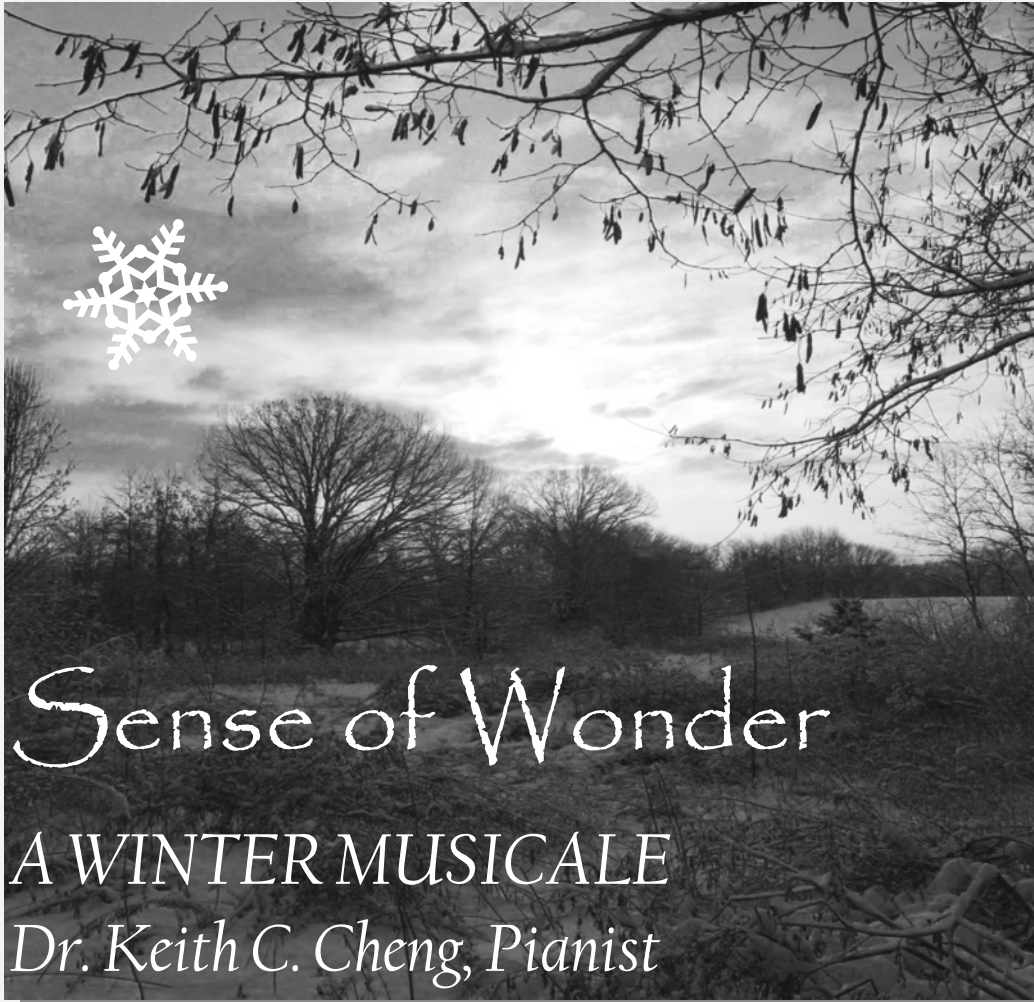




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We are thrilled to announce that we have received the official Governor's letter; the Department of Conservation of Natural Resources has awarded Manada Conservancy the funding to preserve Small Valley — all 762 acres of it!

So what happens next? Find out on page 4.

President's Message



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I am writing this as the year 2014 is winding down and the year 2015 is yet one of anticipation. It is a good time to reflect on the things that the Conservancy has accomplished in the current year and the things to which it looks forward in the New Year.

2014 has been a year of transition and also one of significant accomplishment. We have taken the major step of hiring our first full time employee, Associate Director Jennifer Hine, and a new Executive Director, Shaun Levi. We have created the position of Stewardship Director, in which Richelle Dourte is handling the annual monitoring on all of our properties and carrying out baseline studies on all new projects. Chris Silvis, as part time Office Assistant, capably handles much of our office work.

