

Friends of Springton Manor Farm

History and Accomplishments thru early 2019

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 (e.g. 131 hours 2017)
- Animal Care team: weekend barn volunteering (e.g. 82 hours 2017)
- Gardening team Weeding Wednesdays in butterfly gardens (e.g. 36 hours 2017)
- Historical committee: original on-site files have been organized
- Blue bird box monitoring, fledgling reports issued 2014-2018
- Pollinator meadow milkweed, wild flower seeds and drill seeding, 2015, still prospering
- 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
- Medicine for Hickory the horse, 2017
- Trail & visitor benches w/Boy Scout Noah Scheidel, incl. memorial plaques, 2017-2018
- Deer Tick Treatment System for the park, 2017
- Leant Abraham McIlvaine letters (1836 to 1857) to CC Archive for scanning, 2018
- Parks Archery Program bows and arrows, 2018
- Working with County on pond restoration, 2018-2019
- *Approx. \$14,000 spent by the Friends for park improvements, 2015-2018*

History:

- Old Friends group operated from ~1981 to ~2002
- New Friends group restarted July 2012, first provisional Executive Board Nov. 2012
- 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
- Trail and Animal Care teams, and Historical committee formed late 2013
- Gardening and Membership teams form late 2014
- First official Executive Board Jan. 2015
- Received PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations nonprofit certification May 2015
- First blue bird house building event Apr. 2015, purple martin lecture Feb. 2017, railroads of Chester county lecture Apr. 2018
- Friends website online, July 2017
- Ice Cream Socials: July 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018
- Ladies Teas: May 2015, Nov. 2016, 2017 & 2018

