

Friends of Springton Manor Farm

History and Accomplishments thru early 2017

History:

- Old Friends group operated from ~1985 to ~2000
- New Friends group restarted July 2012
- First provisional Executive Board Nov. 2012
- Worked w/local high school student, Sabrina Reardon, to design logo 1st Q 2013
- Friends received official 501(c)(3) status from IRS Mar. 2013
- First official Friends event, Open House at the manor house Apr. 2013
- First garden cleanup gathering Aug. 2013
- Friends host Springton's County Park 25th Anniversary dinner Oct. 2013
- Trail and Animal Care teams, and Historical committee formed late 2013
- First Victorian Ice Cream Social July 2014, 2nd & 3rd socials July 2015 & 2016
- Gardening and Membership teams form late 2014
- Funds from former Friends group from PA Bureau of Unclaimed Property Nov. 2014
- First official Executive Board Jan. 2015
- First blue bird house building event Apr. 2015, purple martin lecture Feb. 2017
- Received PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations nonprofit certification May 2015
- First Women of Chester County Tea May 2015, 2nd tea Nov. 2016

Contributions to the Farm:

The Friends is an energetic and passionate group of talented volunteers have made numerous and ongoing contributions to the farm...

- Trail team: significant hiking and horse trail improvements, 180+ hours 2015-2016
- Animal Care team: weekend barn volunteering, 80 hours 2016
- Gardening team Weeding Wednesdays: Victorian & butterfly garden cleanup, 60 hours 2016
- Historical committee: original on-site files have been organized, 45 hours 2016
- Blue bird box monitoring by Ian Plane, fledgling reports issued 2014-2016
- Pollinator meadow milkweed and wild flower seeds and drill seeding, 2015
- Two pasture run-in sheds – in upper east and lower west pastures, 2015-2016
- 14-room purple martin house, 2016-2017
- Jack the donkey obedience training, 2016
- Henry the donkey animal rescue purchase, 2017
- Trail and visitor benches, 2017
- *Approx. \$11,500 spent by the Friends for park improvements, 2015-2017*