Former Executive Director, Sally Zaino, has returned to the board as chair of Preservation. Sometimes, she wonders if her workload has decreased at all as projects, new and old, continue to command her attention. You know by now that the DCNR grant to acquire an easement on Small Valley has been awarded. This is one of the Conservancy's biggest victories to date and we look forward to finalizing the project early in the New Year. We have preserved the first of what we anticipate may be a number of acquisitions and easements along the Kitatinny Ridge through the Army Compatible Use Buffer program (ACUB). We have facilitated the creation of Logan Farm Park in Susquehanna Township. Our education committee has brought a number of wonderful programs to the community and our Greenway Initiative has resulted in a number of plantings along the Swatara. We are proud of these and the many other accomplishments of the year 2014.

As we contemplate the New Year, we anticipate new opportunities and new challenges. Many of you know that Meadowood Nursery closed its doors this fall. The nursery and its proprietors, Jan Getgood and Ernie Johnson, will be greatly missed and our plant sales will need to be reconfigured. We have exciting plans underway and can assure all members and friends that the 15th annual plant sale will be held May 2 in Schaffner Park, Hummelstown. Details will be forthcoming but make sure you put the date on your calendar. Not only will the Conservancy be growing and supplying plants but a number of native plant nurseries will also be selling native trees, shrubs, and perennials.

On February 28, 2015, we will be having our first gala fund raising event. Dr. Keith Cheng, Professor of Pathology at the Hershey Medical Center and accomplished pianist will present a program for the Conservancy at the WITF Public Media Center. It will be a very special evening of good music and fine food and we hope you will join us in experiencing *A Sense of Wonder* with Dr. Cheng.

A number of new preservation projects are in different stages of development. We will keep you posted as they mature. Preservation of the area's special lands is our reason for being and we are gratified that new projects continue to come to our attention. To the many of you who have sent in your membership contributions for the coming year, I send special thanks. A number of you increased your membership level and this is most appreciated at a time when preservation projects are increasing. Without the support of our members, the Conservancy could not do its good work.

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The Detweiler Family

Richard and Sally Zaino

A. Scott Logan

In Memory of K. Roland Bergner

We are grateful to have received memorial donations in honor of Manada member, Roland Bergner. Retired from the PA Game Commission, Roland was an avid outdoorsmen and was actively involved in many community organizations. He is missed by many.

Many thanks to **Wells Fargo's Community Connections Giving Program** for their donation in the amount of \$1,000 to further our land preservation and environmental goals!



It was an office work party! Thanks to assistance from our awesome volunteers Tom Winner and Bonnie Rannels (below right), we were able to get a bulk mail out on time!

Many thanks to Alice Winner who volunteered her organizational expertise to tidy our office. No small feat!

***Thanks to our
volunteers this quarter!***

Alice Winner
Amber Lefever
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You've taken steps on our Pathway to Preservation!***Thank you!***

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.

*Robert & Chris Durand, Wanda Jo "PW" Easton,
Naomi Jacobs, David Lauffer, Sally Kurtz, Susan Keiper
Lauffer, Alan Meminger, Ann Olson, Erik Olson,
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Some of us didn't sleep the night before the grant announcements. Some of us refreshed the DCNR web site every five minutes on the announcement day. But sometime during the night on October 17th, the list of 2014 DCNR grant awardees appeared...and we were on it. The official letter came shortly after, announcing that our long suspense was over. Small Valley—all 762 acres of it—will be preserved by in perpetuity by conservation easement with The Manada Conservancy.



