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Join us for Manada Conservancy’s 3rd Annual
Land Preservation Celebration,
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Fall Native Plant Sale
and Garden Tour
See page 6 for date, location, and partial list of available plants.
Our mission statement includes the following: “Manada Conservancy is a land trust dedicated to preserving natural, agricultural, scenic and historic resources of Dauphin County through land conservation...” That seems straightforward, but what do we mean by preservation and how does it differ from conservation?

Preservation is usually defined as “the act of keeping something as it is, to guard, to maintain, or to keep safe from decay or damage,” while conservation is “the protection of plants and animals, natural areas, or structures, usually from the damaging effects of human activity.” Subtle but important differences. The difference between the prevention of any change and the maintenance of the natural world.

We conserve land either by creation of a conservation easement or by ownership of land. Will that easement keep the land, each tree, bird or insect from being changed? No. The natural world is constantly in flux – trees and animals grow, mature, reproduce, die, and are replaced, and even geologic features constantly (if minutely) change. But we enter into a contract in which we are legally bound to conserve the resources according to the terms of the easement.

So, we must carefully craft each easement according to the features of each property and the wishes of each landowner with the future in mind. We walk each property, document baseline characteristics, and then monitor each parcel, every year, by field-work and photographs, to assess changes and ensure the conservation of resources and the protection from any damaging effects of human activity. This obligation is held in perpetuity (“the state of lasting forever”).

And that brings me to the heart of this letter. We are immensely excited each time we add another property to our conserved lands. But it also brings a substantial responsibility: to monitor rigorously each property, at least annually, forever. That means that each year as we add more easements, we must find more resources – people and money – to honor our obligations. Membership dues provide much of our operating expenses, but we believe that the best way to guarantee the necessary resources is to significantly enlarge our endowment.

Which leads me to a final definition: endowment – “the donation of money or property to a non-profit organization for which the principle is left intact, while using the investment income for a charitable purpose.” Not all of us own land suitable for a conservation easement, but each of us might consider a contribution to an endowment that will ensure that we will have the resources to maintain those protected lands. In perpetuity.

In the near future, I will provide more information about how we might best create this endowment. In the meantime, I hope that you take the opportunity to spend time outdoors, watching each small but significant change in our natural world.

Richard Zaino

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**Manada Conservancy Partners in Preservation**

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Thank you!

Thanks to Caroline Parke and Jan Wessell for tending to the native garden at the Manada Conservancy office, with a little help from Emmy (daughter of Finance Manager Chris Silvis).

Thanks to Ashton, Ian, and Ryan Zimmerman for planting trees, donated by Jay Stanton, along the Swatara Creek and Circle Drive boat launch in Hummelstown.

Thanks to all who lent a hand on May 12 as we joined forces with Penn State’s Greening the Lower Susquehanna Initiative and Londonderry Township for a trash clean-up along a stretch of the Swatara Creek in Middletown.

...and to the Manada volunteers and Messiah College students who came out to help us tackle invasive species.

...and to the Boy Scouts who helped with trail maintenance at the Cladel Preserve.

Many thanks to Dauphin County Technical School and Londonderry Elementary for donating their Dress Down Day proceeds to benefit Manada’s mission!

Do you have a Gmail account but aren’t receiving our emails? Check for them in your “promotions” tab. Adjust your email settings to allow email from Manada Conservancy. If you still aren’t receiving them but would like to, contact us.
Growing the Swatara Creek Greenway!

As part of our Swatara Greenway Stewardship program, Manada Conservancy has jumped on board with the Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership through the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Working together with Lower Swatara Township and Londonderry Township, we coordinated a planting day using trees and protective tree tubes provided through CBF’s program, in an effort to improve the water quality of the Swatara Creek. Over fifty volunteers from businesses and organizations including CBF, SUEZ, HRG, Penn State’s Greening the Lower Susquehanna, Troegs Brewery, the townships, and the Conservancy came out on April 20 to plant 400 riparian trees and shrubs near Fulling Mill Road in Middletown. This planting is one of many that will help to reach CBF’s ambitious goal of planting 10 million trees by 2025 to improve local Pennsylvania watersheds and, ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay.

*Stay tuned for more creek-side plantings with Manada Conservancy!*

Girl Scouts Earn Flowers Badge Through Manada Program

On June 2, over 20 Girl Scouts and their leaders discovered the wonders of native plants while earning their Flowers Badge through a program organized by Manada’s Education Committee volunteers Laura Goss and Jeanie Glaser. Participants learned about the anatomy of flowers, the importance of native plants to pollinators and people, how invasive species threaten delicate riparian ecosystems, why we plant rain gardens, and so much more. Through hands-on activities like flower dissection, observational drawing, preparation of a flower-themed snack, and plantings along the park’s nature trail, we hope these Girl Scouts have been inspired to grow their appreciation for our natural world. We hope to see them at future youth programs organized by the Education Committee! **Special thanks to West Hanover Township Parks & Recreation for their support in planning this event.**
Manada Conservancy’s 18th annual native plant sale was a big success!

