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# The Manada Conservancy

## Spring News 2015

### Manada Conservancy's *15<sup>th</sup> Annual Native Plant Sale*



Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Manada Members Breakfast 8-10am

Public Sale 10am-4pm

at Schaffner Park in Hummelstown

*Gorgeous plants! Art vendors!  
Kids crafts! Live music!*

Meet our plant sale coordinators  
and find sale details on pages 6-7.



Many thanks to our Potting  
Day Volunteers who  
planted our plugs that we'll  
be selling on May 2nd!

And in celebration of Pi Day  
on 3/14/15 at 9:26:53 they  
made some "pi's" ....  
*mud pies that is!*

*Left to right:* Janet Maynard, Leslie Wilson, Caroline Parke, Nick Silvis, Andy Groff, Connie Marencic, Bobbie Boyer, Steve Rannels, Sharon Rannels, Matt Silvis, Photo by: Sally McKeever

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#### ***In Memory***

Ken & Anna Staver



As I write this, winter still has a firm grip on the mid state and more bad weather is predicted. Even so, Jim Egenreider and his crew are in the midst of constructing the small portable greenhouses in which we plan to grow up our plants for the annual spring native plant sale. Lindsay Johnson and her dad and mom have constructed and delivered the tables on which the plants are to be grown. Potting day was originally scheduled for the first weekend in March but due to the frigid weather the date was postponed until March 14. In the meantime, the young plants are getting an early start in our sunroom. This year's sale, scheduled for May 2 at Schaffner Park in Hummelstown, will be newly configured and entirely different from previous sales at Meadowood Nursery. It is going to feature a number of vendors who will offer additional wonderful native plants, including trees, shrubs and woodland species. We should also note that our friend, Jay George, will be donating 40 blooming- sized trilliums to the Conservancy for sale at the event.. It takes 7 years for a trillium to reach the point at which it is ready to bloom so this is an extraordinary gift---and a wonderful opportunity for our patrons.

Our first Benefit event, "A Sense of Wonder", was held in February at the WITF Public Media Center and was thoroughly enjoyed by the many attendees. Where else would one find such an effective melding of Science, Music, and Wonder at the majesty of the natural world? Probably very few other places. We thank Dr. Keith Cheng for demonstrating to us that science, music, and awe can be so intimately linked and we thank our own Dr. Richard Zaino for setting the stage perfectly by showing us some of the many images that evoke wonder for him. Executive director, Shaun Levi, orchestrated the evening and we thank her for her enthusiasm and creativity. Of course, a lot of other people helped to make this a successful event, too, and I thank them all. One of the most wonderful things about the Conservancy is its cadre of enthusiastic supporters and volunteers.

Work continues on the Preservation front. The Small Valley Girl Scout project has been in the works, so to speak, for more than two years. Final papers will be signed within a few weeks and when that happens, it will be a red-letter day for us, for the Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA, and for all of you who have supported the project through your interest and your contributions. In the months to come, you will hear about some of the other projects on which we are working. Each one is unique and requires its own individualized approach. It is very heartening to know that there is still land to be protected in our region and that there are land owners who are willing to give up development value so that their special properties can be protected long into the future. We are grateful to each person/family for their generosity. We are most appreciative of the abilities of Preservation Director, Sally Zaino, and our competent staff that allow our projects to move forward in a professional and efficient manner.

For those of you who value the work of the Manada Conservancy and who would like to help to assure its long term health and financial stability, I invite you to consider a legacy gift of some kind. There are many ways to do this and we would be happy to talk with you about one that might be appropriate for you. Funding is probably the single biggest challenge for most non-profits and the Manada Conservancy is no exception. As our work increases, so does our financial need.

*Nancy Cladel*

### Manada Conservancy Partners in Preservation

Partners in Preservation have preserved land with Manada Conservancy.

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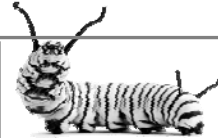
**Thank you, Bob Jones!** The Board of Directors is sorry to announce the retirement of Dr. Robert (Bob) Jones from the Board. Bob was with us a relatively short time but during that period he brought the wisdom of his years as well as his extensive experience to our organization. He encouraged us to think carefully about the Conservancy's capacity to handle the many tasks presenting themselves for consideration and helped us to develop techniques for evaluating that capacity. Bob is a long time resident of the Borough of Hummelstown and served on Borough Council for many years. His connection with both town and land trust has helped the Conservancy to forge a strong working relationship with the Borough, one that has already paid dividends to both. Bob worked on the Conservancy's Preservation committee and enjoyed participating in baseline studies and property monitoring. We will miss his wise input and pleasant demeanor at our board meetings but suspect we will continue to see Bob as he continues to support our work in a volunteer capacity. *Thank you for your interest and support, Bob.*



