An evening with Doug Tallamy and Rick Darke, co-authors of

**The Living Landscape:**
Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity

Presented by Manada Conservancy & Appalachian Audubon Society

Join us **Thursday, April 27th** for an exploration of design, native plants and wildlife just in time for spring planting!

See page 4 for details!

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**Manada Conservancy’s 17th Annual Spring Native Plant Sale**

Co-Sponsored by the Hummelstown Business & Professional Association

Saturday, April 29th, 8am-3pm
at Boro Park

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

Details on pages 5!

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It's Spring! Actually, I have just finished plowing our 1/3rd of a mile long driveway for the third time in two days following a 16 inch snowfall, and the wind is howling. But I have confidence that by the time you read this newsletter, spring peepers and American toads will produce a night-time chorus, daffodils and fruit trees will be in bloom and ladyslippers and Virginia bluebells will not be far behind. Wild Pennsylvania is beautiful in all seasons. The cold winters make the hot, muggy summers more appealing, and the beauty of the woodlands in spring and fall always lift the spirits.

This spring is special for us, since it marks our 20th anniversary. We never anticipated the success that we have seen, whether measured in members (~400), acres preserved (~2,000 acres) or educational programs provided to the public (~80). But equally or more important are the relationships we have developed with the municipalities, businesses, corporations, other conservation minded organizations, Boy Scouts, schools, and individuals like you. So many of you have donated generously and volunteered so many hours to help our mission of preservation, education and community engagement become a reality! It is so much fun to be working in the office and have our members stop by to help. We have so much for which to thank you, and we will try to do that with some special programs this year, including: 1) an evening on The Living Landscape, with two internationally noted authors and speakers, Doug Tallamy and Rick Darke, on April 27th; 2) our 17th Annual Native Plant Sale on April 29th; 3) an Ice Cream Social in July; 4) a celebration of Music over the Mountains in September; 5) a member and volunteer appreciation with a Pot-Luck Dinner at Fort Hunter Park on Nov. 12th; and 6) two educational programs in the fall, including one on climate change; (more details are in the newsletter or on our website).

As we collected our baseline data before we began our strategic planning last year, we tallied the hours of our volunteer support. It was staggering! You contributed to every area of our work – preservation, monitoring lands, helping with riparian buffer plantings, helping with clerical work in the office, assisting customers with native plants, setting up and staffing outreach events, and much more. We could not possibly have been successful without that support. We are so thankful for you, and I hope that we will see you at many of these events. Enjoy the Spring!

Richard Zaino
A Final Peace ~ We’ve lost one of our founding Board members, David Parke, after a long and difficult illness. David was a ray of sunshine, a cheerful and enthusiastic supporter and mentor for Manada Conservancy for many years. As the former Executive Director of the Hershey Museum and Hershey Gardens, he brought vast non-profit experience to our young organization, and connected us with others who could help us engage with the community. His advice on a myriad of issues helped us immensely and he was part of the backbone of our organization during our early years. He was also a master woodworker and crafted many items for us, including our wooden banner, and a number of beautiful log bowls for our silent auctions. David and his wife, Caroline, were founding Board members, and will always be part of the Manada family. Our thoughts are with the whole Parke family. Many thanks to those who chose to honor David with a gift to the Conservancy.

Fritchey Family gift a Fantastic way to finish 2016
In 2016, we were informed that we were to be the co-recipients of a family trust from the Dorothy E. Fritchey Estate. After meeting with family and legal representatives, we received a substantial donation. Robert Fritchey, long-time Manada Conservancy member, was able to introduce us to other family members, and we are very grateful to the entire family for working together to provide us with this bequest. What a pleasure, to meet a family so united in their commitment to conservation!

The contribution couldn’t have come at a better time. For the first year since our inception, our budget required a full professional audit (our report gave us flying colors), and one recommendation from the auditor was that we have a buffer for our operations, so that our cash flow is never in jeopardy. The Fritchey bequest is going to provide that buffer for us, and will be harbored in a separate account as a backup to our everyday operations. Our cash flow during the year fluctuates, because of bumps during renewal time and fund-raising events, and slow periods, especially during the summer. But our bills must be paid all the time. Non-profits like ours are often managing a lot of work with a little budget, and this bequest helps to take a little of the stress out of our everyday work.

We are very grateful for the vision of Mrs. Fritchey and the support and enthusiasm expressed by the family for Manada Conservancy’s mission.

Thank you for donations received in memory of Vernon Miller, longtime Manada Conservancy member.

You’ve taken steps on our Pathway to Preservation!
Donations received for this special fund are designated specifically for Manada’s land preservation initiative and used on the costs associated with land acquisitions or conservation easements. Thank you!

