



## Report to the Membership

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# NORTHCENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVANCY

### Volunteers Recognized at Dinner

Part of the Annual Dinner is recognition of a volunteer or volunteers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in helping to further NPC's mission. This year NPC recognized five members of the Technical Committee who have donated hours and hours of their time and expertise over the past several years. Bob Carnein, Tom Corbett, Jerry Walls, Paul Wentzler, and Mel Zimmerman were all recognized and presented with a plaque.

Carey explained to the crowd that these gentlemen give up their weekends, often with little notice, to travel to the far parts of Pennsylvania and evaluate properties being considered for conservation. On many occasions the time line did not allow for a rain date, so

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### 97.5 Miles and Seven Days Later



The Susquehanna Sojourn heard tales of olden times from a character known as "Riverman," helped stock shad fingerlings in the river, saw thunderstorms, and even ate lunch at a landfill! Up to 150 paddlers a day traveled the West Branch of the Susquehanna from Renovo to Northumberland to raise awareness of the importance of the river, especially in relation to the health of the

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### Annual Dinner Donated by DiSalvo's Restaurant

The DiSalvo family once again donated NPC's Annual Dinner, held on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Vince DiSalvo said, "This is all about legacy, we want to do something that will make a difference in the future." DiSalvo's Restaurant, at the eastern end of 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Williamsport, has made it clear that there is support in the community for NPC's mission; to protect special places for future generations.

Vince's preparation of pan seared Idaho trout was a welcomed change from the standard charity dinner fare and really impressed everyone. Take the opportunity to thank Vince at your next business lunch or evening out for fine dining.

The program at this year's dinner featured Anne Morrell Robinson, the fiber artist who created "Protect and Preserve 2001." NPC is raffling this art quilt as our

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### Kelley Project Dedication

June 1, 2001 marked the completion of a nearly four and a half year project. The New Garden, or Kelley property, was officially dedicated partially as State Game Lands 321 (3100 acres) and partially as part of Sproul State Forest (1100 acres). The dedication was held on site in West Keating Township, Clinton County. The event, organized and hosted by the Northcentral Regional Office of the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Sproul District Forest Office, had over 80 people in attendance despite rainy weather.

Vern Ross, Executive Director Pennsylvania Game Commission, Dick Sprenkle, Deputy Secretary Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, State Senator Jake Corman, Clinton County Commissioner Dan Vilello, and our own George Durrwachter were among the speakers at the event. In addition to hearing the speakers, the group took a driving tour of the property and viewed the habitat areas being improved by Game Commission. Due to the weather, the planned canoe trip along the property's one and a half miles of river frontage was replaced by a train ride. Corman rail provided an engineer and two engines to take the group on a short ride along the river.

Today the property is comprised of fields,

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*"After you have exhausted  
what there is in business,  
politics, conviviality, and so  
on—have found that none  
of these finally satisfy, or  
permanently wear—what  
remains? Nature remains."  
~Walt Whitman  
U.S. Poet*

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## Membership Activity from 1/1/2001 through 3/31/2001

### **Bobcat (\$1,000-4,999)**

Joseph Cramer  
Joanne Fisher

### **Black Bear (\$500-999)**

Kay Crisanti  
Dr. W. Scott Flipse  
Mr. & Mrs. Law Groner

### **White Tail Deer (\$250-499)**

Karl & Karen Baldys  
Paul Dembowski  
Russ Kimura & Denise Hamby  
Richard & Susan Sprout  
Jerry & Joy Walls  
Robert & Jean Teufel

### **Black Cherry (\$100-249)**

Jennie S. Beyer  
Dr. & Mrs. Mike Bowser  
Thomas & Laurie Burkholder  
Rep. Steven W. Cappelli  
David & Sally Craig  
Larry Entz  
Phillip & Joy Greene  
William & Sarmite Judson  
Dr. & Mrs. Larry H. Lytle

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Paul Millinghausen  
Dr. & Mrs. Robert W.  
Newcomb  
Mr. & Mrs. Rich Schluter  
Jim & Lynn Tooley  
Harry & Becky Webster  
Louis S. Winner Jr. DDS  
Marc & Diane Lewis  
Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Wolfe