*Above, left to right:*  
Manada Board member Lindsay Johnson, Stewardship Director Richelle Dourte, and Preserve Manager Jim Egenrieder

**Manada Conservancy's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception** was held this past February. It is because of our dedicated volunteers that Manada is growing in the number of acres preserved, that our native plant initiative perseveres, and that our education programs continue to reach the public. *Thank you!*

If you would like to find out more information on becoming a Manada Conservancy volunteer, please contact us at office@manada.org or (717) 566-4122. We are currently seeking volunteers to help with outreach events. Training will be provided. And if you have a special skill to lend such as graphic design or grant writing, we would love to hear from you.



**Thanks to our volunteers  
this quarter!**

Andy Groff	Liz Mathers
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Leslie Wilson	
Lindsay Johnson	
Lindsey Miller	



**Meet Manada's new intern!**

Collin Littlefield has joined the Manada team and will be with us for his spring semester as a Preservation Intern. We met Collin last spring when he assisted with planting and maintenance of Manada's demonstration streamside buffer site on Kokomo Ave. in Hummelstown. Collin is a graduate of Susquehanna University with a Bachelors degree in Earth and Environmental Sciences and is currently a graduate student enrolled in Shippensburg University's Geoenvironmental Studies program. Collin is already busy assisting us with GIS mapping and setting up our greenhouse in preparation for Manada's upcoming plant sale. We are grateful to have him on board!



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## Preservation

### 27 Acres Preserved in Lower Paxton Township

*much-needed protection along Paxton Creek*

Behind the commercial strip development on Linglestown Road, and between the patches of suburban sprawl along Colonial Road, meanders the Paxton Creek. It traverses through scattered housing, was re-routed for Interstate 81, and feeds Wildwood Lake and then the Susquehanna River. Draining a 27-square mile area northeast of Harrisburg, the Paxton Creek is a threatened resource, and it needs every inch of protected forest buffer that it can get.

Thanks to the vision of Doug and Nadine Neidich, it just got some more. A 27-acre oasis for wildlife and water quality in Lower Paxton Township will now be off-limits to any further development and disturbance. Doug Neidich is no stranger to conservation, as evidenced by the careful planting of PA Native trees, removal of invasive plants and maintenance of the mature native woodlands that border the Creek on his land. He is also an enthusiastic proponent of historic preservation: part of the protected wetland areas are near the historic Mount Hill Tavern, owned by the Neidichs, which has been restored to preserve its special sense of place in history. The three-parcel property is now united by a conservation easement, which protects the majority of it as a High Protection Area, and prevents further subdivision.

The completion of this project was one of the most efficient we have ever done, thanks to all of the quick work by everyone involved. Thanks to our staff, especially Jennifer and Richelle, who completed easement drafting and baseline studies, respectively, and to our attorney, Jean Seibert, who kept things moving (even while in New Mexico, expecting a grandchild!). The Board of Directors as well as Sally and Shaun all had important parts to play in finalizing the project. We are grateful to the Neidichs for their vision and their legacy of habitat, water quality protection, and open space in an area where it is so much needed, and we welcome them as our newest Partners in Preservation.

*Left to right: Manada's Director of Preservation Sally Zaino, Nadine and Doug Neidich, Manada's President Nancy Cladel*

### SMALL VALLEY UPDATE

*Almost there....almost there...*

We are very excited to be finalizing this wonderful project in the very near future. Shaun has been busy communicating with the PA Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), our granting agency, to get the final paperwork complete. Richelle has been very busy in the field, documenting current property conditions, with her fantastic group of volunteers, and compiling her final reports. Consultants have been dispatched to evaluate environmental conditions, and to do a final survey. It is all coming together—we hope to be able to announce completion in our next newsletter. We've been patient for almost three years, so we will be patient just a little longer! But to share some of our excitement, here is the draft of the 3'x4' sign that will go on the property. Stay tuned for more details in the next newsletter!



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# THANK YOU

## Manada's *Sense of Wonder* benefit concert was a success!

A fun evening was had by all as Dr. Keith Cheng, pianist and scientist, led us on an exploration of the natural wonders that inspire us to be conservationists. The event, hosted by Cary Burkett, was held at the WITF Public Media Center on February 28th. Between beautiful musical selections, including the work of Chopin, Bach, and Schumann, Dr. Cheng shared with us the ways in which music, science, and the special people in his life have created his sense of wonder. Our thanks to all who supported the 2015 benefit concert.