In memory of David Parke
Janet Nicholson

Thank you, Garry Hine, for helping with our office “fixer-upper” projects!

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Spring Events!

An evening with Doug Tallamy and Rick Darke, co-authors of
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When: Thursday April 27th, 6pm to 10pm
Where: Lower Dauphin High School
(201 South Hanover Street, Hummelstown)

The richness of life in any landscape is linked to the richness of its layers. Using chickadees and other wildlife as guides we will explore how layers of native plants evolved with local wildlife. Join us as we learn to enhance our ability to see these layers and to create them in our own landscapes. Manada Conservancy is privileged to present two of the nation's leading authorities on the interplay of design, native plants and wildlife.

6-6:30: Doors Open/Visit Local Environmental Groups’ Displays
6:30-7: Rick Darke - Layers
7-8:00: Doug Tallamy - Relationships & Biology
8-8:15: Break
8:15-9:00: Darke - Putting it all into practice
9-10:00: Meet the Authors/Book Signing & Visit Displays

Doug Tallamy is Professor and Chair of the Dept of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware and author of the award winning book, “Bringing Nature Home.”

Rick Darke is a landscape design consultant, author, lecturer, and photographer based in Pennsylvania who blends art, ecology and cultural geography in the creation and conservation of livable landscapes.

This program is free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

We are pleased to offer (4) PA Certified Horticulturist (PCH) Continuing Education Credits (CEU) to Landscaping and Gardening Professionals. This program is accredited through PA Landscape and Nursery Association. There will be a $25 fee for those interested in receiving credit. If interested, please contact the Manada Conservancy office at (717) 566-4122.

Thank you to our sponsors:

Hanoverdale Agway, Highland Gardens, Penn-Cumberland Garden Club, Penn State Master Gardeners in Cumberland County, Wheel of Life - Personal Fitness, Yellow Breeches Watershed Association
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 16th 2-4pm at Westwynd Farm (1620 Sand Beach Rd, Hummelstown)

SAVE THE DATE: 2nd Annual Music Over the Mountains, Bluegrass and BBQ Celebration: Sunday, September 24th at Wind in the Willows in Grantville, featuring bluegrass band Colebrook Road, BBQ by Forrest’s Feed Co., and more! Ticket details available soon!
Meet the Manada staff!

A Huge Thank you!
Richelle Dourte has been with our organization, first as Administrative Assistant, and then as our Stewardship Director, since 2010. She has also had, at the same time, a thriving jewelry business (MetalledWith), a big garden, and with her husband, Josh, has restored an old farmhouse in Boiling Springs. In the last year, she and Josh added yet another responsibility to their lives—their son Alden—and this wonderful addition has caused Richelle to need to step away from her work with Manada Conservancy. We’re not going to say good-bye, because Richelle has become part of our organization in not just work, but spirit as well. But we will say THANK YOU, for all of the devotion, competence, enthusiasm and talent that she brought to us. We’re grateful to Richelle for streamlining our office operations and also our stewardship work, coordinating volunteers, monitoring in the field, and studying new projects. Her mapping skills and reports have taken us to a new level and given us a springboard to enhance our preservation work in the future.

Hello to Mark Vibbert, our new Stewardship Director!
We are delighted to welcome Mark to our Stewardship Director position. He brings a wealth of experience in fieldwork, monitoring and land management, wildlife conservation, and mapping, with experience in everything from using a chainsaw to negotiating at spear-point. He has worked with volunteers, controlled invasive species, led restoration projects, and led research efforts in threatened wilderness. He has served as a conservation ambassador to communities in Africa, working with children and adults alike. He also claims to have a sense of humor. We think that it will be a great fit for both Manada Conservancy and Mark. He has already begun some overlap time with Richelle, and will be starting his 20 hrs/week in early May. Welcome Mark!

Chris Silvis, Finance Manager
You already know Chris as she has preformed the role of Office Manager at Manada Conservancy since 2013. After her daughter, Emmy, was born at the end of 2015 Chris decided to transition to a more part time role. We are very happy to have Chris remain with the Conservancy continuing to focus on accounting and other administrative tasks, work that she is very skilled at and also finds enjoyable.

Thank you, Chris!

Goodbye For the Moment
We say goodbye for the moment to Anita Pritchett who came to us with a background in marine habitat management with NOAA and who served as a Program Coordinator for Manada Conservancy. This was designed to be a temporary position, lasting until the end of 2016 when we completed our strategic plan, but Anita was kind enough to work with us for an additional 3 months. As program coordinator, she assisted with the organization and completion of a variety of projects including our ice cream social and Music over the Mountains. But with her background and experience, she also provided us with much wise counsel, herding us if we strayed as we worked upon our strategic planning. We wish to recognize these efforts and thank her for this as well as for her critical thinking, kind disposition, and good humor. She leaves now to be able to spend a little more time with her family. But we are looking forward to the time in the not too distant future when we can work together again.

