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# Manada Conservancy Summer News 2016

## *Music Over the Mountains*

### *A Celebration of Manada Conservancy's 20th Anniversary*

Join us for an evening of bluegrass and barbecue to kick-off the celebration of 20 years of accomplishments, preserving the mountains and natural areas of Central Pennsylvania!

September 25, 2016

4 - 8pm at Wind in the Willows  
(35 Webster School Rd Grantville, PA)

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## President's Message



Dear friends,

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We at the Conservancy recently said “Goodbye” to one of our stalwart original board members, Dr. G. Victor Rohrer. Vic, as he was known to all of us, passed away on May 13<sup>th</sup> and his life was celebrated in one of his favorite spots, the Rohrer Woodland, on June 18<sup>th</sup> in a ceremony designed entirely by his family and especially appropriate for the man we had all grown to love and respect. Vic and Jean donated that 77 acre woodland on the top of the Kittatinny Ridge to the Conservancy in 2014. It was the place that Vic often went to be at one with the natural world and it seems a fitting location to remember a man so in tune with nature.

Vic brought his multiple assets to his work with the Conservancy. He was astute and his wisdom helped to guide the Board in many of its endeavors. He was humble and interacted exceedingly well with prospective easement donors because they recognized in him a genuine, trustworthy individual. He was kind and treated everyone with respect. He was realistic and helped to keep the Board on a sensible course when its inclination might have been to overreach its capacity. He was generous. Not only did he and Jean donate their mountain property, but they also lent generous financial support to the Conservancy. We are most grateful for the contributions that **Vic made to Manada Conservancy's growth and development. We will miss him greatly.**

Strategic Planning is a process that the Conservancy undertakes every five years to help set directions for the next five year period. It is time for that process again and **we have initiated our discussions. We are going to miss Vic's input into the process.** Strategic Planning is a critical component of our organization as it forces us to come to grips with the things that hold us back as well as to ponder where we actually envision ourselves in the long run. Among the many things we will be discussing in the next few months will be long term funding strategies, the respective roles of staff and board in the operation of the organization, and the breadth of services we might want or be able to offer. We welcome the thoughts of you, our members. Please send them to [office@manada.org](mailto:office@manada.org). **We don't promise to adopt all of them but we do promise to give each one careful consideration.** We value the input of each of you and want to know your perceptions of Manada Conservancy and your hopes for its future.

*Nancy Cladel*

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### In Memory

Vic Rohrer

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*Thank you, Thank you!*

Many thanks to K&W Engineers and Anthea Stebbins, Park & Recreation Director for East Hanover Township, for their Earth Day tree planting at **Manada's Cladel Preserve!**

Thanks to Anita Pritchett for recently donating a much-needed riding mower and to Sally Appleby for donating shovels and gardening tools.



Both donations will help us greatly with maintaining our preserves and planting sites.

Many thanks to the Linglestown Artisan Trail for choosing Manada Conservancy as beneficiary of their Earth Day fundraiser!

Thanks to Board member Bonnie Rannels, a fun night out at the **Central Pennsylvania Symphony's** April gala generated a match donation for Manada. A great example of how our amazing members think outside of the box to contribute to Conservancy efforts!

Thanks to all who participated in the June 4th trash clean-up on the Greenbelt with Manada Conservancy, Troegs Brewery and the Capital Area Greenbelt Association.

Manada Conservancy was the recipient of donations received from the *East Meets West at the River* meditation and intentional healing event hosted by Rickie Freedman, of Reiki by Rickie, and Rachel Grundon to create awareness about the importance of the health of the Susquehanna River and our local waterways. Many thanks to all who participated!



Members 1st Federal Credit Union recently donated two gently used laptops, a tremendous help for our staff and volunteers. Thank you!

Shown right, Manada Board members Rich Zaino and Jim Egenrieder planted a white oak at the Cladel preserve in memory of Albert R. and Rosalba Weir, on behalf of the Weir family.



(Shown below) Girl Scout leader Shannon Messick and her Troop spent time learning tree identification with Manada Board member Laura Goss and then the group planted several Tulip Poplar, River Birch and Red Buds at the Cladel Preserve. Thank you!



Thanks to Stephanie Trump Johnston of Free Spirit Yoga for leading an outdoor yoga session along the Swatara Creek this June, one of **Manada's four annual outdoor recreation programs.**

We are grateful to have received the help of Milton Hershey School students with planting native perennials at the Cladel Preserve on their volunteer service day this spring! (Shown right)



We are grateful for a contribution recently received in memory of longtime friend of the Conservancy, Gene Rannels.

This spring we lost another friend of the Conservancy, Richard H. Light. Memorial donations are being accepted by the Friends of Memorial Lake and Swatara State Parks group (FOMLSSP) at 18 Boundary Rd., Grantville, PA 17028, and the Lebanon Valley Conservancy.

