



"Protecting and Preserving Lands and Landmarks"

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NPC's intern from Lycoming College, Carrie Monroe, and her partner- another tough day at the office doing field work for the college's Clean Water Institute.

Paddling Trip Great Fun

This article was submitted by Carrie Monroe, a junior biology major at Lycoming College. During the Fall semester Carrie volunteered for NPC as an intern working on the River Conservation Plan. She will be back at NPC in the Spring.

On Sunday, November 11, members of NPC, the general public, and students from Lycoming College's Aquatic Biology class canoed down a 13-mile stretch of the Susquehanna River. I went along on this trip as an intern for NPC and as a biology student from Lycoming College.

It was a perfect day to be on the water. It was brisk, but when you are paddling the only tin can canoe in the group, and it weighs more than you and your paddling partner put together, the cool air couldn't feel better. Everyone seemed to have a great time and no major accidents occurred, except for my tin can being hung up on a giant boulder in the middle of the very shallow water. Nobody was hurt however, and my partner and I successfully unstuck ourselves after that tiny scare. We even got a chance to collect a kick sample and pick some invertebrates off of the rocks.

All in all, this trip was a Sunday well spent and an adventure for all. ♦

2001 in Review

NPC was busy in 2001! Tis the season of the year in review articles, the awarding of titles for 2001's newsmakers, the listing of the top 10s for 2001, and resolutions for 2002. Well, not to be left out of the fun and merriment, here is a quick overview of NPC's 2001 in review:

- Two property owners who were interested in selling a property to the Bureau of Forestry contacted NPC. NPC provided both owners with information, contact names, and phone numbers. NPC followed up with these projects, and as of this newsletter, one property owner had sold their property to the state, and the other felt that the property would be in state ownership

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Videologging of River Complete

Some people float the river, some fish it, others may even roll on it, but for two days in December Ed Warfel and Jerry Erhart videologged it. Warfel and Erhart are pilots with Rettew Associates' airborne division. Using a helicopter (equipped with a Lycoming engine) the duo flew from Sunbury to Farrandville. The helicopter had a video camera attached to the bottom to record the river. The camera and a Global Positioning System were linked together so each frame of video could be labeled with its location.

This information is back at Rettew being "processed." After processing the video will be linked with a Geographic Information System (GIS). The video and its link to GIS will assist the biologists, landscape architects, engineers, and planners who are writing the

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Membership Activity from 10/1/2001 through 12/31/2001

Black Bear (\$500-999)

Les & Adrienne Noelk

White Tail Deer (\$250-499)

Dr. John & Jean Burks

Ann M. Case

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Richard & Adrienne Craig

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W. Holmes & Enid Yealy

Black Cherry (\$100-249)

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Association

Dr. & Mrs. Michael A. Gross

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Anna Martha Fetter

Bernette &

George Fitzgerald

Christine M. Schuler

Rebecca Burke

Rachel P. Craig

Merrill J. &

Dorothy F. Dodge

Kevin Drewencki

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Ecker

Jane Y. Herald

Theodore S. Larson Jr. MD

Dwight &

Josephine Lewis

Christine E. McNeill

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George E. Orwig II

Pine Creek Headwaters

Protection Group

Pine Creek

Preservation Association

Dr. Samuel Rockey

Judith E. Styrula

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Louis S. Winner Jr. DDS PA

Phillip Zimmerman

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Dan & Margery Wurster

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Eph & Bess Baker

Marguerite Bierman

Ron & Shirley Butler

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Confair

Glenn Davis

Mrs. Anne Donnelly

Eastern Wood

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Larry & Maggie Emery

Suzanne Foust

John & Kay Gault

Charley & Lisa Hooper

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Charles & Fay Lindrooth

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William & Susan Martens

Shawn McLaughlin

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Stuart & Judy Olinsky

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David & Louise Stone

Merle M. Thomas

D. Richard & Shirley Wenner

Robert & Linda Yowell

Sugar Maple (\$35-49)

James W. Allen

William & Joyce Davis

Daniel Glunk &

Margrit Shoemaker

Gordon & Mary Hiller

John G. Hollenback

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Luther & Charlotte Mengel

Mr. & Mrs. James R. Parsons

Stephen &

Stephanie Radulski

Barbara Sonies

Dr. Donald Stuart

James W. Temple

David Tregoe

David & Barbara Weaver

Andrea Young

Dr. Mel & Gail Zimmerman

White Pine (\$25-34)

