

# Friends of Springton Manor Farm

## Accomplishments and History thru early 2020

### Contributions to the Farm:

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

- 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
- Paid for a third of electrical line run out to the pond for aerator, 2019
- Nine trees for shading animals in upper east and west pastures, 2019
- *Over \$20,000 spent by the Friends for park improvements, 2015-2019*
- Gardening team Weeding Wednesdays in butterfly gardens (e.g. 36 hours 2017)
- Historical committee: original on-site files have been organized
- Trail team (on hold): significant hiking and horse trail improvements (e.g. 131 hours 2017)
- Animal Care team (on hold): weekend volunteering (e.g. 82 hours 2017)



## Friends of SMF 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
- Park 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary member and park staff dinner Oct. 2013
- Gardening and Membership teams form late 2014
- First official Executive Board Jan. 2015
- Received PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations nonprofit certification May 2015
- Blue Bird House building event Apr. 2015
- Members and park staff chili dinner Nov. 2015, Jan. 2017, 2018
- Purple Martin lecture Feb. 2017
- Friends website online July 2017
- Ice Cream Socials: July 2014 to 2019
- Ladies Teas: May 2015, Nov. 2016 to 2018
- Railroads of Chester county lecture Apr. 2018
- Members and park staff picnic June 2019
- Story Telling and Manor House Tour Nov. 2019
- Holidays at the Great Barn with Wagon Rides Dec. 2019