*Thanks to our volunteers this quarter!*

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## Remembering Vic

Many of you will be sad to learn of the passing of Vic Rohrer, a few weeks ago, after an illness of several years. Our thoughts are very much with Jean and the whole Rohrer family.

Vic was a founding Board member of MC, and was an impassioned supporter of our land preservation mission. Not everyone knew that aside from being a former Associate Dean at Hershey Medical Center, Vic was also a former farmer (he would say “once a farmer, always a farmer”), and a forest steward with a deep knowledge of trees. Vic loved the woods, and he understood agriculture, woodland management, and the need for working landscapes. He understood that we are all part of the natural world. Because of this, he championed land preservation, worked with many of our preservation projects, and always encouraged us to reach a little higher. Once, when we were debating a project that was more ambitious than any we had undertaken before, wondering if we could manage it, he said *This is what we are here for*. And he was right—that successful project led us to several more that have tremendous conservation value, and that we are extremely proud of.



Vic brought us something else. When we started out as an organization, we had a lot to learn, and we had to work together to learn as we grew. Vic supplied an essential ingredient, which we often hesitate to express, because we want to appear scientific, pragmatic and professional—love. He was not afraid to express his love for the wild world, for the landscape, and most of all, for all of us, and what had brought us together. It is crucial to understand *how* we operate, but it is also crucial to understand *why*. Vic helped to unite our fledgling group with mutual respect, appreciation of our differences, each other, our members and our Partners in Preservation in the knowledge that we shared something worth working for. He helped to form the Manada family that exists today. Of all the legacies Vic left us—his financial support, his vast experience, the donation, with his wife and family, of 77 acres of beautiful woodlands on First Mountain—this one may be his most powerful.

That atmosphere has been carried on, even after he left our Board in 2011. An organization that is built on—yes, let’s say it, because he did—love, has a strong foundation. An organization built on trust, respect and open discussion can take on big dreams and make them reality.

*We are deeply grateful for the legacy that Vic left for all of us. We thank the Rohrer Family for designating Manada Conservancy as the recipient of memorial contributions, and we thank all of those who have contributed in his memory.*

## Manada’s 16th Annual Spring Native Plant Sale - Recap

On May 7th another fun-filled sale took place at Boro Park thanks to our dedicated volunteers! As gray skies cleared, the crowd was drawn in with the sun. Healthy Living Kitchen provided an amazing members’ appreciation breakfast and Julie Moffitt provided her musical talents, highlights of the sale that we all look forward to each year. We are appreciative of the local artisans and native plant vendors who were able to join us and offer their specialties. Many thanks to Jay George who provided us with numerous unique woodland perennials to make available at the sale. Thanks to Board members Nancy and Chuck Cladel and several volunteers, we were able to open the Conservancy’s greenhouses several evenings in June to sell remaining perennials in time for them to be planted for this year’s growing season. Special thanks to Plant Sale Committee Chair Andy Groff and Volunteer Coordinator Paulina Burgdorf for making the sale a success year after year!



*Thanks to the Healthy Living Kitchen team!*



*The plant sale is a great place to make new friends!*



*Left: Board members Bonnie Rannels and Bobbie Boyer did a dance for sunshine, and it worked!*

*Right: We were finally able to catch our photographer, Chuck Cladel, on the other end of the camera.*



*Manada members, It is with your support that Manada Conservancy is able to carry out its mission of land preservation and environmental education. Did you know that over 70% of the Conservancy's operating funds are generated from membership? Without YOU, it truly wouldn't be possible. Your contributions allow us to complete preservation projects, enable restoration plantings along the Swatara Creek, fuel our native habitat initiative, contribute to the protection of the Kittatinny Ridge, and provide the community with information about our local natural surroundings. Thank you!*

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bership questions or corrections.*

*Thank you!*

## *Upcoming Events!*

### **Manada's Annual Members Appreciation Ice Cream Social**

Sunday, July 17th 2-4pm at Westwynd Farm (1620 Sand Beach Rd, Hummelstown)

Manada members, join us for a sweet treat in appreciation for all that you do! Remember to invite your family and friends! Please RSVP to the Manada Conservancy office at [office@manada.org](mailto:office@manada.org) or (717) 566-4122.

### *Can You Judge a Creek by Its Water?*

Tuesday, August 16th 3pm at Camp Catherine (1275 Swatara Rd, Hershey)

Join Penn State educator Jennifer Fetter for a fun hands-on assessment of the Swatara Creek!