Jeff Bowers

Molly Costello

Alfredo F. Daniele

Duane & Denise Daniels

Dennis & Holly Dusza

Rev. Andrew France

John & Cheryl Gerwin

Jack & Linda Gettys

Helen Harrington

Chris Herrman

Mrs. Alfred E. Hoberman

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Frances Kuntz

David & Christy Lassiter

Jay Leatherman

John G. McCaffrey

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(NPC Board Member)

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Mildred Mietelski

Joyce Payson

Frank & Judith Taylor

Anne Zeneski

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Chris Herrman

NPC Board Member Fondly Remembered

William F. Williams, Jr. was a NPC board member for nearly three years when he passed away on December 16, 2001. Bill lived in Antes Fort on his family farm. Bill volunteered many hours and served on many boards over the course of his life. He worked to improve and maintain this area and its resources. Bill served as Vice President and Secretary of the Jersey Shore State Bank, as well as serving on their Board of Directors. Bill's commitment to this area included 37 years on the Board of Trustees of Lock Haven University and 22 years as a school director for Jersey Shore.

Somehow, even doing all of this, Bill still managed to work in 200 rounds of golf in the year 2000. He often told us not to bother calling him until the late afternoon because he would be at the golf course in the morning.

Bill served NPC by sitting on several ad hoc committees, always brought his ideas and willingness to help to the Board meetings, and never left his sense of humor at the door. Bill and all of his experience will be missed by NPC.

Computer Grant Received

Thank you to the Marguerite Carl Smith Foundation! The Foundation awarded NPC a grant to purchase a new laptop computer during their Fall meeting. The new laptop will be a huge help to NPC in presenting public programs. The current laptop NPC uses has served us well over the past four years, but it was time for a major upgrade. The new laptop will also be very helpful in presenting the videologging of the lower West Branch Susquehanna River.

Quilt Volunteers Make it Happen

NPC's art quilt fundraiser, Protect & Preserve 2001, has been fueled by a renewable resource that is the envy of every manager in the for-profit world. That resource is our amazing volunteers. Sixty-one volunteers have come together for over 950 hours to bring our art quilt to thousands throughout NPC's 12-county service area. The Board and staff of NPC would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with this huge project.

Don't forget the Jacoby Hollow hike on Saturday, January 26, 2002. Call the office for more information.

River Conservation Plan Moving Toward Second Round

Everything is on track for the Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plan's second round of public meetings to be held during the last two weeks in March. The consultants and steering committee are busy preparing and editing the mapping, the plan, and the proposed projects list.

The meetings will be held in six locations along the seventy-five mile study corridor. As much as possible, NPC is working to hold the meetings in the same locations as the first round meetings held in March 2001. The meetings will begin at 7:00pm and run until approximately 9:00pm. Below is the list of locations and dates that are currently available:

- Lock Haven - March 21, Lock Haven University
- Jersey Shore - March 19, Jersey Shore Elem. School
- Williamsport - March 18, Lycoming College
- Lewisburg - March 20, Lewisburg Middle School
- Muncy - to be determined
- Watsontown - to be determined

More information will be available on NPC's website, or call the office at 570-323-6222.

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Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plan. This video will provide them with not only a new perspective of the river, but also allow them to see the river as users do. They won't be looking at a series of still photographs, but at a flowing resource.

It is hoped that the results of these flights will be unveiled at the second round of public meetings (see article on River Conservation Plan for dates and information). The videologging will also be provided to the schools, colleges, and municipalities in the corridor who are interested in using the data.

If you are interested in seeing the videologging results, be sure to attend one of the March River Conservation Plan public meetings, the Clinton County Dinner, or the Annual Dinner. Watch for more information in the Spring newsletter and on our website.

This project was funded through the Department of Environmental Protection's Growing Greener grant program. The educational grant was awarded to NPC in the Fall of 2001. ♦



Mark Lewis' children, Aaron and Sadie, examine interesting benthic organisms (bugs!) caught by Lycoming College students in their "kicknet". See NPC's website, www.npcweb.org for more photos.

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by the end of January.

•In addition, the Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plan made huge strides. In March six public meetings were held. Over the summer and fall thirty interviews were conducted, the videologging took place in December, and steps were taken to prepare for 2002's river conservation plan activities.

