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DELAWARE HIGHLANDS CONSERVANCY CELEBRATES 10 YEARS



In November, the Conservancy celebrated its tenth year of conserving the natural and cultural heritage of the Upper Delaware River region and Barbara Yeaman's lifetime of conservation leadership.

Since November 1994, the Conservancy has helped to protect 5,500 acres across the region. The Conservancy's goal is 10,000-acres protected by 2007, by working with individual landowners, leveraging programs like the Forest Legacy Program, Wayne County Agricultural program, New York City watershed programs, and more.

After our celebration dinner, Congressman Don Sherwood began the evening's remarks, praising the accomplishments of Barbara and the Delaware Highlands Conservancy in preserving the working forests in the area. Thoughtful and inspiring presentations by others who had known Barbara and the Conservancy followed, including Bud Cook, The Nature Conservancy Director, Greg Belcamino, Deputy Director New York City Office of Environmental Coordination, and Krista Gromalski, Editor of Milford Magazine.

Barbara's passion and enthusiasm for the area is clearly evident when she is talking with landowners about protecting their properties. Yet it is rivaled by the joy you see reflected on the faces of children in her activities at the Butterfly Barn Nature Center she runs with her partner, Naturalist Ed Wesely. Together, Barbara and Ed have entertained and educated thousands of school

children with puppet shows and nature programs, and hundreds of adults with a variety of walks, talks and programs.

The evening raised \$4,000 for the Delaware Highlands Conservancy—Yeaman Scholarship Fund. Each Spring the Conservancy, in keeping with its educational mission, awards scholarships to assist high school seniors to complete a college program in the field of natural sciences and to stimulate interest in careers related to land stewardship and environmental sciences applicable to the needs of the Upper Delaware River Valley.

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Barbara with son, Bill and daughter, Suzanne



Remarks by Congressman Don Sherwood

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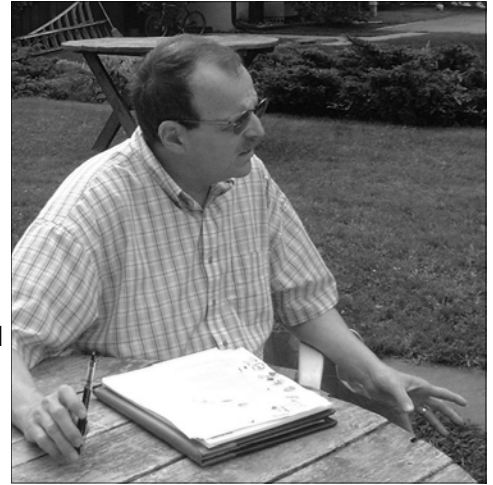
Thanks to all the friends of Delaware Highlands Conservancy we have had an exciting and productive 2004. We completed our first full year with our unflagging Executive Director, reached more than 5,500 acres of protected land, marked our tenth anniversary, and celebrated a milestone with one of our founders, Barbara Yeaman.

We must continue to look forward as the Delaware Highland's population continues to swell and more and more land is developed. We all want to retain our quality of life. However, unless we work together to accommodate change while preserving open space, the essence of the Highlands will be lost to everyone. I believe conservation easements and carefully designed development are the keys to maintaining the integrity of the Delaware Highlands.

Another challenge faces us. Similar to many nonprofit organizations, the Conservancy's day-to-day reality is the struggle to secure the funds to achieve our shared vision. We all must spread the word about land conservation, recruit more members, and garner support for our preservation efforts.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your President and, with your continued support and assistance, look forward to protecting many more acres of land in 2005 and beyond.

Carson Helfrich



CONSERVANCY CELEBRATES

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Thank you to the Evening's Sponsors

Thank you to Bartolomeo Pio Inc Wines and Spirits, Capital Wines and Spirits, Lauber Imports, Liberty Wines and Spirits, Margolis Wines and Spirits, and Majestic Wines and Spirits.

Thank you to Inge Beidleman for the donation of the floral arrangements and to Barbara Kaighn, who played her harp so beautifully. Thanks as well to the volunteers who coordinated this evening's festivities and to David B. Soete, Don Downs, and Barbara Yeaman for the photos used in the program and during the slide show. And thank you to all our Silent Auction donors.



THANKS AMY!

Volunteer Amy Miller, a graphics designer, designed our new masthead and typeface. Amy has been a tireless supporter of the Conservancy; you saw her at the Meadow Party helping in the food tent. Amy is the owner of the Golden Gurnsey Bed and Breakfast in Cochection.