"I am writing to congratulate you on a grant award in the amount of \$256,200 from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program administered by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). Funding for these types of projects comes from the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund (Key 93), the Environmental Stewardship Fund (Growing Greener) and federal funding sources." - Governor, Tom Corbett

What Happens Next:

Now we launch into the "due diligence" phase, where we sign the grant contract, get a second appraisal (required by DCNR), get a survey, prepare legal documents, do an environmental study, and do a baseline documentation of the property. We also will be continuing to fund-raise. The DCNR grant is a matching grant, and although we now have enough to squeak by, we are still hoping to be able to cover some more of the stewardship, transaction, and easement purchase costs before finalization. This will help both the Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania, who own the property, and Manada Conservancy.



Lead back salamander

Remaining uncertainties:

Will the required second appraisal match the first? Our entire budget is based on the first appraisal. If the second appraisal is different, will we be able to deliver the promised compensation to the Girl Scouts? Will there be any glitches? Of course there will be anxious moments, right up to the time when the papers are signed—so no, we are not sleeping like babes, but we are sleeping MUCH BETTER. Our partners at DCNR have been very helpful, our supporters have been very generous and very patient, our partnership with the Girl Scouts has been a pleasure from the beginning, and the encouragement from other conservation organizations has been much appreciated. We have made it past the biggest and most crucial hurdle.

We will save all of our many thank-yous a little longer, when we have a celebration (early May).

We hope everything will be complete by then. For now, however, we'd like to thank *you*, our members and supporters of this project, as well as our volunteers, who have put so much time into it. The faith you have placed in us has kept us strong, and when the project is finished, it will be because of you. We hope you will rejoice in the knowledge that you have helped to create a significant and lasting legacy for the natural world, and all of us who are a part of it.



Enjoying a hike at Camp Small Valley on a beautiful fall morning; (left to right): Mary Brenner, Neal & Linda Rhoads, Mary Lou McDowell, Jim Egenrieder, Erika Laufer, Pam Holmes, Shaun Levi, Paul Zeph, Bonnie Rannels, Mike Holmes

Recent Events

Trout Unlimited Schools Us on Fly Fishing



This past October, Manada Conservancy had the pleasure of partnering with the Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Together, we held a kid-focused fly fishing program along Clarks Creek in Dauphin. Thanks to the Trout Unlimited volunteers, we learned how to cast a fly rod, tie flies, and even caught a few fish! This program was the second outdoor recreation program Manada offered in 2014 to kick off our effort to bring the public out into nature. Find out about our next outdoor event, snowshoeing, on page 6. *What outdoor events would you like to see be offered? Tell us at office@manada.org.*



Manada's Executive Director, Shaun, gets tips on the art of tying flies.



Manada's Associate Director, Jen, shows off her lucky catch.



Cub Scout Planting at Boathouse Park



Thanks to the Webelos 1 Cub Scouts of Pack 65 of Hershey for planting several buttonbush plants at Boathouse Park in Derry Township, a great addition to the park's wetland areas. The plants were generously donated by Manada member, Cee Frey!



Thanks to those who attended our Fall Preservation Monitoring Training session!

These preservation volunteers are dedicated to the annual monitoring of our preserved properties. The workshop was led by our Stewardship Director, Richelle Dourte, at Manada Conservancy's Cladel Preserve in East Hanover Township.

If you would like to learn more about serving as a Preservation Monitoring Volunteer, or other opportunities to volunteer with Manada Conservancy, we invite you to attend our open-house Volunteer Appreciation Reception on Sunday, February 15th from 2-4pm at the Manada office. See page 7 for more details. *We couldn't do what we do without the help of our dedicated volunteers!*



Upcoming Events

Come Snowshoeing with Manada Conservancy!

Saturday, January 10th, 10am-12pm

at Boyd Big Tree Preserve, Fishing Creek Valley Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112

We will be snowshoeing a trail loop approximately 1.1 miles long, guided by DCNR Park Naturalist, Ben Ranney. If there is no snow on the day of the event, we will conduct a guided hike instead. This event is free and open to the public.

Snowshoes will be provided, but space is limited. Please register by contacting office@manada.org or (717) 566-4122.