Welcome Manada’s First Development Director, Pam Nelson!
Throughout Manada’s recent strategic planning process the Board defined future goals while taking a hard look at the organization’s finances. We realized that if we are too keep up with the growing project demands, a wonderful problem to have, we must raise funds to support our operations. We feel very fortunate to have found Pam, an experienced fundraiser who has worked with a variety of non-profits including other land trusts. Pam recently returned home to Lancaster County from Colorado. She has a love for the central Pennsylvania landscape and is excited to, once again, be working to protect it. We are happy to have you on board, Pam!
Swatara Greenway Update:

**Hershey Trust and Milton Hershey School Sign Greenway Pledge!**
We are thrilled to announce the newest Manada Conservancy Greenway Stewards, the Hershey Trust Company and Milton Hershey School! What does this mean exactly? Manada Conservancy’s Swatara Greenway Stewardship Program encourages landowners with properties along the Swatara Creek to commit to maintaining a buffer, at least 35ft in width, of vegetation along the creek. This is a voluntary commitment which both the Trust and MHS have pledged.

As you may know, the Conservancy recently held its second State of the Swatara Greenway panel discussion. With the first discussion held in 2008, there were many accomplishments to recap including creekside restoration plantings, scout projects and many noteworthy partnerships with local municipalities, businesses and fellow conservation groups.

By committing to the Greenway Stewardship pledge, the Trust and MHS have made a wonderful step in showing their dedication to the health of our local waterway. We are hopeful that this relationship will be influential to other creekside landowners and grow in further progress for the Greenway.

**Buffers provide benefits, naturally, by...**
- Absorbing stormwater
- Filtering sediment and other pollutants before they reach the waterway
- Replenishing the groundwater supply
- Reducing erosion by slowing the speed of water entering the creek and stabilizing streambanks
- Providing both aquatic and terrestrial habitat

**More Trees for the Greenway!** It started with an idea and grew into a much larger partnership. Last fall Jen Hine, Manada’s Executive Director, and Erin Letavic, HRG, Inc. engineer representing Lower Swatara Township, began the conversation about having a community planting on recently acquired township land. Since then, Lower Swatara has joined as a Steward, taking the pledge in Manada’s Swatara Creek Greenway Stewardship program and partnered in applying to SUEZ (formerly United Water) to fund a spring planting project.

We are pleased to announce that the SUEZ North America Foundation, Inc. has awarded us $1,000 for project expenses. The planting will take place on Friday, April 21st at a site located off of Fulling Mill Road along a tributary to the Swatara Creek near a popular kayak launch.

SUEZ funds will be used in the purchasing of trees and shrubs, and protective deer fencing for the plantings. But, perhaps more importantly, it also provided Erin and Jen the opportunity to leverage more partners, which is really key to the bigger picture of what Manada is trying to accomplish with the Conservancy’s Swatara Greenway efforts.

Our partner list for this project has grown to include municipalities who are working to remedy stormwater issues with green infrastructure; Lower Swatara Township, Londonderry Township, Derry Township Municipal Authority, Troegs Brewery whose product depends on good water quality, HRG Engineering and PennState who have a wealth of knowledge and experience when it comes to restoration. All partners are contributing in various ways; providing volunteers, additional funds, free trees, mulch, equipment, and refreshments.

Stay tuned for a project recap in the July newsletter!
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It must be spring because **Potting Day** finally arrived! This past snowstorm, in particular, demonstrated how amazing our volunteers are as they came together to care for the greenhouses and safeguard the growing plugs. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who lend their time and talents to prepare for a successful spring plant sale. See you at the sale! (Details on page 5.)

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**Thanks to our volunteers this quarter!**

Andy Groff    Matt Silvis  
Angela Orvan   Nancy Cladel   
Ann Bodling    Pat Dengel      
Bobbie Boyer   Pat Reilly      
Bonnie Rannels Pat Swartz      
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Janet Maynard  Sally Zaino     
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Jim Wirt       Suzanne Donovan 
John Conner    Theresa Winfindale   
Kristin Eckert Tom Winner     
Laura Goss     Tracy Devenyi    
Lindsay Johnson      
Lindsey Miller      
Lynn Charlton      
Marsha Dulaney      

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**Did you forget to renew for 2017?** It’s not too late. **Renew today!**

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□ **NEW MEMBER**  □ **RENEWAL MEMBER**

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*Manada Conservancy is a member supported organization.*

Friend of the Conservancy, John Hulsberg, shared with us this photo of a Bald Eagle resting on a Sycamore tree that he took while kayaking the Swatara Creek.

Read about Manada’s work along the Swatara on page 7.