We thank you all for supporting the event, which has become a way for members and friends to meet while purchasing plants for their home grounds. Over 1400 native plants were sold and are now growing in the community! The goal of our Native Plant Initiative is to re-introduce native plants into the landscape so that birds and insects (including butterflies and moths) visiting our yards will have the plants they need to survive and thrive.

From potting day in early spring, to sorting and transporting plants just before the sale, to setting up and tearing down the tents, to so many other things, there are many volunteers working behind the scenes. Together, volunteers spent over 300 hours preparing for this year’s sale! We thank volunteer coordinator Paulina Burgdorf for her expert choreography of these individuals and their tasks.

The plant sale committee has been ably led by Andy Groff for the past few years and he will be sorely missed as he steps down as chair. If YOU would like to join our committee and help with plan of our annual events, please let us know. We are always happy to have new faces and the fresh ideas they bring with them.

Liz Zapotocki and crew teamed up with Healthy Living Kitchen to provide a lovely breakfast for members again this year. Jay George shared his trilliums with us, a gift that would be hard to duplicate anywhere. Thanks also to Anne Altor of One Earth Body Care for donating handmade soaps and Isaac Moyer for lending his musical talents. A special thanks goes out to all of these friends!

If you have suggestions as to how we can make the sale better and/or more effective, please let us know. Are there plants we are not offering that you would like to see? Do you like the opportunity to pre-purchase selected plants? Is the online catalogue satisfactory? Please send comments and suggestions to Nancy Cladel ncladel@manada.org. We will appreciate your input.

Congratulations to Manada Conservancy’s 2018 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.

Abigail Berrios is a Science National Honor Society member at Lower Dauphin High School. She has an interest in native plants, conservation, hiking, and kayaking, in addition to competitive cheering. She participated in the school’s Chincoteague Bay field study program. Abby has received a scholarship to study biology and environmental science at the University of Pittsburgh.

Ian West is a 4-year Envirothon participant from Hershey High School and has diverse interests in outdoor sports. He has been involved in Trout Unlimited conservation efforts. Ian is also a 3 time Pennsylvania State Champion and the 2018 National Champion in competitive powerlifting. After graduating from Hershey High School, he will be attending Penn College to study HVAC/R.

Nate Gourley has been a member of Milton Hershey School’s championship Envirothon team and has developed his leadership skills as a Future Farmers of America officer. Nate has vast knowledge of water quality and environmental stewardship. During 2017, he served an internship with the PA Fish & Boats Commission. Nate will attend State University of New York to study environmental science & anthropology.

Many thanks to Richard L. Walters, DMD for generously sponsoring Manada Conservancy’s 2018 Environmental Achievement Awards.
CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of our Backyard Habitat writing contest! From the 14 submissions—including fiction, non-fiction, and poetry, as well as pieces from young writers—our panel of judges chose “Reverie” by Nancy Avolese and “Grandmother’s Garden” by Laura Breidenstine. Laura’s story appears below; Look for Nancy’s in our fall newsletter.

Grandmother’s Garden
by Laura Breidenstine

There are stories of magical places in our world that capture the imaginations of those who are lucky enough to end up there. Whether it be secret passageways to waterfalls or cliffs as high as the clouds, humans will always be attracted to the unusual and magnificent. It could take a lifetime for someone to travel to one of these destinations but Irene, who was no more than seven years old, had already experienced one of these places.

Visits to her grandmother’s house were her favorite. On Friday afternoons her parents made the seemingly long forty-five minute drive through rural country, and the whole way there Irene would watch eagerly out the window, seeing if she could guess how many minutes were left in their trip. Spending the entire weekend at Grandmother’s was the best thing ever in Irene’s mind. She made a list in her pocket notebook of all the things they could do in the time she was there: drawing pictures, climbing trees, baking one of their favorite recipes, and maybe even boating on the lake nearby.

But the best part of visiting Grandmother’s house was her enormous, blooming garden. Although Irene was only a little girl and hadn’t seen much of the world, she always exclaimed that her grandmother’s garden was the most beautiful place on earth.

Her grandmother lived simply in a small cottage off a small dirt road. As the family car pulled up along the white picket fence, Irene admired the stonework of the house and the trees that appeared to line up along the sides. Flower boxes hung from every window and vines of ivy crept down the walls. In the doorway stood her grandmother, waiting to greet them.

