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Dr. Luther W. Fetter, long-time NPC member, honored his family with a planned gift to NPC.

NPC Receives Member Bequest

Dr. Luther W. Fetter, a long-time NPC member, passed away in August of this year. Dr. Fetter was one of the founders of the Slate Run Sportsmen, a conservation group in the Pine Creek watershed.

In October NPC received notice that, Dr. Fetter had directed three gifts totaling \$50,000 in honor of his wife, children, and other members of his family, to benefit NPC. The first gift is in honor of his late wife, Mary Z. Fetter, who he described as, "the best a man can have." The next gift he left in honor of his children, Dr. L. Werner Z. Fetter and Dr. Mary Emma Fetter Passarge, with the comment, "in whom I am well pleased." Finally, Dr. Fetter honored other members of his family, including his father and mother, Samuel T. and Lottie M. Fetter, his grandparents, Henry and Emma Werner and Cyrus and Agnes Fetter, his cousins, Mamie and Nathan Miller, and his brother, Earl S. Fetter. In his words, "because they showed me the way."

Dr. Fetter's bequests to NPC are a lasting tribute to his loved ones and a generous gift to the future. We are grateful for Dr. Fetter's foresight and commitment to ensuring that NPC can continue its work.

Funding Program Established

We have all seen trash and litter along roads. The same litter problem that plagues our highways and by-ways also plagues our waterways. Whether brought by a flood or left by a human, litter and household debris have found their way into most Pennsylvania streams. Local watershed associations have begun the process of removing this trash from streams and banks. However, the clean up costs have, in some cases, hindered progress. The volunteers are willing, but money to pay the disposal fees is not always available.

The cleanup funding problem was brought to the attention of the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy (NPC) last summer. NPC was asked to consider establishing an account to fund cleanup efforts by local watershed associations. NPC's Board of Directors agreed to establish and administer funds for local stream clean-ups.

Since then, NPC has been working with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to secure funds for the program through the

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2002 In Review

This was another busy year for NPC as we celebrated the dedication of another conserved property and continued to assist landowners in finding ways to leave open space for future generations.

In January, members and friends hiked to Jacoby Falls, whose access was protected by the Smithgall and Ging project. This project protected over 360 acres that were purchased by NPC and transferred to state ownership. In March, we gathered at the Lycoming County property for a dedication in which we celebrated a cumulative total of over 8,300 acres conserved by NPC.

Throughout the year, work continued on the West Branch Susquehanna River

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Membership Activity from 9/1/2002 through 11/30/2002

CORPORATE MEMBERS

Bald Eagle (\$2,000+)
PPL Corp./Montour Preserve

American Kestrel (\$500-749)
First Columbia Bank & Trust Co.
Lycoming Co. Conservation Dist.

Small Business (\$100-499)
First National Bank of Berwick
Lewis Lumber Products Inc.
Patterson Lumber Co. Inc.
Woolrich Inc.

GENERAL MEMBERS

Black Bear (\$500-999)
Les & Adrienne Noelk

White-tailed Deer (\$250-499)
Dr. John & Jean Burks
Dr. Kim Herrman
Oscar W. Knade Jr.
Mel & Susan Lewis
Alan Viani & Jane Morgenstern
Ernie Wheeland
W. Holmes & Enid Yealy

Black Cherry (\$100-249)

Donald & Elizabeth Brobst
Dr. & Mrs. Bruce Burns
Fred W. Dochter
Kevin Drewencki
Dr. Werner &
Anna Martha Fetter
Jeffrey Finke
Michael R. & Teri H. Fisher
Jane Y. Herald
Mr. & Mrs. Seth Keller
Rod & Sue Keller
Andrew C. Lyon
Mr. & Mrs. John E. Person Jr.
Pine Creek Headwaters
Protection Group
Pine Creek Preservation Assoc.
Lance E. Robson
Christine M. Sleboda
Steven Uzupis
Paul O. & Patricia Wentzler
Phillip Zimmerman

Red Oak (\$50-99)

Marguerite Bierman
Bruce & Betty Buckle
Rose M. Choate
Melissa Christ
Mr. & Mrs. Richard H. Confair
William & Joyce Davis
Glenn Davis
Mrs. Anne Donnelly
Victor & Tamara Eberly
Mary R. Engel