Make scientific observations about the water and surrounding flora and fauna. Collect and analyze creek water samples. *Can YOU judge a creek by its water?* Join us and find out! This program is recommended for youth of the middle school level, grades 6-8. Attendees should wear a shirt, shorts and fitted shoes. No bathing suits, bare feet or flip flops. Participants will get wet, so please consider bringing a towel.



**Manada Conservancy's education programs are free and open to the public. Space is limited. Please register** at [office@manada.org](mailto:office@manada.org) or (717) 566-4122.

### Music Over the Mountains

Sunday, September 25th 4-8pm at Wind in the Willows (35 Webster School Rd, Grantville)

Join us for an evening of bluegrass and barbecue to kick-off the celebration of 20 years of accomplishments in preserving the mountains and natural areas of Central Pennsylvania! Enjoy music by bluegrass band Colebrook Road as well as **other musical performances, BBQ by Forrest's Feed Co. of Hummelstown, and spirits provided by the Vineyard & Brewery of Hershey.** Proceeds benefit Manada Conservancy's mission. Join us to celebrate all that Manada has accomplished and give cheers to the future!

Tickets (\$50) include music, barbecue and drinks. To purchase tickets, please visit [www.manada.org](http://www.manada.org) or contact the Manada Conservancy office at [office@manada.org](mailto:office@manada.org) or (717) 566-4122.

*A special thank you to Pam & Dave Graybill of Wind in the Willows for their assistance with this event!*



### Mountains of the Heart with Scott Weidensaul

*- Marking the 20th Anniversary Edition -*

Wednesday, October 12th

7pm at 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. **Manada Conservancy's education programs are free and open to the public.** Please register at [office@manada.org](mailto:office@manada.org) or (717) 566-4122.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Rural Routes Barn Tour: Saturday, October 29th 10am-3pm

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. Thank you to our **sponsors, Dauphin County Parks & Recreation and Forrest's Feed Co. BBQ!** *Ticket details available soon!*

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### 2016 Manada Conservancy Environmental Achievement Awardees

The Manada Conservancy Environmental Achievement Award recognizes the senior who has excelled in environmental studies and who has contributed to the stewardship and protection of natural resources.

**This year's awards are sponsored by Dr. Richard Walters, DMD.**



**Hannah Paymer's** civic engagement and extracurricular involvement are extensive and diverse. She is a Hershey High School varsity cheerleader and on the powerlifting team. She is active in the choir, past musicals, and in a select a cappella jazz ensemble. As president of Key Club (Kiwans), she has impacted the community through fundraising projects such as the Walk for Clean Water to build clean water wells in African villages. She also organized a kindergarten reading project focused on environmental themes. As a co-leader of Hershey Community Youth Alliance (Rotary), she builds relationships among youth through events like the Crop Walk and joint talent shows. She volunteers with the Derry Environmental Action Committee and serves as the liaison between DEAC and the HHS Environmental Club, encouraging youth involvement. Some current projects include tree planting and forging the Monarch Oasis. She is the recipient of the 2015 AP Environmental Science Class Achievement Award and is a 3 year member of the HHS Envirothon Team.

Isaiah Pettis is well-known as a hardworking student at Lower Dauphin High School. Isaiah excels in science and history. He plays soccer for Lower Dauphin and has won numerous awards for his talents on the field including the 2015 NSCAA All American, 2015 Regional All American and 2015 All American High School Game. Isaiah plans to major in environmental science or biology and to continue playing soccer in college.



Giuseppe Collia is an environmentally literate student who seeks to turn his understanding into action. He has been an invaluable and dedicated member of the Envirothon team for all 4 years. He applies his knowledge and interest through active involvement in the Agriculture and Natural Resources career pathway and Science Olympiad competitions. He brings a clear voice of environmental stewardship to his role in Student Government. He is a focused and driven individual, mature beyond his years and seeks to integrate his knowledge with all areas of his life and help others in the Milton Hershey School community do the same.



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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.



Thanks to all who joined us to Bird the Kittatinny Ridge this June, one of Manada's annual outdoor recreation programs sponsored by Highmark. Preservation Committee member Dave McNaughton (shown bottom right) led the group and pointed out birds, plants, insects and other critters along the way! For more information about current preservation efforts on the Ridge, visit <http://kittatinnyridge.org/>.

Above left, Board member Bonnie Rannels and Manada volunteer Sharon Rannels focused in on a few of the many butterflies spotted while on the trip. Right, Spring foliage disguised the birds well but the group was still able to identify woodpeckers, vireos, several types of warblers, tanagers, and indigo buntings, to name a few. Left, several red efts were also spotted along the way like the one Steve Rannels is holding here.



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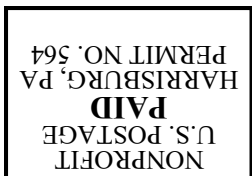


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