Irene hastily gathered her few belongings, threw open the door, and raced up the stone path toward the house. She let out a happy cry as she tumbled into her grandmother, who laughed at her granddaughter’s excitement.

“Irene, it is so good to see you! Welcome back,” her grandmother said as Irene smiled from ear to ear.

“I’ve missed you so much, Grandma. We’re going to have the best weekend ever!” said Irene, jumping up and down with joy.

Her grandmother nodded and smiled, looking up to see Irene’s parents waving from the car before driving away. They both waved as her parents disappeared around the corner, and soon they entered the house and put down the little girl’s things.

Irene immediately jumped into her list of activities,rambling off all the things she wrote down. Midway through, her grandmother gently stopped her and took the little girl’s hands in hers, smiling. “I thought I would show you something first. We can do all of those later, but I think it’s time I show you something.”

Irene looked thoughtfully at her grandmother and nodded, allowing her to lead the way. They walked hand-in-hand through the small interior of the house and approached the back door. Her grandmother led her outside into the warm sunlight and they stopped to look.

To say that Grandmother’s garden was beautiful would be an understatement. There must have been about a hundred different species of plants, ranging from sunflowers to irises to milkweed, even some small trees. Everything was efficiently planted in sections stretching across the yard with stone statues and even a fountain scattered throughout. Pillars almost ten feet tall stood at the corners of the sections with ivy and vines of flowers cascading over (continued on page 9)
Upcoming Events

Go Green Night on City Island with the Harrisburg Senators  Thursday, July 26, 7:00 pm
Join Manada Board members & staff along with fellow environmental organizations as we root for the home team during Go Green Night. A portion of each ticket sold through our website benefits Manada. Visit www.manada.org to purchase tickets.

Manada Conservancy’s Annual Member Appreciation Ice Cream Social  Sunday, July 29, 2-4:00 pm  at The Inn at Westwynd Farm (1620 Sand Beach Rd, Hummelstown) We invite you to bring your family and friends to learn more about Manada’s mission and to recognize Chuck Cladel for his 20 years of service to our community. Please RSVP to the Manada Conservancy office by July 25.

Great food, Great cause! Enjoy dinner at the Hershey Pantry on Thursday, August 29, any time after 4pm, and 20% of your purchase will benefit Manada Conservancy!  * Flyer, on the back of this newsletter, must be presented at time of purchase.  We hope to see you there!

Fall Native Plant Sale & Garden Open House  Sunday, September 9, 9am - 3pm, rain or shine
108 Banbury Circle, Hummelstown (home of Laura and Randy Goss)
You’re invited to visit the gardens of Manada Conservancy Board member Laura Goss. Enjoy a guided tour or wander about for inspiration on how to transform your yard into a native landscape. Gain information about the evolution of a yard and its gardeners as you view examples of how the Goss’s home landscape was transformed over the years from a new development into native habitat. Native plants will be on sale. Included in the sale will be swamp milkweed and a limited supply of orange milkweed to attract monarch butterflies to your landscape. Browse other pollinator friendly perennials such as Mountain mint, Rattlesnake master, and the showy Obedient plant. Native trees, shrubs, and vines will also be available including American beautyberry, Coral honeysuckle, River birch and more! Invite your friends, family, & neighbors to learn more about gardening with natives!

Take a Walk on the Wild Side: Plants with Manada Conservancy and the Hershey Public Library  Sunday, September 16th at 2 pm  at the Hershey Public Library (701 Cocoa Ave. in Hershey)
Ever wondered what’s going on in the lawn in front of the library? Join us and learn about riparian buffers and why they are important for our community. Then take a walk on the wild side and learn about the hard-working plants that make their home there. After the program, take a “field trip” down to the buffer and see what’s “growing on”! The hour-long program is geared toward kids in K-5th grade. Parents are required to attend with their children. Held rain or shine, so please dress for outdoor conditions. This program is free and open to the public. Please register by contacting the Manada Conservancy office at office@manada.org or 717-566-4122.

