



# Friends of Salt Springs Park

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## Happy Holidays!



Our tenants wasted no time decorating the new Calvin House porch for Christmas, and we couldn't be more delighted!

From us to you... take good care, enjoy time with friends and family if you can, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!

## A Fond Farewell to a "Best Friend"



**Debra Adleman** has been our rock and our guide for the past 29 years since The Friends first incorporated in December of 1994. She retired from her Administrator position on December 15th.

She was a founding member of The Friends of Salt Springs Park, Inc. and served on the original board of directors. When the need arose for someone to manage all of the legal documents, financial information, grants, project lists, volunteers, membership drives and membership information, Debra stepped out of the board of directors' frying pan and into the campfire as Administrator and employee.

From there, her role at the park only grew. Soon she was taking reservations for campsites, cabins, and pavilions. She organized the weekend hosts that sit on the porch, and frequently hosted herself. She was involved in all of the many fundraising events held at the park. She chaired the historical committee and oversaw the creation and maintenance of the Wheaton House museum displays. She obtained firewood for campers, and sold hats, t-shirts, and bottled water to visitors. She managed the three rental units located on park property. She served as the park's communications hub, routing questions and answers to the appropriate parties, and operating as our personal 'data bank' of information. She developed and managed the Friends' website. She produced monthly newsletters that kept our membership informed and engaged.

Debra will be missed by many, and will be a tough act to follow. No one will be able to replace Debra, but next month you will meet our new Administrator, who is already hard at work learning her new job.

## 2024 Board of Directors

Officers are elected at the December board meeting. As of January 1, 2024, the Friends' board of directors will be: Tami Noonan, president; Debba Nagle, vice president; Penny Nagy, treasurer; Kim Leary, secretary; and Jim Hayes, Tanya Korutz, Matt Lewis, Mike Merritt, Scott Spicer, and Karl Wimmer, board members.

## Upcoming Programs

Programs have concluded for 2023. Next year you can expect some new experiences.

Volunteers, plan ahead for the Spring Clean-up Day in April. There will be jobs on the task list next year to get the park back in shape.

March 1 6:00 pm Owls of PA

June 8 7:30pm Bats of NEPA and Bat Count

June 29 1:00pm Intro to Butterflies

July 13 8:30 pm Bat Count

July 26 9:00 pm Moth Party

## And Another Departure

**Concetta Schirra** has been the face of Environmental Education at Salt Springs for the past 12 years. Concetta led hikes and taught classes for park visitors, schools, and groups requesting special programs. She coordinated programs taught by professionals with specialized areas of expertise, such as the Bureau of State Parks.

She is a talented photographer who enjoyed posting interesting photos and information to our Facebook page. She obtained grants to support numerous park projects. She oversaw plantings of our riparian buffer and kept our Master Gardener's vegetable plot productive.

Concetta has many friends and supporters and we all wish her well in her future endeavors.