Neil & Shirley Polster
Ms. Ruth Rode
Victoria J. Romeo MD
Merle M. Thomas
D. Richard & Shirley Wenner
Michael & Mary Wolf
Robert & Linda Yowell

Sugar Maple (\$35-49)

Carl & Marti Barlett
James R. & Sandra L. Watson
Mr. & Mrs. Arnold E. Burrows Jr.
Joshua & Vivian First
A. Roy Flanigan III
Lycoming Audubon Society
Paul Martis
Jack & Joan McKee
Barbara Sonies
Michael & Sybil Stershic
Dr. Donald Stuart
David & Barbara Weaver
Dr. Mel & Gail Zimmerman

White Pine (\$25-34)

George L. & Penny H. Bower
Paul W. Duck
Jack & Linda Gettys
Joanne B. May
Dr. Douglas Wion
Evelyn Bodle
Molly Costello
Duane & Denise Daniels
Larry & Maggie Emery
Dave & Lisa Engle
Rev. Andrew France
John & Cheryl Gerwin
Frances Kuntz
Jay Leatherman
Charlotte Mengel (gift of Jim &
Cindy Bower)
John C. & Mary Metz
Michael D. Miller
Morris Arboretum
Stash & Helene Nawrocki
Ken & Jan Oden
Howard Parks
Restless Oaks Restaurant/
James H. Maguire
Bill & Ann Roll
William S. Seward
Susquehannock Lodge
John A. Troisi
B. J. Van Ess
Jerry & Mary Ann Zeidler

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

In Memory of Bill Hosler
by Sheryl Hosler
by Charlie & Helen Schwarz

In Memory of Dean Fisher
by the Marguerite Carl Smith
Foundation

In Memory of Dr. George E. Fissel
by W. Holmes & Enid Yealy

In Memory of Bernette Kathryn Fitzgerald
by Mark & Lori Romanias and
Marie & Lynn Pfeil

Donation of Legal Services
by Carl E. Barlett
(McCormick Law Firm)

It's Now Easier to Make Gifts to NPC

In today's busy world, many of us no longer rely on a traditional checkbook for payments and purchases. With the prevalence of debit cards and automatic payments, you may not even open your checkbook more than a few times each month. With the way consumers spend their money changing more each day, we have decided to offer an easier way for you to make gifts to NPC or purchase merchandise.

From now through the end of June, we will be offering members and friends the opportunity to make their membership gifts and merchandise purchases with MasterCard and Visa. We are also offering the opportunity to divide your membership gift into six monthly installments charged to your card, starting in January. **If this service is popular, we will continue to accept credit cards, and will offer twelve-month membership installments.**

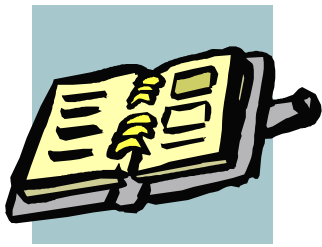
If you would like to use your credit card to make a gift or purchase with NPC, give us a call at 570-323-6222, and we will be happy to help you.

Members Have Impact at NPC

Because NPC is a member-supported nonprofit organization, members are vital to its survival and successful operation. Beginning in September, an internship was created with the purpose of examining current member benefits and expanding upon them. Through this internship, it has become apparent that members are having a big impact on the progress of projects and helping the organization to continue to do great things.

You should also be aware that we update our website to include current news releases about NPC on a regular basis, so keep yourself informed by clicking on www.npcweb.org. Remember that the staff is here to answer any questions you may have and to take your suggestions on how we can improve. If you would like to become more involved, please contact us! As always, thank you for supporting NPC.

(Editor's Note: Our fall intern, Natalie Kittel, submitted this article. Natalie worked very hard this semester to compile membership information and make recommendations on how we can better serve you. Many thanks to Natalie for all of her hard work this semester. We wish her the best as she graduates from Lycoming College in May!)



2003 Packed with NPC Events

2003 is going to be an exciting year for NPC members and friends. We have planned a series of events that includes something for everyone. Whether you enjoy hiking, biking, canoeing, music, food or photography, we have an event for you.

