

Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy

Spring Fundraiser Fun at Muncy Farms

Were you one of the 204 people at Muncy Farms on June 12? If not, you missed a great time!

Malcolm Barlow and Sheila Barlow O'Brien did a wonderful job of getting the flower beds and grounds ready for our tour. The first floor of the house was the focus of the tour that provided guests an overview of the house's construction, its occupants over the years, and a little about the lives and influences of those occupants. Thank you Malcolm and Sheila for sharing your home and property with us!

Brian Barlow, Malcolm and Sheila's brother, was on hand with his book, *Only One Child*. Brian graciously spent his afternoon on the eastern patio talking to everyone who wanted to stop and chat with him, or look at the book. The patio was a busy place. Brian even had a wood turtle visit him that day.

Thelma White spruced up the cabin for the visitors who made it down that far. Her homemade chocolate chip cookies had the crowds lining up for the horse drawn wagon



The horse drawn wagon circulated between the house and the cabin using the same farm roads horses traveled when they worked the fields.



Conserving working farms and forests



The side porch was out of the sun, and an enjoyable place to spend the afternoon.

rides. The humidity that day had the horses moving a little slower than normal (actually, it may have had all of us moving a little slower than normal). We didn't get in as many wagon rides as we hoped, but everyone was very understanding.

Thank you!

Dr. John Piper did a great job of providing a historical overview of this region of Pennsylvania. Dr. Piper spent the afternoon under a tree talking about how the settlers came to this region.

Carl and Opal Schlappi had folks singing along on the back patio. Their blend of gospel and

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Opal and Carl Schlappi provided musical entertainment on the back patio.

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old-fashioned country were perfect for the afternoon.

One word sums up the food, yum. Thank you to all the individuals and restaurants who donated! Please read the list below and be sure to thank the businesses for supporting NPC when you stop in.

Spring Fundraiser Donors

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| Acme Barbecue | Anne Meyer |
| Malcolm Barlow | North Country Outfitters |
| Sheila Barlow O'Brien | Panera Bread |
| Rosanne & Michael Bolsar | The Peter Herdic House |
| Bullfrog Brewery | Dr. John Piper |
| Lori Burkholder | Phyllis Reynolds |
| Mary Cosgrove | Rupert's Market |
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| Johnson's Café | Thelma White |
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| Hallie & Chuck Luppert | Wentzler's Orchards |
| Wendy Marshalek | Mary & Greg Zeitlers |
| Marty's Bike Shop | Gail and Mel Zimmerman |



Here a group of guests check their tickets as the Chinese auction winners are pulled at Muncy Farms.

Changes to Board of Directors

NPC's Annual Membership Meeting isn't just a fun evening to chat with fellow members and have some good food. There is also work involved. If any board members' terms are expiring, the members present hold an election to fill those terms.

This year Kevin Drewencki and Bill Worobec rotated off the Board. Both had served two consecutive three-year terms. Carl Barlett, Bill Burdett, Charlie Grieb, and Lew Magent were all completing their first three-year term and were eligible for a second term.

The nominating committee recommended that Barlett, Burdett, Grieb, and Magent be re-elected to a second term, and that Dick Holcombe and Dennis Ringling be elected to a first term. Holcombe lives in Laporte and is one of the principals of The Holcombe Group, a company that provides third-party logistics to a variety of companies in the apparel and footwear industries. Ringling lives in Muncy and is a professor of Forestry at Penn College. The members present voted to implement the committee's recommendation.

In June, Charlie Grieb resigned from the NPC board. At the June Board meeting, the Board appointed Dan Wolfe to serve the remainder of Grieb's term. Wolfe is a retired radiologist who lives in Williamsport and is active with the Alpine Club. With these changes, NPC's Board is now made up of:

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| Carl Barlett | Mel Lewis |
| Bill Burdett | Lew Magent |
| Mary Cosgrove | Dick Penfield |
| Andra DeHart-Robbins | Charles Plankenhorn |
| Romey Fagnano | Dennis Ringling |
| Bonnie Hannis | Jim Weaver |
| Andy Harris | Dan Wolfe |
| Dick Holcombe | |

Silent Auction Thank-Yous!

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| Mary Murray | Two Clay Birdhouses |
| Linda Campbell | Variety of Pottery Pieces |
| Earle Layser | Signed Copy of <i>Green Fire: Stories from the Wild</i> |
| Carl Barlett..... | Sea Glass/Sterling Silver Necklace & Earrings |
| Wayne Laubscher | Framed Photo of a Northern Spotted Owl |
| Sally Craig | Hand Knit Baby Alpaca & Silk Purple Scarf |
| Beiter's Home Center | 32" LCD TV |

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY • January 1, 2011 to March 31, 2011

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Many thanks to our corporate members for their support of NPC's mission. Please take note of those businesses which have shown they care about the future of our communities with their corporate memberships and show them YOUR support.

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Joanne Fisher

BLACK BEAR

(\$500- \$999)

Dr. John & Jean Burks
Dr. & Mrs. Daniel R. Gandy

Thank You...to all those who continue to support the work of the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy

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Staff Presents at the Pennsylvania Land Conservation Conference

The Pennsylvania Land Trust Association held the annual Pennsylvania Land Conservation Conference May 19 to 21 in Harrisburg. NPC staff helped coordinate an all day session on Forestry, a half day session on re-conveying properties, and participated as a panelist in sessions on Marcellus shale impacts to conservation easement negotiations and managing conservation easements as eco-systems change.

In addition NPC volunteers Helen Schwarz and Rick Sprout helped out at the registration desk!

Dr. Jim Finley, Penn State Cooperative Extension, explains the re-generation taking place at the site.



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Penns Creek Property Purchase

Several years ago NPC began working with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Bureau of Forestry on creating access to Penns Creek in Union County. There are not a lot of access points to the Creek in the western portion of Union County. This can cause some problems during certain hatches when fishermen are trying to get to or from the stream.

Working with staff at the Bald Eagle State Forest, NPC began discussions with property owners near the village of Weikert. When following up with the various property owners, NPC realized that one property was owned by a sister and brother. The sister is deceased, so NPC contacted her brother.

The brother was interested in selling the property and liked the idea of helping to create public access to the stream. He began working with his brother-in-law to take full title to the property. This

was problematic since the brother-in-law had never probated the estate when the sister died several years earlier in Connecticut.

After more than a year of legal processes, the brother took full title to the property. This was a major step forward in the project. NPC could now work with him as the sole owner of the property.

The property is just over 13.25 acres in size and fronts the Creek for over 1,000 feet. It is a mix of forest and fields in the process of reverting to forest.

NPC purchased the property this Spring and is now working with the Bureau of Forestry to convey the property to state ownership. The Fall issue of the newsletter will have more details and information.

NOTE: The landowner NPC purchased the property from is on an extended vacation. Since he was not available to review the article or provide permission to use his name, NPC staff did not include that information in this article. If the landowner grants permission, the Fall update will have more details of the transaction.

Kayak the West Branch with NPC and Canoe Susquehanna

NPC will be paddling twice with Canoe Susquehanna this year. On July 17, we'll go from Montoursville to Muncy through one of only two roadless sections of the West Branch Susquehanna River. Then on October 2, we'll go from Montgomery to Watsontown, past the remnants of the ordinance dam. The October 2 trip is a joint trip with the Warrior Run Community Corporation.

To learn more about the trips, including costs, contact Canoe Susquehanna (570-524-7692). Betsy will be happy to answer your questions and take your reservations. Proceeds benefit the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy.

