



"Conserving working farms and forests"

Report to the Membership

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NORTHCENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVANCY



*Gorgeous summer
view of Byer's Island*

Byer's Island Added to State Forest System

It's official! Byer's Island is now part of the Commonwealth's State Forest system!

Byer's Island and several other islands were owned by PPL. When the company divested the islands, it made the most sense for the islands to go into public ownership. So, PPL worked with NPC to get the islands into NPC's ownership; and then NPC worked with the Susquehanna River Trail Association, Susquehanna River Waterfowlers Association, and the Degenstein Foundation on this transaction with the Commonwealth.

The island will be under the management of the Weiser State Forest District headquartered in Cressona. The island may be used as a primitive camping area, and a portage trail is under design to help bypass the dam at the power generation plant.

In addition to the recreational amenities, these islands provide wildlife habitat for a wide array of aquatic and terrestrial species. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resource's biologists visited the islands last summer, and found mussels along the banks that are becoming less common in the Susquehanna.

NPC was happy to help protect these islands and ensure both the conservation of the islands themselves, and the increased recreational benefit of having a portage trail around the dam.

Annual Membership Meeting Set for June 13

Join your fellow NPC members on June 13 for the Annual Membership Meeting. This year's event will be held at the Holiday Inn in downtown Williamsport. The cost is \$25 per person, and a cash bar will be available. Socializing begins at 6:00pm with dinner getting underway at 6:30pm.

In addition to the election of directors, the evening will celebrate NPC's success in conserving our first 10,000 acres. A slide show featuring photos of these protected properties will allow dinner guests to "tour" our conserved properties.

Reservations are due by June 8, 2007. Invitations were mailed out in mid-April. If you need a new reservation form, please see page five of this newsletter or call 570-323-6222.



ANNUAL MEETING DINNER MENU:

- Tossed Garden Greens
- Marinated Cucumber & Tomato Salad
- Herb Seared Breast of Chicken with Mushroom Sherry Sauce; Sliced Roast Top Round of Beef with Mushroom Burgundy Sauce; Lemon Crumbed Boston Cod with Champagne Almond Sauce
- Herbed Rice Pilaf; Roasted Garlic Mashers
- Chef's Vegetable Selection
- Assorted Desserts

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Membership Activity from 1/1/2007 through 3/31/2007

Bobcat (\$1000- \$4999)

Dr. George & Shirley
Durrwachter

Black Bear (\$500- \$999)

Dr. John & Jean Burks
Tom Corbett
Chris and Sherry Dwyer
Gordon & Margie Shaw

White-tailed Deer (\$250- \$499)

Paul & Sucheta Dembowski
Martin & Jean Doughty
Dr. Werner &
Anna Martha Fetter
Dr. & Mrs. Daniel R. Gandy
Brian Haas
Mel & Susan Lewis
Herman & Molly Logue
David C. & Pamela Shipman

Black Cherry (\$100- \$249)

Donald & Ann Alsted
Dr. Thomas Aufiero &
Dr. Suzan McGary
Karl K. Baldys Esq. &
Karen M. Baldys
Herman & Rita Bocher
Carson V. Brown II DDS
Mr. & Mrs. John
Bruch Jr.
Ron & Kathy Brundick
Frank R. Comfort
R. Jeffrey Coup
Stephen & Terri Deitrick
Lloyd & Suzanne Forcey
John M. Hallgren
Gary & Susan Harris
Mr. & Mrs. B.K. Huffman
Charles D. Lamade
Josephine Lewis
Steve and Deb Martin
Gilbert L. Maton
Mountain Stone &
Carved Rocks
John Jr. & Charlotte Person
Pine Creek Headwaters
Protection Group
Pine Creek Preservation
Association
Joseph H. Radley
Lance E. Robson
H. Kenneth & Marilyn Ruhl
Slate Run Sportsman's
Association
Alvin H. Smith, Jr.

David & Louise Stone
Albert & Judith Styracula
Chalmer &
Ruth Ann Van Horn
Louis S. Winner Jr. DDS PA
Robert & Joanne Wise

Red Oak (\$50- \$99)

Dr. & Mrs. David Ambrose
E. Lee Bellinger M.D.
Dr. Colson Blakeslee
Deborah Caulkins &
Jon Bogle
Jonathan & Sally Butterfield
Cedar Run Environmental
Services
Melissa Christ
Ned Coates &
Gayle Peters-Coates
R. Max Coy
Duane & Denise Daniels
Glenn Davis
Steve Dawson
Mrs. Anne Donnelly
James A. Drobile Esq.
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Pamela Gass &
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Richard White
Deborah Reeder
Karen Rush
Stephen &
Dorothy Schopfer
Cathy & Tom Shannon
Tom & Beth Stubler Family
Carolee & Dick Thatcher
Drew Thompson
Dan & Margery Wurster
Dorothy Yannaccone
Robert & Linda Yowell

CORPORATE MEMBERS

Many thanks to our corporate members. Please take note of those businesses which have shown they care about the future of our communities and show YOUR support to them.

