



# Friends of Salt Springs Park

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## Welcome Molly Farray

Molly Farray has joined the park as the new Environmental Education Summer Intern. Molly is currently a student at SUNY Broome County studying Environmental Science.

Molly grew up in Kirkwood, NY and is currently living in Apalachin, NY with her husband and cat, Kaden.

Molly's background is in photography, she received her bachelor's in photography from Drexel University and has worked for companies such as Norwegian Cruise Lines, Lifetouch and Scheimpflug. Some of Molly's hobbies include candle making, cooking and gardening. Her favorite thing about nature is enjoying the wildlife and learning to identify the trees in the area. She is excited to start her new summer position as the Environmental Education Intern.



Message [eecintern@saltspringspark.org](mailto:eecintern@saltspringspark.org) to send her your thoughts and suggestions!

## Gardeners At Work

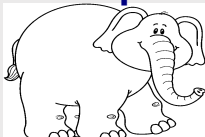


On May 16, the volunteers who are tending the vegetable garden this year gathered to plan and plant. The beds were raked out during the annual spring cleanup on April 20, so weeding and sowing seeds and potatoes were the tasks of the day.

Left to right, Kate Mahar, Eric Watkins (FSSP's new EEC), Ginny Hollister Lewis, Stacey Kalechitz, Christina Berkuta, Bill Chance, and Bruce Baessler.

Photo credit: Debra Adleman, another garden tender.

## Donations Needed for Independence Party Activities



Our Independence Day activities will take place on Saturday, June 29, from 11 am until 4 pm. Preparations are underway, and if you'd like to help, here's how!

Donate any of those gently used items you've been meaning to get rid of to our White Elephant Sale. You help raise money for us by reducing your clutter. Win-win!

Donations may be dropped off at the Park between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. starting on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday through June 27<sup>th</sup>. Please - No Books; No Clothing. Otherwise, please call for an appointment. 570-278-5005.

In honor and memory of Bernice (Hill) Stevens Price her daughter Eloise Krogh has donated new flags for our flagpole. Thank you!

## Upcoming Programs

**What Good Are Bats? Saturday, June 8, 7:30 p.m.** Bats, the only mammal capable of true flight, are right at home in the nighttime skies. You are invited to find out how vital bats are for the environment and for us in a presentation by Environmental Education Specialist **Tony DeSantis**. Afterwards, we will take a count of our resident bats as part of the PA Game Commission's Appalachian Bat Count initiative to monitor the health of bats. We will also have a bat count on July 13 at 8:30 p.m. **Fee: Free-will donation.**

**Trail Hike Sunday, June 9, 1 p.m.** Enjoy a refreshing walk along one of the park's many beautiful trails. We'll meet, then choose a trail to explore. All hiking levels welcome. **Fee: Free-will donation.**

**Archery for Beginners Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. to Noon** Our beginner's program is based on the National Archery in Schools Program which makes it easy for anyone to learn. We provide the equipment, and you bring your focus. All ages are welcome. This is a great family activity taught by **Diane Wurth**, a NASP-certified instructor. **Held in the Dairy Barn, Fee: \$5; \$15/ family.**



**Father's Day Celebration Saturday, June 15, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Car Cruise-in, Cornhole Tournament and Food Trucks! (Cornhole tournament must pre-register @ Scoreholio.com, \$20 fee) Free General Admission

## Bakers Wanted for June 29

Are you a pie baker? We need your help! Pull out your favorite recipes from Grandma's old recipe box and let's start baking! Please contact **Barbara Merritt** for full details: [bjmerritt2@gmail.com](mailto:bjmerritt2@gmail.com); 570-663-9278; or cell: 607-765-4057. Three decorative pie plates have been donated by Bruce Baessler to put those lovely pies in. Please let Barb Merritt know if you would like one of the plates; available on a first come, first served basis.



Spots still available to be a Weekend Host—Meet and greet visitors to the park on the Wheaton house porch!

Email for more info

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