8TH ANNUAL MEADOW PARTY A SUCCESS

Rescheduled and relocated due to flooding and road closures from Hurricane Ivan, the 8th Annual Meadow Party was held on Sunday Sept 19 in the sunny playground of the Narrowsburg School.

Delaware Delights Awards

Each year people come from across the region just to sample the wonderful, varied dishes at the Meadow Party so a people's choice award seemed a natural addition to the day. This year forty-one restaurants and grocers, out did themselves to compete in the first annual Delaware Delights awards.

Best Main Dish: Cafe Deja Vu. Honorable mention: Cora's Bistro and Just Rumors.

Best Side Dish: The Settlers Inn. Honorable mention: Stella's and Matthews on Main.

Best Dessert: The Inn at Starlight Lake. Honorable mention: The Front Porch Café.

We thank ALL the vendors who participated in the Delaware Delights awards and donated a dish to the Meadow Party. Their donations not only helped the Delaware Highlands Conservancy but in late afternoon were also directed to some flood evacuees as well as to the Narrowsburg Home for Adults. Participating were:

Angelo's Bakery ~ Beach Lake Bread ~ Beach Lake Café ~ Busters BBQ ~ Cafe Deja Vu ~ Carini Pizza ~ Clearwater Seafood ~ Cora's Bistro ~ Cordaro's Restaurant ~ Dave's Big Eddy Diner ~ Daves Super Duper ~ Day's Bakery ~ Dianna's Place ~ East Ridge Organic Foods ~ Ehrhardt's Lakeside Restaurant ~ Elegante Restaurant ~ Ernie's Place ~ Fallsdale Farm ~ Jill's Kitchen ~ Just Rumors ~ Lackawaxen House ~ Lake Region Super Market ~ Laurel's Cafe ~ Matthew's on Main ~ McCaffery's Market ~ Nature's Grace ~ Peck's Market ~ Stella's ~ The 1906 Restaurant ~ The Central House ~ The Eldred Inn ~ The French Manor ~ The Sterling Inn ~ The Front Porch Cafe ~ The Inn at Starlight Lake ~ The Settlers Inn ~ The Whistle Stop ~ Three Wishes ~ Tick Tocks ~ Weis Markets ~ Woodloch Pines

Raffle Results

David Knudson won first prize, a Swifty 9.5 Perception Kayak in this year's raffle, courtesy of **Alice's Wonderland**. Other winners were Steve Smith, winning second prize, a trip for two with **Cedar Rapids Canoes**, and Louis Digena winning a \$25 gift certificate to **Alice's Wonderland**.

Linda Corshen and Ronnie Morgenstein won the early bird prize last month, a trip for two with **Kittatinny Canoes**.



Meadow Party chair Helle Henriksen and Sue Currier accept a donation from Kuni Holbert of the Wayne County Community Foundation, the party's official sponsor.



The best laid plans.....

A Gigantic Thank You!

The Delaware Highlands Conservancy thanks everyone, who in various ways, made the day a success, including:

- The Wayne County Community Foundation
- The River Reporter
- Musicians Pauline Barrett and Marilyn Lehren
- Darryl Speicher from PARC for Owls of the Delaware Highlands
- Jen Naugle from Promised Land State Park for Wily Coyotes
- Silent Auction donors
- David B. Soete, photographer
- ALL our volunteers

Silent Auction Donors

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PETER PINCHOT WINS 2004 THOMAS SHELBURNE AWARD

The prestigious Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership award is given to an "individual who stands out in the community for his commitment to environmental quality and who, over the long term, has proven to be an inspiring leader and champion of partnering". This definition suits Peter perfectly. In addition to serving on the Board for the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Peter generously gives his time and expertise to projects such as: re-establishing the American Chestnut, combating Woolly Adelgid infestations that threaten local hemlock, championing solutions to deer browse problems in the area, campaigning for solutions to preserve our quality of life through good planning and active conservation as well as promoting programs in Ecuador that protect rain forests with innovative forest management practices. Congratulations Peter!



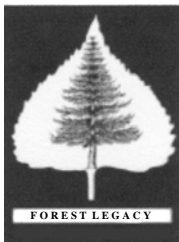
THE BEST STEWARDSHIP

After a decade of working to conserve land in the Upper Delaware River region, the Delaware Highlands Conservancy has helped to protect over 5,500-acres. Of this total, 3,500-acres are protected with land preservation agreements called Conservation Easements held, monitored and enforced by the Delaware Highlands Conservancy.