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

Alpine Club of Williamsport

American Kestrel (\$500-749)

Lycoming County Planning
Commission
Susquehanna Chapter of
Trout Unlimited
Woodlands Bank
Yoas Services Inc.

Small Business (\$100-499)

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Century 21/Wilkinson-Dunn
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First National Bank of
Berwick
Fish GMAC Real Estate
Irion Lumber Company
Lewis Lumber Products Inc.
Patterson Lumber Co. Inc.
Roan Inc.
Stubler Enterprises, Inc.

Sugar Maple (\$35- \$49)

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Vance & Sue Miller
Max Mitchell
Priscilla D. Older
Howard Parks
Annie Sanders
Barbara Sonies
David & Barbara Weaver

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James W. Green
Ken W. Hakes
Dr. Lester G. Kleckner
Gladys E. Lewis
Mr. & Mrs. Chester Pribble
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Loyalsock Creek
Watershed Memorial
Fund
Seth & Audra Thomas

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Raymond Drewencki
by George & Shirley
Durrwachter

Mildred 'Billie' Stine
by William and Ruth
Correll



Year End Appeal Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who donated during NPC's Year End Appeal. The names below provided donations we received Jan. 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007.

Susquehanna Bank
Kevin Barletta
Bear Hollow Rod &
Gun Club

Stephen & Terri Deitrick

Mountain Stone &
Carved Rocks
Jerry & Joy Walls
Alex & Tracie Witter

Celebrity Waiter Night a Success

Gloria and Marcia Miele once again bravely opened their doors and dining room to NPC's Celebrity waiters and bartenders. This year's event was a huge success thanks to our wonderful waiters.

Again this year, Blair Brothers Goldsmiths donated a gorgeous pair of earrings. The earrings were highly sought after, but were won by Deb Cowles. Deb and her husband were at the Herdic House celebrating a wedding anniversary. What a way to celebrate!

There were two new features to this year's event. Rick Mason (a recovering Celebrity Waiter) used his photography talents and singing power to entertain and capture the magic of the evening.

Also new this year was a silent auction. This feature caused a small bidding war for the dining experiences. Thanks to all the silent auction donors for their help and support! Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Gandy, George and Shirley Durrwachter, and Jim O'Brien were the lucky high bidders on the auction prizes. Thank you to them for their generous participation.

Thank You to Our Celebrity Waiters...

John Best
Debi Burch
Rick Gahr
Gary Hutchinson
Dan Hill
Oscar and Shirley Knade
Rick Mason
Jack Kramer
Mark Shuman
Jerry Walls



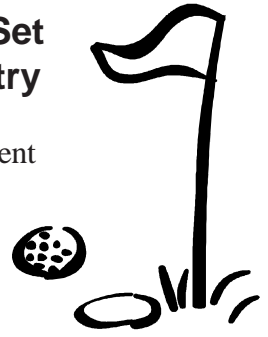
...and to Our Silent Auction Donors!

Dr. William and Sarmite Judson
Edward and Judee Lyon
Jon and Andra Robbins
Terry Wild

NPC Golf Tournament Set for Eagles Mere Country Club

This year's golf tournament was moved from fall to spring and from the Williamsport area to Eagles Mere. However, the fact that it is a fun-filled day hasn't changed! Join fellow NPC supporters and golf enthusiasts for a great day of golf, food, and fun, May 16, 2007.

Mary Cosgrove and Matt Cramer are co-chairing this year's event. A foursome costs \$440 and includes lunch, dinner, green fees, cart fees, snacks, and prizes. If you can't play that day, consider a hole sponsorship or another sponsorship. More information can be found at www.npcweb.org or by calling the office!



NPC Organizes Funding Workshop

On March 7, NPC held a half day workshop for local municipalities and organizations on the various funding programs available through the Commonwealth's Departments and Commissions. Wes Fahringer (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources), Jason Fellon (Department of Environmental Protection), Ed LeClear (Department of Community and Economic Development), and Greg Smith (Fish and Boat Commission) provided an overview of the funding and assistance programs their agency offers.

Over 20 people braved the snow that day to attend the workshop. Participants commented that the workshop gave them information on programs they weren't aware of, and also they appreciated hearing about the various projects underway in the region. Thanks to Lock Haven University for hosting this event!

New IRS Donation Rules

We know you keep the donation thank you letters NPC sends for the "sentimental value." Now there is another reason to keep those letters. The IRS requires that donors have written substantiation of all gifts to non-profit organizations. Our thank you letters meet IRS requirements for substantiating income tax deductions.