This section of the newsletter is designed so you can pull it out and refer to it throughout the year. If you have questions, or need additional information on any of these events, please contact Julie Adams at 570-323-6222 or jadams@npcweb.org.

Celebrity Waiter Night

Chase away the winter blahs with a fun evening out to support NPC's mission! Once again, through the generosity of the Peter Herdic House, and Gloria and Marcia Miele, we bring you celebrities, food and a great evening out. This year's waiters can't wait to serve you your favorite dishes. This event is always popular, because it is such a fun, easy way to support NPC.

This event will take place the evening of March 14. For seating availability, or to make reservations, contact the Peter Herdic House at 570-322-0165.

Earthday Celebration

If you haven't been to one of our Earthday Celebrations at Franco's, mark your calendar to be there this year. What better way to show support for NPC while having a good time, than to spend the evening at Franco's enjoying good food and music?

Last year, Franco's was packed, as musicians the likes of Ted Lyon, Jr., David Lynn, and Lauren Johns rocked the house. This year promises to be just as exciting – we'll have live music, Earthday trivia and special NPC prizes. A \$5 cover charge at the door will go directly to benefit NPC.

A special thank you to Fred Daniele and the folks at Franco's for organizing this event again this year!

Photography Contest

We serve a beautiful region, and the landscape and wildlife that inhabit this region often present opportunities to take memorable photos. With that in mind, we are sponsoring a photography contest in conjunction with Little Pine State Park's Annual Fall Field Days on Saturday, October 11. This is an opportunity for amateur photographers to share their special photos of the region with the public, and compete for honors.

More information on the contest will follow in upcoming newsletters, but in the meantime, dust off your camera and start looking for that perfect shot!

Spring Canoe Outing

No equipment needed! On Saturday, May 17, our Spring Canoe Outing will give you the chance to float along the Susquehanna in one of Canoe Susquehanna's 26' long canoes. Maybe you have always wanted to be out on the river, but don't own a canoe. Or perhaps you would enjoy a trip down the Susquehanna, but would rather not have the hassle of loading and unloading boats. This is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a fun trip without the headaches. A professional guide to ensure your safe and enjoyable trip will man each canoe.

We will leave our cars in Muncy, and Canoe Susquehanna will shuttle participants to the drop-in point in Montoursville. Then, we will spend the morning on a leisurely trip back to Muncy on the Susquehanna. The section of the Susquehanna River running from Montoursville to Muncy is unique because there is no road along that section. We will have the chance to see wildlife, traces of the old canal, and parts of the old canal wall.

Pre-registration is required, and the cost of the journey will be \$20. Because we must limit the number of participants in the big canoes to 22, we will limit registration to members and their guests until March 1. After March 1, registration will be open to the public.

Because the trip will involve some paddling of the canoes, this trip will be limited to participants over 13 years of age.

It is recommended that participants bring the following items along with them for the journey: a non-alcoholic beverage of your choice, a snack, sun hat/sunglasses, glasses strap, and sunscreen. It is also recommended that participants wear shoes that can get muddy and lower-leg gear that can get wet. Pre-registration is required. To make reservations, please call Julie Adams at 570-323-6222. Remember, the number of reservations is limited to 22, so call early to reserve your spot!

Series of Hikes Planned

Once again, our fearless hike leader Ruth Rode will guide hikes of varying levels of difficulties throughout the area. All hikes are free and open to the public.

*Saturday, May 3 - Farrandsville River Cliffs Hike. This hike was previously offered in September 2002, but heavy rain deterred us. We decided to give those interested another chance to participate, and hopefully the weather will cooperate!

*Saturday, July 12 - we will again partner with the Eagles Mere Conservancy to offer a hike on the Butternut Trail. This trail features views of the Flynn Property, a project NPC closed the books on in 1993.

*Saturday, September 13 - hike to view vistas from the West Branch Wilderness and Hyner Run View.

For all of these hikes we recommend that participants wear sturdy hiking shoes and appropriate hiking attire. For hike meeting times and locations contact NPC at 570-323-6222.