### **Red Oak (\$50-99)**

James D. & Maria C. Casale  
David & Donna Colley  
Susan M. Durrwachter  
Dr. & Mrs. Herbert A. Ecker  
Romey Fagnano  
Jim Hamilton & family  
Tim Holladay & family  
Ronald & Martina Johnson  
Fritz Kinzel  
William Logue  
Ms. Idell Ludwig  
Kenneth & Ann Lundy  
John & Cathy Miller  
Terry Myers  
Mark C. Oberheim  
Priscilla D. Older  
Casey Pfitzenmayer  
Harry & Helen Raymond  
Sally L. Reeder  
Jack & Joann Rishel  
Annie Sanders  
Terry Schulz &

Kimberley Pittman-Schulz  
Roger & Nancy Shipley  
David & Pamela Shipman  
Bill & Joanne Sneider  
James & Celia Van Campen  
Charles R. Woltz  
Dr. & Mrs. John Wagner  
Richard P. Lauchle  
Robert & Rose Ann Wallace  
James A. Ely  
David & Sally Franz

### **Sugar Maple (\$35-49)**

Warren & Mary Lou Baldys  
Robert & Joan Bauder  
Patty L. Bowman Esq.  
Dr. & Mrs. John L. Brown  
Mitzi & Jim Burget & Family  
Jeffrey B. Burnham  
R. James Dunham  
Barry N. Franciscus  
Charles W. Hummer Sr.  
Kathie L. Hunter  
Wayne Laubscher  
Dr. & Mrs. Ira G. Masemore  
Lisa McNeerney  
Vance & Sue Miller  
Deborah Reeder  
Darrel & Elaine Reibson  
George E. Rizzo & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Stewart  
Craig & Mary Vuccola

### **White Pine (\$25-34)**

Lance Albertson  
Larry R. Bason VMD  
Bear Hollow Rod & Gun Club  
Michael & Jenifer Bower  
Joe & Judy Bower  
Richard & Charmain Bower  
Charles & Kay Chapman  
Frederick S. Crafts  
Linda E. Craner  
Michael & Mary Ditchfield  
Frances H. Flanigan  
Maurice & Mildred Forrester  
Donald Gephart Jr.  
Esther Golbitz  
David J. Gregg  
Bonita E. Hannis  
Ed Lawrence &  
Catherine McLaughlin  
Laura Long  
Lycoming County  
Pomona Grange  
Ken & Jan Oden  
Annmarie Ottman  
Ronald S. Paulhamus  
David & Lynne Phillips  
Dave Rockey

Sierra Club - Otzinachson  
Regional  
Andrea von der Pfordten  
Harold & Beulah Yerk  
Margaret Wettling

### **Corporate Members**

### **Osprey (\$1,000-1,999)**

M & T Bank  
Mark C. Oberheim DMD

### **American Kestrel (\$500-749)**

Dwight Lewis Lumber Co.

Girton Manufacturing Co.  
Jersey Shore State Bank

### **Small Business (\$100-499)**

Anonymous Lycoming  
County Corporation  
Brodart Co.  
Carey Boiler Works  
Carl Nolan Real Estate  
Cromaglass Corp.  
Lamar Advertising  
Northern State Bank  
Wheeland Lumber Co. Inc.  
Williamsport National Bank

## Protect & Preserve 2001 Art Quilt Donors

### **Corporate Donor:**

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### **Quilt Sponsors:**

Citizens & Northern Bank  
First Citizens National Bank  
Patterson Lumber Co., Inc.  
Sovereign Bank  
Terry Wild Studio

### **Club 100 Members:**

Jim & Cindy Mengel Bower  
Joe & Judy Bower  
Michael & Jenifer Bower  
Richard & Charmain Bower

Richard Carey (Carey  
Boiler Works)  
Martin & Jean Doughty  
Esther Golbitz  
Gary & Sharon Goodreau  
Robert H. Maguire  
C. Edward S. Mitchell  
Ken & Jan Oden  
Ronald S. Paulhamus  
David & Lynne Phillips  
Bob Chuck & Rich Roan Inc.  
Dave Rockey  
Terry Schulz & Kimberley  
Pittman-Schulz  
Roger & Nancy Shipley  
Allan N. Young