The latest addition is a transferred Conservation Easement on a 242-acre tract of land around Carr Pond in Wayne County, Pennsylvania. The property includes 30 acres of a glacial lake, a wetland, and a renowned trout stream. This Easement was transferred to the Delaware Highlands Conservancy by The Nature Conservancy.

As The Nature Conservancy said, "the best stewardship is local and community-based" and the Delaware Highlands Conservancy strives to exemplify this statement. We thank all our volunteers who help us monitor the properties, prepare baseline documentation and meet with landowners. Their support, along with the financial contributions of our members and sponsors make our work possible.

Our goal is to protect 10,000 acres by 2007 by working with individual landowners, leveraging state programs, and operating as the official sponsor of the Forest Legacy Program in Pike County. Accomplishing this goal will do much to maintain our scenic beauty and rural character.



OUR FOREST LEGACY APPLICANTS FIRST IN PENNSYLVANIA

Despite a tough competition against very high-quality projects, we are pleased to announce, that the Pike County Applications were ranked number one by the PA Forest Stewardship Committee. These rankings were submitted to the Northeastern Area of the US Forest Service for consideration in the federal fiscal year 2006 round of funding. To help, feel free to reinforce with your congressional spokespeople the need to support the Pennsylvania application entitled the "History of Forestry".

The Forest Legacy Program is Federally funded and compensates forest owners for protecting working forests. Delaware Highlands Conservancy sponsors this program in Pike County.



Carr Pond

WELCOME NEW OWNERS OF SPRUCE LAKE FARM

"As members of the Delaware Highlands Conservancy and friends of Floyd Schnakenberg, we were thrilled to read the story about him in August's issue. We thought you'd like to know that we are the new owners (no future owners as we are putting it in a family trust) and we share the same conservation values as Floyd, which is what really attracted us to his land. So the land has passed from one DHC member to another ... I think that's great and we couldn't be happier. We look forward to protecting this slice of heaven and keeping it in its pristine condition for our grandchildren's grandchildren."

Doug Guyer and family, and Greg Presson and family, new owners of Spruce Lake Farm

NATIONAL LTA RALLY

At the end of October, 2,100 Land Trust professionals, board members and volunteers converged on the Rhode Island Convention Center for the National Land Trust Alliance 2004 Rally. Sue Currier, the Conservancy's Executive Director, and Cindy Wildermuth, Board Member, attended the two day event. "It was two days and nights filled with fantastic training and networking. Rally is a great opportunity to hear what leaders are doing across the US and get new ideas to help us here in the Upper Delaware River region" Sue said.

AUGUST CANOE TRIP



Joe Freda talks to fellow canoeists during our August canoe trip. His book, The Patience of Rivers is set in the Delaware Highlands. The trip was on the section of the Delaware River featured in his book.



Don Hamilton explains to Nick Mower how various organisms found in the river indicate water quality.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Sullivan County Audubon Society • Patricia Adams • Antoinette Amato • Irma Beckley • John Bromberg • Sandy Brown • James and Elizabeth Brown • Susan Lynn Brown • Linda Coste • Charles Dimitry • Bob Eckstein • June Gable • Margaret Gulino • Sonja Hedland • Homans Sims Family • Terrel Hutton • Arnold Johnson • Janette Jones • Suzette Kaminski • Ed and Dawn Kendall • David Knudsen • Ralph and Myrna Langer • Beverly and Bob Lester • Jason and Clare Billet Lubar • Lisa Lyons • Jeffrey Moore • Joseph and Mary Mullaney • Marianna Quartararo • Brenda Sherman • Rosie Starr • Jim Stratton and Cass Collins • Theresa Unanue • Robert Vail Sr. • Cynthia Walker • Dan and Linda Wescott • Jennifer Wright

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 13 Alliance to Keep Pike 7:00 pm

The Delaware Highlands Conservancy is hosting a presentation by the Alliance to Keep Pike Green. The Alliance is a coalition of conservationists, business people, builders, landowners, local officials, and community residents who are committed to preserving Pike County's high quality of life through good planning and active conservation. The meeting will be held at the Delaware Township Municipal building in Pike County, PA.

Jan 15 EagleFest Narrowsburg, NY 9:30-5:30

Drop by our booth at the fourth annual EagleFest. Barbara Yeaman will speak about Habitat Preservation at 3:00 pm in the DVAA Conference Center. Come and learn how our work helps protect the areas approximately 60 nests occupied year round as well as space for over 150 bald eagles who 'vacation' here from January through March.

April 30 Wildflower Walk at 10:00 am

Don't miss this perfect opportunity to find, identify and photograph local spring wildflowers. Meet at the Butterfly Barn.

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