Bloomsburg Area Member Reception

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us just before the holidays for the 2nd Annual Bloomsburg Area Member Reception. This year, the gathering will take place on Wednesday, November 12 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Magee's Main Street Inn, Main Street, Bloomsburg. Stop in after work for some punch, hors d'oeuvres, and updates on current and past projects.

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Tioga County Dinner

The Tioga County Dinner will be held the evening of Monday, October 20 at the Penn Wells Hotel this year. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us, as we share some updates with our Tioga County members. Members and friends outside of Tioga County are welcome to join us at the dinner as well. More information on the dinner's program and registration will be included in future newsletters.

Photography Workshop Offered

We are currently in the process of organizing a two-day nature photography workshop to take place at Montour Preserve this summer. Jerry Ziedler, local nature photographer, will facilitate the workshop. As we iron out the details, we will post additional information on the website, and we will have registration information in the next issue of the newsletter.

Clinton County Dinner

We *will* be holding a Clinton County gathering this year. Look in the next issue of the newsletter for date, time, and reservation information. We will also post this date on the website as soon as we have it.

Annual Dinner & Meeting

Plan to join us on the evening of Tuesday, May 6 as we gather to thank NPC members and volunteers, and enjoy an evening out at DiSalvo's Restaurant.

Pine Creek Rail Trail Bike Trip

Join us for a 16-mile journey through one of the most beautiful recreational trails in our area! On Saturday, June 28, we will tour the Pine Creek Rail Trail from Darling Run to Blackwell. Our guide for the trip will be Weldon Cohick, Jr. Weldon, who puts 3,000 miles on his bike each year, has volunteered for DCNR on the Rail Trail since its opening in 1996. He holds the record for the number of trips through the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon at 237! Weldon has given tours to many groups throughout the years, and will provide us with his colorful commentary on the many features along the trail.

Participants of all skill levels are welcome and encouraged to participate. We recommend that you bring sunglasses, sunscreen, water and a bagged lunch.

Bike rentals are available through Pine Creek Outfitters. Cost of bike rental for the day is \$22, and includes shuttle from Blackwell back to our starting point. Shuttle-only tickets are also available for those interested, at a cost of \$10. Rental and shuttle reservations should be made by calling the NPC office to ensure these rates.

Pre-registration is required, and all participants must sign a waiver prior to the start of our journey. Those under 18 years of age must have a waiver signed by their parent or guardian prior to the outing.

Those interested in carpooling from NPC's Williamsport office should contact Julie Adams (570-323-6222 or jadams@npcweb.org) prior to June 28. For more information, to register, or to make reservations for bike rentals/shuttle tickets, contact the NPC office.

For more information on the rail trail, check out these websites: <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/rails/pinect.html> and <http://www.pinecrk.com/bike/bike.html>.



The NPC Golf Tournament will be held Monday, September 15 at the Williamsport Country Club. More details to follow.

Community Environmental Partnership Program. NPC will also look at various sources of grant funding to ensure as many stream miles as possible can be cleaned. NPC has already received \$7,500 for the program and is working to distribute the money for eligible projects.

Watershed associations in NPC's twelve-county coverage area, plus those located in Cameron and Clearfield counties, are eligible to apply. This geographic area overlaps with the watershed team approach being used by DEP and will allow for easier information distribution and cooperation.

To apply for funds, eligible groups should submit a simple two-page application to NPC's office, and a map that depicts the location of the proposed clean-up. Applications will be reviewed, and those meeting the requirements will be funded on a first-come, first-serve basis. In order to provide as many groups as possible with the opportunity to participate, each watershed association is eligible for funding for two clean-ups/year.

Watershed associations interested in more information or obtaining an application should visit NPC's website (www.npcweb.org/stream.html), or contact the office (570-323-6222). Watershed associations awarded funding and their clean-up efforts will be featured in future newsletters and on NPC's website.

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Conservation Plan. Although the draft plan was not presented in 2002, it should be unveiled in early 2003. When the final copy is complete, municipalities along the study corridor can apply for state grants of up to 50% of the cost of projects listed in the plan.

Inquiries from landowners continued, and we assisted over 18 property owners with information on conservation options. We anticipate a number of conservation easements will come to fruition in 2003.

