Maynard, Jim Wirt, Laura Goss, Leslie Wilson, Lindsay Johnson, Nancy Cladel, Pat Dengel, Pat Swartz, Paulina Burgdorf, Sam Dengel, Steve Rannels, Tom Winner

On March 12th, Manada volunteers potted up nearly 2,000 native plants in preparation for sale day!
Meet Our Native Plant Vendors!

Diakon Wilderness Greenhouse & Native Plant Nursery:
Diakon is a unique greenhouse that not only offers a wide variety of Pennsylvania native perennials to regional residents and local conservations groups, but also serves as a vocational training site for at-risk youths, and helps to fund Diakon Youth Services programs. The greenhouse is a teaching nursery, offering students an opportunity to learn valuable skills, gain workplace experience, and to deepen their understanding of the relationships in the world around them.

Go Native Tree Farm:
Go Native Tree Farm is dedicated to the understanding, preservation and recovery of the eastern American forest. Our nursery is located in Manheim, PA.

Keystone Wildflowers:
Keystone Wildflowers is a family operated grower of native perennial plants, both flowers and grasses in south-eastern Pennsylvania. We are surrounded by dairy farms and public woodland preserves. Our 13-acre property features open shaded mature oak trees with a sprinkling of native mountain laurel. It is here that we have planted many nursery stock gardens over the past 12 years. We offer species to create butterfly, hummingbird, songbirds and pollinator gardens at reasonable prices and we are a local grower, selling to both retail and wholesale clients.

Meadowsweet Native Plant Farm:
Through the use of native plants, Meadowsweet hopes to encourage gardeners to use a more environmentally friendly approach to gardening. Our native plants are ideal for creating backyard habitats for wildlife, as well as enhancing butterfly and hummingbird gardens. Whether you are creating a new prairie, woodland, wetland, or restoring an existing garden site, we hope to provide the plants needed to achieve your goals.

Spring Haven Nurseries:
Spring Haven is a nursery located at the foot of the beautiful Blue Mountains in the south central Pennsylvania countryside. We specialize in Native Woodland Plants and Shade Perennials. The majority of our plants are nursery propagated, grown either in propagation beds or in our gardens.

Toadshade Wildflower Farm:
Toadshade Wildflower Farm began 20 years ago to make native plants, particularly perennials, more easily available. All of the plants that we offer are native (not alien, introduced, or naturalized) as well as we can determine. We propagate them all ourselves on site at our nursery - no plants are ever dug from the wild! Planted within their native ranges, in sites appropriate to them, native perennial wildflowers will thrive, support the environment, and provide lasting color and interest for years to come.

Art Vendors!

Elemental Expressions:
Unique handcrafted gifts for the muse in you! Through the art of repurposing and refining, Leslie Wilson creates beautiful, functional pieces that enhance native habitat, serving your favorite birds, butterflies and plants.

Metalledwith:
Jewelry inspired by nature and crafted by hand. By incorporating organic elements into metalwork, metalledwith is original, wearable art made in and from Pennsylvania. You may already know metalledwith Artist, Richelle Dourte, as she is Manada Conservancy’s Stewardship Director.

Notes with Nature in Mind:
Have you ever taken a walk in the woods, caught a sudden glimpse of a brilliant bird or butterfly, and thought to yourself, “I wish I had brought my camera”? Mary Brenner brings her camera with her, capturing those magic moments. Combining her talents with crafter Linda Hartzell, they have created a line of unique, individually rendered note cards featuring Mary’s original photographs of birds, butterflies, flowers, animals and scenic vistas. Notes with Nature in Mind is their collection of hand-made greeting cards, each a unique work of art and a special way to reach out to family and friends.

Sally McKeever Stoneware Pottery:
Sally McKeever will offer a selection of functional pottery, including earthenware toad abodes and garden stakes as well as stoneware berry bowls.
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Fungi: the Good, the Bad, the Beautiful with Jerry Hassinger  Thursday, April 14th, 6-8pm at the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art  Join retired PA Game Commission biologist and fungi expert Jerry Hassinger and take a look at some fascinating fungi found locally. Program includes both a lecture component and outdoor walk. Manada Conservancy education programs are free and open to the public. Please register at (717) 566-4122 or office@manada.org.

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Bird the Ridge: Thursday, June 2nd, 5:30-7:30pm  Wear your hiking boots and bring your binoculars! Biologist and Manada Preservation Volunteer Dave McNaughton will lead the 2 mile roundtrip hike from Hocker Park to Boyd Big Tree Preserve and back, identifying wildlife along the way. Manada Conservancy’s outdoor recreation programs are sponsored by Highmark. This program is free and open to the public, but please register by contacting (717) 566-4122 or office@manada.org.

Greenbelt Clean-Up: June 4th, 10am  Join Manada Conservancy, Troegs Brewery and the Capital Area Greenbelt Association for a clean-up along a portion of the Greenbelt! Participants enjoy refreshments afterwards, compliments of Troegs. For more information and to register, please contact the Manada office, (717) 566-4122 or office@manada.org.

Creekside Sunset Yoga with Free Spirit Yoga: Wednesday, June 22nd 6:30pm at McNaughton Park (8601 Paxton Street, Harrisburg)  Join us for an introductory level yoga session! Manada Conservancy’s outdoor recreation programs are sponsored by Highmark. This program is free and open to the public, please register by contacting (717) 566-4122 or office@manada.org.

Manada’s Annual Members Appreciation Ice Cream Social: Manada members, join us for a sweet treat in thanks for all that you do! Sunday, July 17th 2-4pm at Westwynd Farm (1620 Sand Beach Rd, Hummelstown)

SAVE THE DATE: Music Over the Mountains, Manada’s 20th Anniversary Kickoff Celebration:  Sunday, September 25th at Wind in the Willows in Grantville, featuring bluegrass band Colebrook Road, BBQ by Forrest’s Feed Co., and spirits provided by the Vineyard/Brewery of Hershey.  Join us to celebrate all that Manada has accomplished in its 20 years and cheers to the future! Ticket details available soon!

SAVE THE DATE: Rural Routes Barn Tour: Saturday, October 29th  Manada partners with the Hummelstown, East Hanover and South Hanover Township Historical Societies in presenting a driving tour of local barns featuring both historic and modern day uses, with opportunities to stop and explore several local businesses.  Proceeds benefit the Conservancy and Historical Societies. Ticket details available soon!
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.*

Fun in the snow! Thanks to all who joined us for Manada’s Get Outdoors snowshoe event this past February!
See page 7 for details about our upcoming outdoor events, Birding the Kittatinny Ridge and Creekside Sunset Yoga!

Thanks to DCNR Naturalist Ben Ranney for leading the way, and Julie Ranney for volunteer assistance!

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