Above, left to right: Office Assistant Chris Silvis, Outreach volunteer Lindsey Miller, Dr. Keith Cheng and his wife, Dr. Shou Ling Leong, Executive Director Shaun Levi, Associate Director Jennifer Hine, Education Committee Chair Tracy Devenyi



Shown left: Manada's Vice-President, Dr. Richard Zaino, introduced the Conservancy and shared photos and the ways in which nature inspires him personally.

Shown right: Board member Greg Burgdorf and his wife Paulina, Manada's Native Plant Sale Volunteer Coordinator



Shown right: Manada Board member Bonnie Rannels, Emeritus Board member Suzanne Donovan, and Board member Bobbie Boyer



**Ken & Karen  
Lehman**

**Dr. Keith Cheng**

*Thank you to our event sponsors!*



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## Upcoming Events

Look for us at East Hanover Township's *Earth Day in the Park*

Sunday, April 19th from 1pm to 4pm at 8848 Jonestown Rd., Grantville

Over 20 different hands-on workshops, a variety of local organizations, and some GOOD, GREEN fun!

### *Bike with Manada Conservancy!*

Saturday, May 30th 10am-12pm

at Swatara State Park

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/swatara/>

The trip will encompass two trail loops, with an option for beginners and more experienced bikers. This event is free and open to the public. Bikes and equipment will NOT be provided. Please register by contacting [office@manada.org](mailto:office@manada.org) or (717) 566-4122.

**Thank you Highmark for sponsoring  
Manada Conservancy's  
2015 Outdoor Recreation Programs!**



## *Manada Conservancy's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Native Plant Sale*

May 2<sup>nd</sup>

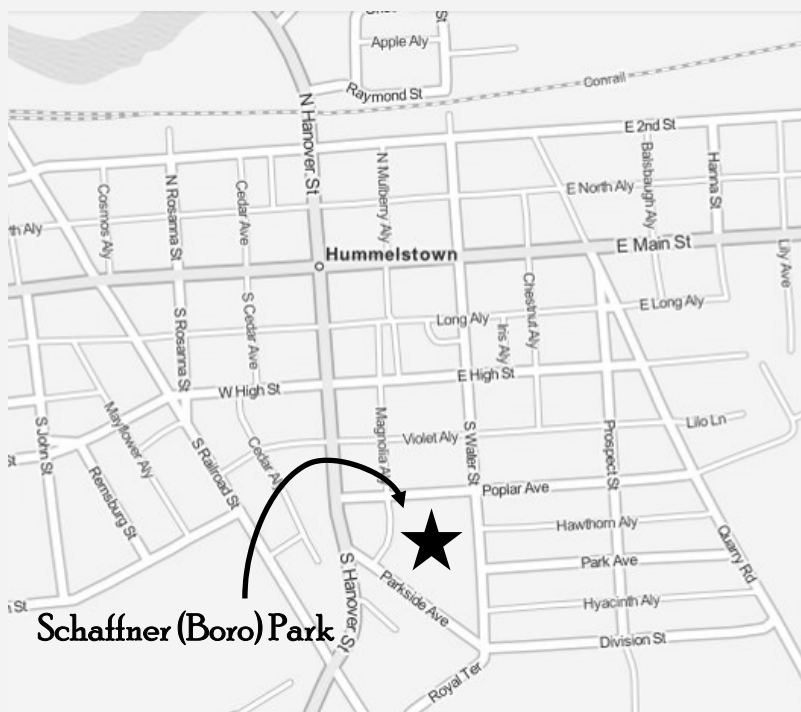
**Members Breakfast 8am-10am**

Manada members enjoy breakfast compliments of The Healthy Living Kitchen and first pick of plants!

**Public Sale 10am-4pm**

**New location! Schaffner (Boro) Park** (located at the intersection of Poplar Ave and Water Str, Hummelstown)

Free parking is available along the street or at the Lower Dauphin High School parking lot



### *Featuring...*

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Keystone Wildflowers

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The Healthy Living Kitchen

Toadshade Wildflower Farm

For more information about the sale please visit <http://www.manada.org/nativeplantsale.html>  
or contact the Manada Conservancy office at (717) 566-4122 or [office@manada.org](mailto:office@manada.org).