Technical Committee members Tom Corbett and John Way discuss the Tiadaghton Elm property's bank stability along Pine Creek.

Historic Tiadaghton Elm Property Donated

Along Pine Creek in Clinton County is the site of the Tiadaghton Elm where, reportedly, on July 4, 1776 the Fair Play Men declared independence from England. In the same area the Pine Creek Presbyterian Church was organized in 1762. And in April 2007 the one acre parcel where the church once stood, just across the road from where the elm tree grew, became the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy's newest protected property.

Daniel and Janelle Lemke (formerly of Jersey Shore) donated to NPC the property which will eventually be added to the Tiadaghton State Forest. Once it becomes part of the state forest system the Tiadaghton Elm property will provide access to Pine Creek for boaters, fishermen and those who want a place for a cooling dip on hot summer days.

Unfortunately, the Tiadaghton Elm itself succumbed to the ravages of old age and disease and the church building is long gone, but you can visit this historic site on the bank of Pine Creek between Jersey Shore and Avis. If you go, admire the lenticular truss bridge across Pine Creek adjacent to the property; there aren't many bridges of that design still standing.

Is NPC in Your Will?

If you will a gift to NPC, please be sure that you have designated your gift to "Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy," federal employee identification number 23-2606163. Please include our full name to ensure that your wishes are carried out as you intend and go to the correct organization.

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GoodSearch: Search the internet and earn money for NPC!

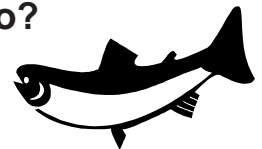
What if the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Well, now NPC can!

GoodSearch.com is a new search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. You use it just as you would any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great results.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy as the charity you want to support. Just 500 of us searching four times a day will raise about \$7300 in a year without anyone spending a dime! And, be sure to spread the word!

Did You See Us at the Trout Kick-Off or WNEP Outdoor Expo?

March was a busy month for NPC. We had our display at both the



Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited's Trout Kick-Off and WNEP's Outdoor Expo.

Both events provided us with an opportunity to interact with current members; provide information to people who never heard of us before; and answer questions for people who knew about us, but weren't entirely sure who we are or what we do.

The next time you see us out at a community event be sure to stop by and say "hi!"

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Kayak This Summer with NPC

NPC is partnering with Canoe Susquehanna again this year to offer a kayak outing on the West Branch. Join us as we paddle from Montoursville to Muncy on Saturday, July 14. The trip costs \$49 and includes a kayak, paddle, personal floatation device, and transportation.

This is one of only two roadless sections on the West Branch. In addition to the calm and quiet, you'll also get to enjoy wildlife and remnants of the West Branch Division of the Pennsylvania Canal. (However, NPC makes no promises or guarantees as to what type of wildlife you might see).

Payment is required to hold your reservation. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult, and no one under 14 is permitted to participate.

A registration form is below. Please return to NPC as soon as possible--participants are limited.



The 2006 NPC Kayak trip was a huge success even though it needed to be rescheduled due to weather. Last year the section from Montgomery to Watsontown was paddled. What a great trip!

KAYAK REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Check One:

_____ Registration with equipment rental \$49

_____ Registration without equipment rental \$37

Please mail registration form and payment to:

NPC
PO Box 2083
Williamsport, PA 17703

Checks should be made payable to NPC. You can also pay by VISA or Mastercard by calling the NPC office at 323-6222 (Monday - Thursday).



2007 ANNUAL DINNER RESERVATION

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Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

The cost of the dinner is \$25 per person.

_____ Number of attendees x \$25 = _____

Reservations are due June 8 and no refunds will be given after this date. Please mail registration form and payment to:

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NPC Notes and Notables



First Friday Artists

NPC continues to participate in First Friday with other downtown Williamsport businesses and non-profit organizations. The first Friday of every month, artists,

artists, and performers can be found throughout the downtown business area. If you attend First Friday please stop by the NPC office and say “Hi!”

Our upcoming artists include Cody Goddard in May. Cody is a student at Penn State University, but has served as the Susquehanna Sojourn photographer for a number of years. His exhibit will feature the river from his perspective.

Our featured artist for June is Tracie Witter. Tracie’s day job is in marketing, but she’ll have her pottery at NPC’s offices. Those of you who have attended NPC’s Annual Dinner have seen her work as part of the Silent Auction line up.

Upcoming Events

May

4 – First Friday with Cody Goddard
16 – Golf Outing at the Eagles Mere Country Club

June

1 – First Friday with Tracie Witter
13 – Annual Dinner Meeting

July

14 – Kayak outing

To pre-register for outings, or for additional information on these NPC events, please contact NPC at office@npcweb.org or call 570-323-6222.