## General Contributions

NPC has received the following contributions to the general fund since the last newsletter:

Carl Barlett, Esq. (McCormick Law Firm)  
John Plowman  
Stephen & Stephanie Radulski  
Linda Stein  
Suzie & Allen Martin in honor of  
George Durrwachter's birthday (June 10)

## Memorial Contributions

In memory of **Louis Grieco**  
George & Shirley Durrwachter

In memory of former NPC board member  
**Harry Keeler**  
Loretta Barner  
Ralph Keeler

In memory of **Abby Myer**  
Joanne Fisher

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Four long years of work pay off as Butch Davies, Jake Corona, Dan Vile, Renee' Carey, Tom Worded, Dennis Dues, and Vern Ross unveil the new State Game Lands 321 sign.

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woods, food plots, meandering runs, steep wooded side hills, and the remains of culm banks.

Beginning in the nineteenth century the property was managed for its various resources, including timber. A sawmill was located at Coleman's Siding and workers lived nearby at Spruce. During the winter the logs were hauled across the frozen river, from what is now State Game Lands 100. The horses were shod with special horseshoes that had spikes to allow them to cross the ice. Logs were stored in a log pond at Coleman Siding for processing during the spring and summer.

Coal was also plentiful. In the 1920s, picks and shovels were used to remove the coal while ponies hauled the coal from the mines. The ponies were housed in a barn near the New Garden post office.

Later, the plateau on the New Garden property was strip mined using a large steam powered shovel called a "Mucker." which ran on railroad tracks. The coal was loaded in small railroad cars and hauled down the side hill to Spruce. There it was loaded on to larger railroad cars and shipped on the Pennsylvania Rail Road.

This celebration provided closure to a project that has provided NPC with an opportunity to partner with wonderful organizations and individuals such as the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, West Keating Township, Senator Jake Corman, Representative Mike Hanna, National Wild Turkey Federation, Alfred Buck, and The Great Outdoors Conservancy.

Check out photographs of this event on the NPC website at <http://www.npcweb.org/kelleyphotos.html/>. ♦

## You've Got Mail

For a few months NPC has been experimenting with using e-mail to keep members informed about NPC's activities. The response has been very positive. E-mail allows us to reach you with timely information and reminders between our quarterly newsletters. If you would like to receive e-mails from NPC, contact Russ Cowles at [npc@uplink.net](mailto:npc@uplink.net). Information is not sent more than once a week. We promise not to spam your inbox!

NPC has been posting the newsletter on our website for some time. We could realize a significant cost savings by reducing the number of printed and mailed newsletters. If you would like to be notified when the newsletter is posted on our website, e-mail Russ. For now we will continue to mail newsletters to the entire membership, but we would like to begin experimenting with a web-based newsletter for those who would prefer having less paper to recycle. ♦

## Staff Attends Land Trust Meetings

In May NPC staff attended the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association's (PALTA) Annual Meeting, and the Land Trust Alliance's Mid-Atlantic conference. Both of these events provided staff with an opportunity to talk with old colleagues and meet new ones.

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PALTA is a non-profit group working to increase public awareness of Pennsylvania's land trusts and the land conservation methods available, and assists other land trusts. PALTA was formed over five years ago, but has hired Andy Loza as its first full-time Executive Director. Watch our newsletter for future updates on PALTA and how it is helping us conserve the lands and landmarks of northcentral Pennsylvania. ♦

## NPC Welcomes New Staff

Just when you thought it was safe to call the office and know who you were talking to, we hired another part-time staff person. Darlene Warner joined NPC's staff in late May as additional office support. Darlene provides more coverage of the office during normal office hours due to meetings and commitments that have been taking Russ and Renee out of the office. She and Cathy are both working two mornings a week this summer with hours to change during the school year.

Darlene and her husband, Dan, and their sons, Danny and Paul, live in South Williamsport. ♦



largest fundraiser to date. Anne was on hand prior to dinner with a portable quilting frame demonstrating her art. After the meal her presentation focused on the artist's inspiration for the various scenes depicted on the quilt. Many NPC members expressed appreciation for the opportunity to not only see "Protect and Preserve 2001" in person, but the chance to meet Anne and speak with her about her work.