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•We met with several individuals regarding conservation easements. However, this is a big step, and often, property owners wish to discuss this step with their children and family before committing. This is completely understandable, and if these owners decide to move forward, NPC will be here in 2002 to help them.

•We worked with the Bureau of Forestry to buy a property in the Black Forest area of Lycoming County. At the auction, the property was sold for more than we could pay.

•A property owner who wanted to give us a property worked with us for several weeks before deciding that since the property adjoined the Bureau of Forestry, they should own it.

Our land protection numbers may not have increased drastically, as the Smithgall and Ging property was the only property we bought, and no conservation easements were donated to us, but hopefully we have laid the groundwork for more projects on 2002.

Yes, 2001 was a busy year for NPC, but 2002 promises to be even busier! ♦

Annual Appeal Donors are Big Land Protection Supporters

NPC's annual year-end appeal is crucial to our ability to meet the ongoing costs associated with operating a land trust. NPC invests in the wonderful quality of life that northcentral Pennsylvania's open space now offers, and can offer to future generations. The financial support NPC receives from our annual appeal helps provide a professional office staffed year-round.

Even if your year-end donation is small, it makes you important to land protection here, in your backyard. Thank you to all our donors. Contributions can still be made to this important appeal.

The Spring newsletter will list our annual appeal donors.

Trout Unlimited Kick-Off

NPC has been a participant in the Trout Kick-Off for years, and 2002 will be no different. The chance to further the public's awareness of NPC's work to protect land in northcentral Pennsylvania is a great opportunity. Our Membership Committee will be looking for volunteers to staff our booth to help spread the word about the good work that NPC has done since 1990. If you would like to volunteer contact Russ Cowles at rcowles@npcweb.org, or 570-323-6222. The Kick-Off will be Friday evening March 8th, and Saturday & Sunday March 9th and 10th at the Pickelner Arena, Williamsport. The Kick-Off is a fun and informative event- we hope you stop in.

Gander Mountain Supports NPC

Gander Mountain at the Lycoming Mall in Muncy hosted our art quilt December 14, 15 & 16. Gander Mountain's support of this fundraising project gave NPC the ability to sell \$1213 worth of raffle tickets. The support of businesses like Gander Mountain is what makes NPC's land protection efforts possible. If you are visiting Gander Mountain please let the staff and management know that NPC appreciates their support. *A special thank you goes out to Kelly Moon for her kindness, hospitality and energy to make this event such a success.*



Don't forget about the Earth Day Celebration at Franco's!

Live music begins about 9:00pm. All cover charges will be donated to NPC.

Fear the Ides of March No More

Gloria and Marcia Miele are graciously hosting NPC's Celebrity Waiter Night at the Peter Herdic House Restaurant, Friday March 15th. Seating for dinner will begin at 6:00pm. The Herdic House, 407 West Fourth Street, is one of Williamsport's fine dining jewels. Located in a restored Victorian mansion that was once the home of famous logging era millionaire, Peter Herdic, this is a dining experience you should not miss.

Local celebrities will wait on your every need to earn a generous tip, which is donated to NPC. Many of our best waiters from the past will return this year.

After a year off, Terry Wild will once again be trying to get out of doing the real work in the interest of providing musical entertainment. Representative Steven Cappelli will be behind the bar testing his ability to gain your support in the form of dollars in the tip jar. Financial planner Bill Hawkes is going to do his best to convince you that in today's market, NPC is one of the best investments you can make.

Gary Hutchinson, Lycoming County Emergency Services, may point out an impending disaster if you don't leave the tip he expects, and Rick Mason just might threaten to have Penn Dot close the roads to your house if you don't feel that his baritone solos are worth a small fortune. John Best, president of Buckeye Pretzel, has promised that he won't tell any jokes, for a fee.

Dr. William & Sam Judson will be charging a special rate for the prescriptions at the Herdic House bar, and attorney Gary Harris will be offering counsel on what an appropriate tip is under these circumstances. Jerry Walls, always in the planning mode, plans to get the biggest table, and Mark Shuman of the Red Cross is the celebrity who will actually take your order correctly, and prevent the need for disaster relief services!

In all seriousness, you can expect a very enjoyable evening, filled with entertainment, laughter and fine food. Please call the Herdic House at 570-322-0165 to make reservations.