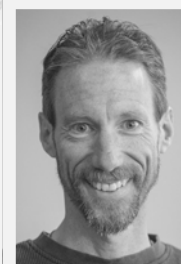


Integrated Pest Management with Tim Abbey

Thursday, February 5th at 7PM

Hershey Public Library, 701 Cocoa Ave., Hershey

Integrated Pest Management...what is it and what does it mean to you? Spend an hour learning about the role IPM can play in managing pests in your home landscape, and how you can communicate with land care professionals. Please join us as we explore this important topic with Mr. Tim Abbey, Assistant Scientist II in the Entomology Department at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. Tim also teaches industry professionals, students, master gardeners and community groups about IPM. *This event is free and open to the public. Please register at office@manada.org or (717) 566-4122. Contact us about the possibility of continuing education units.*



Sense of Wonder, *A WINTER MUSICALE*

Dr. Keith C. Cheng, Pianist

February 28th, 7-10pm at the WITF Public Media Center

You are invited to join Manada Conservancy for our inaugural Benefit Concert, a special winter interlude where classical pianist Dr. Keith Cheng plays on and for our sense of wonder. Proceeds support Manada Conservancy's work to preserve the wonders of Dauphin County, PA including forests and family farms, parks and trails, creeks and rivers, scenic and historic landscapes.

Program: 7PM Small Plates and Drinks, 8PM Concert, 9PM Dessert Reception with Dr. Cheng and Prize Drawings

For tickets and event details, please contact the Manada Conservancy office

office@manada.org, (717) 566-4122

www.Manada.org/Concert



PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY



Upcoming Events

You're Invited! Manada Conservancy's 6th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception

Sunday, February 15th, 2-4:00pm at the Manada Conservancy office:
113 E. Main Street (rear), Hummelstown, PA 17036 (parking available at back)

Please join us for light refreshments at our office as we acknowledge our wonderful volunteers. Not yet a volunteer, but interested in learning more? This is a great chance to get acquainted with Manada. *Please RSVP to office@manada.org or 566-4122.*

Bees, Bugs, and Blooms: Top Plant Picks for Pollinators with Connie Schmotzer

Wednesday, April 8th at 7PM

Hershey Public Library, 701 Cocoa Ave., Hershey



Our pollinators are currently threatened by a number of factors, including lack of nutritious floral resources. Although many plants are available for gardens, they are not all equal when it comes to availability of pollen and nectar. To determine which plants are more attractive to pollinators, Penn State Extension began Bees, Bugs and Blooms, a trial garden plot which includes 84 species of native plants and some of their cultivars. This presentation details the current results of the research. *This event is free and open to the public. Please register at office@manada.org or (717) 566-4122.*

**NEW
LOCATION!**

Manada Conservancy's Spring Native Plant Sale Saturday, May 2nd at Schaffner Park, Hummelstown

Please join us for Manada Conservancy's 15th Annual Spring Native Plant Sale! As you may know, Meadowood Nursery has closed its doors. But we will be continuing our annual spring sales with an exciting new approach in which you may browse a wide variety of natives presented to you by an array of regional native plant nurseries. Stay tuned for more details!



The Manada Conservancy is grateful to our Corporate & Business supporters!



Thank you, Jeff Rettig for your donation from the sale of your used truck!



Did you know that you can donate your old vehicle to benefit Manada Conservancy? For the link to our special auto donation page, go to: <http://www.manada.org/donations.html> and click on the little car.

Thank you, Patti Estheimer for the surge protector!

Do you shop at Amazon.com? Next time you go to shop online, visit smile.amazon.com and select Manada Conservancy as your organization of choice. Manada will receive a donation from Amazon Smile at no additional cost to you. *Thank you!*



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!

NOT SURE WHEN TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP? YOU CAN NOW FIND YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION DATE ON THE BACK OF EVERY NEWSLETTER! **WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!**



MEMBERSHIP

☐ **NEW MEMBER**

☐ **RENEWAL MEMBER**

Please Enroll me as a member in the Manada Conservancy for 2015 at the level I have indicated below

Are you interested in becoming a Manada Volunteer? ☐ YES

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email address: _____

Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____

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Mission Statement

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.

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