Our annual dinner also serves as NPC's annual meeting, for the purpose of conducting special votes and electing NPC's board of directors. Sue Sprout of Picture Rocks, Lycoming County, was elected to a vacant seat on the board. Sue, who worked as a teacher in the Montoursville School District has been a conservation volunteer for many years. Many of you may have met her at various events throughout northcentral Pennsylvania dressed in native American garb explaining the food and medicinal value of local plants. Sue also currently works at PPL's Montour Preserve as a naturalist. There were no other changes to the board.

As announced prior to the annual meeting, a vote was held to correct an error in NPC's by-laws that will allow the by-laws to be legally amended. ♦

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## Annual Dinner Contributions

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses for contributing to the success of the NPC annual dinner:

Alfred & Helen Buck  
 Rebecca Burke  
 Mr. & Mrs. James Casale  
 Mary Chancellor  
 Mary Cosgrove  
 DiSalvo's  
 Dr. Vincent I. DiSalvo  
 Fred Dochter  
 Brian & Angela Haas  
 Wendy Janerella  
 Wayne Laubscher  
 Casey Pfitzenmayer  
 Raymond Plocinski  
 Bill Sneider  
 Inez Van Campen  
 Harold Yost



Chesapeake Bay.

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay returned to West Branch after visiting here 9 years ago, when a Sojourn traveled the same stretch of river. Sojourns have grown considerably since then. On the last West Branch trip the group spent their first evening camping in the woods at Rattlesnake Run listening to Ralph Peasley play guitar and sing about some of his river experiences. This group would have been camping in the trees to find enough room at Rattlesnake Run. However, some things still fit Sojourns today, among them the entertainment. Ted Lyon Jr. performed at Susquehanna Campground, and Don Shappelle traveled from Wilkes-Barre to Canfield Island to sing original blues tunes about the Susquehanna.

Educational programs included a stop at the Clinton County Solid Waste Authority landfill in McElhattan. The Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy holds an easement on restored wetlands at the landfill. A wetlands, known as Lake Wayne, was moved a pallet at a time and rebuilt as part of the landfill project. Several other wetlands were constructed as additional mitigation. NPC's easement is designed to protect the wetlands after the landfill becomes inactive. The experience of traveling the West Branch from the Renovo area, which is virtually void of life due to acid mine drainage, to areas like the mouth of the Loyalsock Creek, and the wilderness of the Montoursville to Muncy reach is an education in itself. Sojourners got a more formal education about river issues during programs at most evening stops and many lunches.

Several NPC members paddled on the Sojourn this year, notably board members Ted Lyon, Cindy Bower, and Sue Sprout. Ted and wife Judy, as well as Sue and Rick Sprout, have paddled every sojourn since the first West Branch trip 9 years ago. Cindy Bower along with grandson Johnathan, were first-time Sojourners. Christine McNeill, who became an NPC member this year, was also a first year paddler. Christine said, "Traveling with so many other people who love the river was inspiring and gave me a sense of hope that our society will learn to care for the health of our river." ♦

Don't forget to check out the NPC  
 Calendar of Events on the back cover.  
 We'd love to see you at our  
 next outing!



Board member Bob Bower and wife Nancy enjoy the Laurel Festival parade in Wellsboro while selling raffle tickets for "Protect & Preserve 2001"

## Volunteer Opportunities

A new regular feature in our newsletters will be a listing of volunteer opportunities for members and supporters. Take a look through the opportunities below and let us know where we can count on you. We need your volunteer support! Please call the NPC office or e-mail [npc@uplink.net](mailto:npc@uplink.net) for more details.

**QUILT/PROTECT AND PRESERVE 2001** – Have fun at the fair, help man the booth and sell raffle tickets for our art quilt fundraiser. Fair dates are listed in our newsletters.

**OFFICE OPPORTUNITIES** – Help with filing, answering the telephones, or provide office coverage when NPC staff has out-of-the-office commitments.

**MEMBERSHIP EVENTS** – We need volunteers to help with paddling clinics and the golf tournament. At the tournament you would help with registration, posting signs or running contests and raffles. At the paddling clinics we need help with loading and unloading boats, getting people on and off the water, and registration. We always need people to handing out NPC information at events. ♦

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the trips were made in inclement weather (very inclement weather). Because of the remote location of some properties, meals are often whatever snacks are brought along.