Area Hiking Club Opportunities

NPC member Ruth Rode leads hikes for the Alpine Club of Williamsport and the Eaglesmere Conservancy. The EMC hikes June-August on Tues., Thurs. & Sat., leaving from the Eaglesmere Outlet Pond at 9:30am. The Alpine Club has a year-round hiking schedule listed at www.angelfire.com/pa2/alpineclub. For information call Ruth (evenings) at 570-322-5878.

NPC Art Exhibition 2002 is Coming!

Do you enjoy fine art, pottery, handcrafted wood furniture, hand-woven art, photography, sculpture- all created by local artisans who care about the legacy created by protected lands? The Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy is planning an Art Exhibition for the fall of 2002. You will have the opportunity to purchase that special piece you've been thinking about, with the knowledge that the profits from the sale will further NPC's land protection efforts in our 12-county service area. Not only will your art piece enrich your life every time you see it in your home, you will also have the very satisfying feeling of knowing that you did something for the good of present and future generations for as long as you own it.

B&S Picture Frames & Gallery, 400 Market St., Williamsport has partnered with NPC in the past to bring this event to our members and friends. Past artists have included Ken Hunter, Roger Shipley, Bradley Shoemaker, Anne Myer, Howard Parkes and many others. This year's Exhibition promises to be as exciting and beautiful.

As we finalize plans for this event, information on the participating artists will be posted on our website. Keep checking the website for current information or email Russ Cowles at rcowles@npcweb.org.

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Maple Sugar Outing Planned

On Saturday March 9th PPL's Montour Preserve has invited NPC members to a Pancake and Sausage breakfast at the Montour Preserve Visitor Center. The event will start at 9:00am. Registration is required, and is limited to 50 participants. If you would like to enjoy a great breakfast and see the maple sugaring process call the Preserve at 570-437-3131 to register.

Come to Montour Preserve in Washingtonville and get a taste of conservation in action!

Schedule:

- 9:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 Maple sugar program
- 11:00 Hike to the Sugar Shack for a demonstration
- 11:30 Optional hike in the "sugarbush"



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Non-Profit Rate

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Return Service Requested

2002 NPC Calendar of Events

For more information on the following events, please contact Russ Cowles at rcowles@npcweb.org or 570-323-6222.

January

Saturday, 1/26/02

- Hike, ski or snowshoe to Jacoby Falls

March

F-S-S, 3/8-10

Saturday, 3/9/02

Friday, 3/15/02

- Trout Unlimited Trout Kick-Off- Visit NPC's booth at this annual event
- Maple Sugar Program and Breakfast. Contact Montour Preserve at 570-437-3131 to register.
- Celebrity Waiter Night at the Peter Herdic House Restaurant. Call the Herdic House at 570-322-0165 to make reservations.

April

Wednesday, 4/17/02

Saturday, 4/20/02

Thursday, 4/25/02

- Clinton County Annual Membership Dinner. Dinner will be at the Clinton Country Club at 6:00 PM
- Earth Day Celebration at Franco's. Live music begins about 9:00 PM, cover charge donated to NPC.
- Tioga County Annual Dinner at the Penn Wells Hotel, Wellsboro- NPC's annual northern tier gathering (we want Potter County there too!).
- Bluebird Trail Hike (Williamsport Municipal Water Authority)- Hike leader Ruth Rode (570-322-5878 evenings)

May

Tuesday, 5/7/02

- NPC Annual Meeting & Dinner. DiSalvo's Restaurant, Williamsport.

June

Saturday 6/29/02

- Combined Eaglesmere Conservancy/NPC Hike at Ketchum Run

August

Thursday 8/1/02

- Paddling Clinic- NPC's annual visit to the "mouth of the Sock". Rental equipment is available.

September

Thursday 9/12/02

Saturday 9/22/02

- 5th Annual Fall Classic Golf Outing - Eaglesmere Country Club. Registration fee includes lunch & dinner buffet, cart & greens fees, contests & prizes.
- Farrandsville River Cliffs Hike - Hike leader will be Ruth Rode (evenings at 570-322-5878)

October

Saturday 10/19/02

- Pine Creek Float Trip- Meeting time will be 10:00 AM on Pine Creek. Location TBA.

TBA

- Art Exhibition- B&S Picture Frames & Gallery will host NPC for an evening of art. Local artisans will offer pieces, with the profits donated to NPC