After a long snowy winter, we are pleased to present Manada's 15th Annual Native Plant Sale and all of its exciting new features! Year after year we continue to be amazed by the enthusiasm for the sale and level of effort that our wonderful volunteers tirelessly pour into this event. We are grateful for the continued support! Below, two very special Manada volunteers, Paulina Burgdorf and Andy Groff, tell you what the sale means to them.



### ***Meet Paulina Burgdorf, Manada's Native Plant Sale Volunteer Coordinator!***

It is with great anticipation that I look forward to Manada Conservancy's 15<sup>th</sup> annual native plant sale at a new venue. As volunteer coordinator for the plant sale since the fall of 2008, I continue to be grateful for the enthusiastic volunteers who commit their time and efforts to our plant sale. The plant sale is a great way for volunteers to build community and camaraderie as we focus on the positive environmental impact we have established in the surrounding area.

My husband Greg and I continue to add native plants to our gardens to attract and provide habitat to pollinators and birds in our yard. It is rewarding to watch our yard as it transforms to a more natural habitat. One of our favorite native perennial plants are the asters. Their beautiful colors dominate our natural areas in the late Summer and Autumn, attracting many butterflies. *I hope that you will continue to support the Conservancy and visit the 2015 native plant sale.*

### ***Meet Andy Groff, Manada's Native Plant Sale Committee Chair!***

The Manada Conservancy's members have a variety of reasons for being passionate about environmental causes, but for me nothing is as rewarding as gardening with native plants.

Every spring, I look forward to our native plant sale, knowing that my purchase not only supports the Conservancy's mission financially, but will also help improve and restore our ecosystem. It's not an abstract concept—what I plant is right there outside my door and it will continue to reward me and the local fauna for years to come. "Plant it and they will come." I'm not sure who first said that, but it's true: the research shows that every native plant species has a function in our ecosystem. Each butterfly, bee, and other pollinators have distinctive mouthparts that are designed for a particular flower or nectar source, or have young that are able to feed only on a particular type of plant. The more types of plants you incorporate into your landscape the more of these beneficial critters will come.

It always amazes me that in the middle of an old suburban development whose native plants were dug up generations ago, when I have planted that one certain plant, those critters will find it. One early summer morning a couple years ago I watched the pipevine swallowtail search all morning for just the right spot to lay her eggs on my pipevine. I bought the vine the previous year, knowing it was the host plant for that particular butterfly, which I had never seen before. The next year the bluebirds and cedar waxwings made their first appearance on my grove of chokeberries. One more piece of the puzzle had been restored.

Some of our members have only postage stamp size yards in midtown Harrisburg while others have forested lots that stretch for acres, but there are native plants at our annual sale for any size yard and situation. And we love to hear your stories, share our passion for plants, help you learn, and also learn from you. *So come to our sale, help support our cause, plant it, and they will come.*



From greenhouse construction, to potting day, and throughout the event planning process, Manada volunteers make it possible! ***Thank you!***



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**Thank you, Suba Spanish Tapas Bar!** And thanks to those of you who dined at Suba this past November, participating in the restaurant's charity event program! A portion of the month's happy hour proceeds were donated to Manada Conservancy. We had a great time enjoying delicious dishes while getting to meet a new crowd within Manada's focus area! Suba is located above Mangia Qui at 272 North Street in Harrisburg. <http://www.mangiaqui.com/suba/>



**Thank you for taking steps on  
Manada Conservancy's Pathway to Preservation!**

The following people, either through a gift or by personal donation, are walking with us on the Path to Preservation. Footprints are available year-round, for gifts, or as a way for you to donate directly to land preservation.

*Ann Bodling, Nancy Cladel, Jim & Ann Egenrieder, Bob Jones  
In Memory of Paul A. Miller*



Thank you, Ryan Reed for volunteering your teaching skills to add ideas to Manada's kids activities and craft resources, donating time on behalf of Dauphin County Technical School's service day in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.!

**Wish List**

- Floor lamps
- Metal U-posts for signs
- Office supplies
- Deer camera
- CD/DVD organizer
- HP color toner cartridges
- Used riding lawn mower minor repairs needed? No problem!

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for 2015 at the level I have indicated below**

Are you interested in becoming a Manada Volunteer? ☐ YES

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The 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.

***This issue of Manada Conservancy's newsletter is sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Symphony.***



Central PA Symphony will be celebrating it's 25<sup>th</sup> season on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Harrisburg/Hershey Sheraton. For tickets, visit: [www.centralpasymphony.org](http://www.centralpasymphony.org).

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