Through all of this, these volunteers play an integral part in achieving NPC's mission. They review and evaluate the conservation values of the properties and make recommendations to NPC's board on whether or not a property meets NPC's mission. ♦

## River Conversation Plan Progress

Public participation regarding the River Conservation Plan has been continuing throughout the summer. A summary of the first round of the public meetings was included with the last newsletter. If you would like to see the full comments, please see the NPC website or visit any of the libraries in: Jersey Shore, Lewisburg, Lock Haven, McEwensville, Milton, Montgomery, Montoursville, Muncy, Northumberland, and Williamsport. The North Central Library District was kind enough to help us with distributing the document to the libraries in or near the study corridor. For more information on how you can be involved, or provide input, please contact Reneé Carey at NPC. ♦

## NPC Benefactor Passes Away

Over the past several issues of the NPC newsletter we've shown you a picture of Alfred and Helen Buck and discussed their extremely generous contributions to NPC over the past year. Sadly, Mrs. Buck passed away in May after a period of frail health. In her memory and because of her love of Pennsylvania's landscape, Mr. Buck made another generous donation in her memory. We would like to thank Mr. Buck for his continued generous support, and wish him and his family the best during this difficult time. ♦

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## NPC Director will be Sadly Missed

Henry Frey passed away this spring. He was someone very important in developing NPC into the organization it is today. Henry was one of NPC's incorporating board members, serving on the Board for six years during which time he was involved with both the Executive Committee and the Nominating Committee. Henry also helped NPC raise funds. Some of you will remember the Christmas tree sale that Henry and his wife, Linda Stein, organized and hosted in 1992. In 1995 the Williamsport Jaycees "roasted" Henry and he selected NPC as one of the charities to benefit from this event.

Henry's insight and ideas definitely helped shape NPC into the organization it is today. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

**Contributions in memory of Henry were made by:**  
Columbia-Montour Area Agency on Aging  
George & Shirley Durrwachter  
Joanne Fisher  
Carolyn Frey

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### NPC Calendar of Events

#### AUGUST

2.....**Paddling Clinic** from Mill Lane to the Mouth of the Loyalsock.

#### SEPTEMBER

20.....**4th Annual Autumn Classic Golf Tournament**

#### OCTOBER

TBA.....**New Garden Tour** in West Ketting Township  
20.....**Pine Creek Float Trip**

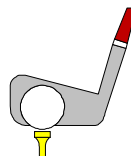
#### NOVEMBER

11.....**Canoe/Kayak Float Trip** from Montoursville to Muncy

Contact NPC for more details, or check out the NPC calendar online! <http://www.npcweb.org/calendar.html>



**What a deal!** If you shop online, check out iGive.com, an internet charity mall, with over 300 e-tailers offering donations to charitable organizations. Simply go to the "Support" page of the NPC website at [www.npcweb.org/support.html](http://www.npcweb.org/support.html), and click on the iGive icon. Membership is free, and donations are sent directly to NPC. Give it a try!



### Support the Fourth Annual Golf Classic

NPC's fourth golf tournament will be held September 20, 2001, at the Eagles Mere Country Club. This event has been a key fundraiser for NPC in the past. Our foursome price this year is \$420. The package includes a lunch buffet, cart, greens fees, prizes, and dinner. Due to a generous donation from **Equinox, Ltd.** of Williamsport, we will have a great selection of door prizes.

The success of this event depends on sponsorship support. A sponsor form with player registration information is included in our newsletter. Please take the time to look over your form. Any member can become a sponsor for as little as \$25. Please consider offering your financial support this year.

### Protect and Preserve 2001 Event Schedule

- \***July 23-28** Troy Fair, Albaron Park  
Sponsored by Citizens and Northern Bank
- \***July 29-August 4** Potter County Fair, Millport  
Sponsored by Patterson Lumber Company
- \***August 6-11** Tioga County Fair, Whitneyville  
Event fee waived by Tioga County Fair Association
- \***August 18** Ole Bull Mountain Bike Race, OleBull State Park