NPC also provided educational opportunities to both members and the public. We offered a maple sugaring outing, a paddling clinic, an art program featuring wildlife artist Ken Hunter at Montour Preserve, and several guided hikes.

Our fundraising events this year included Celebrity Waiter Night, the annual dinner, the Autumn Classic Golf Tournament, an art exhibit, and a cheesecake sale.

2003 promises to be even busier as the awareness of the value of conservation here in northcentral Pennsylvania continues to grow!

NPC Participates In Pine Creek Plan

Pine Creek is one of Pennsylvania's jewels. From its headwaters west of Galeton in Potter County, to the gorge it forms in Tioga County, to the villages that dot its bank in Lycoming County, Pine Creek means many things to many people. Because Pine Creek is such an important resource to so many people, the Endless Mountains Resource Conservation and Development Council (Endless Mountains RC&D) is leading an effort to develop a river conservation plan for the Pine Creek Watershed. NPC has been invited to serve on the steering committee for this project. The river conservation plan for Pine Creek will not look at just the creek, but the entire watershed. Things are just beginning with this project; look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Conservation Plan Progress

In the last issue of the newsletter, we wrote that we anticipated having a draft plan ready for review in January 2003. We were overly optimistic. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' review of the draft plan took longer than anyone (including the Department) thought it would. The meetings will not be held in January. However, when dates are set and locations secured, that information will be sent out to everyone on our mailing list.

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NPC T-Shirts Available

Thanks to Mountain Graphics, located near Wellsboro, we have great new screen printed tee-shirts! These super tees come in a wide variety of colors and sizes (we sizes for the whole family). They feature the NPC tree logo, screen printed on the front in either ivory or black ink. Most are 100% cotton, and a few are 50/50 blends. We have color groupings of blues, greens, reds, purples, white, black, and neutrals. Cost of the tees is only \$12 for most sizes.

To purchase, simply fill out the form included with this newsletter and return it to NPC, 320 E Third Street, 2nd Floor, Williamsport PA 17701. You may also stop in and purchase shirts at the NPC office.

Annual Appeal Update

As of our publication deadline, we were well on our way to reaching our goal of \$8,000 for the Annual Appeal, thanks to the generosity of our members and friends. If you contributed this year, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your continued support.

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NPC 2003 Calendar of Events

MARCH

14.....Celebrity Waiter Night

MAY

3.....Farrandsville River Cliffs hike

6.....Annual Dinner

17.....Spring Canoe Outing

JUNE

28.....Pine Creek Rail Trail bike trip

JULY

12.....Butternut Trail hike

SEPTEMBER

13.....West Branch Wilderness/Hyner Run View hike

15.....Autumn Classic Golf Tournament

OCTOBER

11.....Photography Contest

20.....Tioga County Dinner

NOVEMBER

12.....Bloomsburg Area Member Reception

See pullout section (pages 3-4) of this newsletter for more details on the events listed above.

Win an NPC T-shirt for you and a friend!

NPC's Membership Committee has issued a challenge to our members. From now through the Annual Dinner, for each new member recruited by a current member, we will put your name in a drawing to win one of our great new screen-printed tee shirts. Winners will be drawn at the dinner. If you win, not only will you get your choice of tees, but the new member you recruited will receive one, too! To enter, simply write your name on the membership form submitted to NPC, or give us a call to let us know the name of the member you recruited. For membership forms, visit our website at www.npcweb.org/membership.html, or call the NPC office.

Are We in Your Will?

Remembering NPC in your will can be a way to leave a legacy to future generations or honor loved ones. If you have already included us in your will, please be sure that you have designated your gift to "Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy," federal employee identification number 23-2606163. There are many organizations with the word "conservancy" in their name, so including our full name will ensure that your wishes are carried out as you intend.

Woodland Owners Conference Planned

Penn State Cooperative Extension will hold a workshop for woodland owners March 1, 2003 at the Pennsylvania College of Technology. The theme for this one-day conference is "wildlife in your woodlands". The \$25 registration fee covers the morning speakers, lunch, and the afternoon workshops. For more information, including registration materials, contact Bob Hansen at (570) 265-2896.