Music Over the Mountains ~ Manada Conservancy’s 3rd Annual Land Preservation Celebration!  Sunday, September 23, 4 -8:00 pm  at Wind in the Willows (35 Webster School Road in Grantville)
Join us for some blues, barbecue, and brews to celebrate 2,000 acres of preserved forests, farmland, and creeksides! Enjoy the beautiful Wind in the Willows venue with a picturesque view of Blue Mountain, a current focus of our land preservation efforts, as well as musical entertainment by locally renowned blues band Acoustic Stew and the Roger Hammer Duo. Savor barbecue from Forrest’s Feed Co. and sip beer provided by Troegs Brewery. Bid on silent auction items from a wide variety of local businesses and artisans. Tickets ($50) include Music, Barbecue, and (3) Beers. Tickets now available online at www.manada.org/music-over-the-mountains. Proceeds benefit Manada Conservancy’s land preservation efforts.
A Few Small Things...of the Kittatinny Corridor  **Wednesday, September 26, 7:00 pm**
at the Dauphin County Conservation District (1451 Peters Mountain Road in Dauphin)

Rich Zaino, President of Manada Conservancy, will present an intimate look at an assortment of small, easily overlooked, often beautiful natural things that may be found within the Kittatinny Corridor. They will initially be presented as close-up photos of something unknown. Following their correct identification by the audience, he will discuss a little of their natural history and what makes them inspire awe in us. This program is suitable for adults and children of 10 years or older.  *This program is free and open to the public. Please register by contacting the Manada Conservancy office at (717) 566-4122 or office@manada.org.*

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**Join us for the 2018 Annual “Walk in Penn’s Woods”**
**at DeHart Dam ~ Sunday, October 7, 1:00 pm**

This year, Manada Conservancy, Dauphin County Woodland Owner’s Association, and Capital Region Water are partnering for the annual “Walk in Penn’s Woods,” to provide a rare opportunity to walk the DeHart Dam and surrounding area in Clarks Valley. This beautiful valley is home to abundant wildlife, working forest, public lands and clean water. Clark Creek and the surrounding forested area drains to the Susquehanna River, and the DeHart Reservoir supplies award-winning drinking water to the City of Harrisburg and surrounding municipalities.

The guided 1.5 mile walk will explore Capital Region Water’s DeHart Dam and Reservoir in scenic Clarks Valley. The walk will highlight the journey of drinking water from raindrop to the tap and the role we share in stewarding these water resources. Clark Creek is the headwater to the reservoir with a watershed almost entirely comprised of forest.

Since 2016, 8,000 acres of the watershed owned by Capital Region Water is preserved by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and managed under their Working Woodlands program. Nature will be observed at its finest with a Manada Conservancy field expert to identify birds, wildlife, flowers and invasive species. Forest and tree health will be discussed along the way.

Walk participants are advised to wear well-fitting sturdy shoes or boots. Terrain may be uneven and there are moderate inclines. We will meet in the gravel parking lot at the DeHart Dam entrance. The parking lot is approximately 12 miles northeast of Dauphin Pa. and can be accessed from Rt. 325 (Clarks Valley Road).

Directions: from Rt. 22/322 take the Rt. 225N exit toward Halifax; keep left on Rt. 225N and travel approximately 2 miles to Rt. 325E. Turn right on Rt. 325E, and travel approximately 12 miles to pull-off on right. Google Maps identifies the route and area. The property sign is labeled with the following address: 4927-4931 Clarks Valley Road, Tower City PA. 17980. Parking is limited and carpooling is recommended.  

*Registration for this walk is required.*

Please contact Manada Conservancy at (717) 566-4122 or office@manada.org to register.

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**Climate Change and Penn’s Woods: What Does the Future Hold?**
**Tuesday, October 23, 7:00 pm** at Hershey Gardens Conservatory  (170 Hotel Road, Hershey)

As the climate changes, plants and animals have three options: adapt, move, or die. This is already beginning to happen in many places across the globe, including here in Pennsylvania. Greg Czarnecki, climate change and research coordinator for the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, will share his vast understanding of the effects of a changing climate. His presentation will look at the current and projected impacts of climate change on our native species and forests, and the challenges and opportunities conservationists face in helping to ensure their survival.  *This program is free and open to the public. Please register by contacting the Manada Conservancy office at (717) 566-4122 or office@manada.org.*

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Thank you to **The Hershey Company** and PPL, our education program sponsors!
In memory… We recently learned that one of Manada’s first Partners in Preservation, Mary Louise Sherk, passed away in April. When describing her reasons for preserving her property in 1999, she said:

“I have daydreamed about a spot of green for anyone to enjoy through the years, but that would take planning and maintenance for years to come, which is beyond my reach. So, preserving this little bit of nature through a conservation easement with Manada Conservancy is an excellent idea. It will preserve this environment for families to enjoy for generations to come.”

Mrs. Sherk sold her property to new owners years ago. But her dream of “a spot of green for anyone to enjoy” exists, thanks to her thoughtful legacy. For more information about preserving your property for future generations, contact the Manada Conservancy office.

We are grateful for recent donations received in memory of Jeremy Brenner, Phillip Heine, and Mary Louise Sherk.
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