

Pennsylvania Volunteer News **October 2018**



"There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October."

- Nathaniel Hawthorne

The Nature Conservancy would like to thank our wonderful volunteers, interns, and partners for all their help in September!

We accomplished so much last month including trail work, database updates, online research, taking photos, monitoring preserves, attending committee meetings, cleaning up trash, clearing out invasive plants, restoring habitat, leading nature hikes and so much more!

And as always, many thanks to all the members of our Committees: Friends of the State-Line Serpentine Barrens, Woodbourne Stewardship Committee, Florence Shelly Wetlands Preserve Committee and the Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve Committee (some of them listed above); for all their help in managing these various preserves and for their ongoing planning and outreach efforts.

Workday Schedule

- **Make-A-Difference Day**

Join The Nature Conservancy and Nationalities Service Center to celebrate Make-A-Difference Day by making a difference in the Point Breeze neighborhood of Philadelphia and assisting with the fall clean-up/end of the growing season needs at the *Growing Together Garden*.

When: Saturday, October 27th from 10:00 AM to Noon

Where: *Growing Together Garden* located at 25th & Reed Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19146

RSVP: For more information and to register online, please visit our website [here](#). Contact Molly Anderson at molly_anderson@tnc.org or (717) 418-9518 for more information.

- **Habitat Management Workday - Goat Hill Barrens**

Please join the Friends of the State-Line Serpentine Barrens at the Goat Hill Barrens Preserve (Nottingham, Chester County) to assist with restoring and maintaining the grassland habitat there.

When: Sunday, October 28th beginning at 9:00 AM

Where: *Goat Hill Barrens Preserve* located at 270 Red Pump Road, Nottingham, PA 19362

RSVP: To sign up, please contact Henry Whitesel at whiteselh@zoominternet.net.

STAY TUNED - IN THE WORKS:

- **Litter & Garden Cleanup in Belmont**

Please join us with the Friends Rehabilitation Program in the Belmont section of Philadelphia to assist with a litter and garden clean-up as well as planting a few fruit trees as part of our Urban Conservation Program promoting natural solutions for stormwater management in the city.

When: TBD

Where: Preston & Parrish Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19104

RSVP: If interested, please contact Molly Anderson at molly_anderson@tnc.org or (717) 418-9518 to sign up.

OktoberForest

We are still celebrating OktoberForest and if you still like beer, then you should still love forests ...

America's forests are the source for more than half of our nation's water – and beer is 95% water. But today a forested area the size of Colorado is in need of restoration, so beer's main ingredient could be at risk.

What is OktoberForest? How do forests help beer, and what can you do to help? To watch the video and learn more, please click [here](#).

What is your favorite beer? Is it brewed in Pennsylvania? Maybe there's no surprise that a state that is largely forested like Pennsylvania has some of the best beers and we'd like to keep it that way!

Outreach Activity – Volunteers Needed

The PA Chapter is partnering with Troegs this month on a few events to celebrate. **We are now looking for 2 additional volunteers to assist staff on Saturday, October 27th from 12:30 – 3:30 at the Wissahickon Environmental Center** in northwest Philadelphia. We're getting together with Hidden City, Friends of the Wissahickon (FOW) and the Young Friends of Preservation Alliance for a guided walk in the Wissahickon with Hidden City and the Young Friends and a stream clean-up with FOW. We'll end with snacks and beverages provided by Troegs. If you are interested and available to help with this event, please contact Molly Anderson at molly_anderson@tnc.org or (717) 418-9518.

Nature Walks & Other Activities

- Sunday, October 21st – Toadstools, Leaves & “Fun-gee” at the Woodbourne Forest & Wildlife Preserve (Dimock, PA in Susquehanna County)
- Wednesday, October 24th – Bog Walk at the Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve (Tannersville, PA in Monroe County)
- Wednesday, October 24th – Owl Banding at the Hauser Nature Center (Long Pond, PA in Monroe County)
- Wednesday, October 31st – Bog Walk at the Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve (Tannersville, PA in Monroe County)
- *Wednesday, November 7th – Bog Walk at the Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve (Tannersville, PA in Monroe County)
*Last Bog Walk for the year!

For more details and to sign up for these events, please click [here](#).

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The Science of Sustainability

The U.S. city of Louisville, Kentucky isn't known as a hotbed of environmental action and innovation, but that could change as it has recently become home to a first-of-its-kind collaboration between environmentalists, city leaders and public health professionals. The Green Heart Project, funded in part by the United States National Institutes of Health, will plant trees in neighborhoods throughout the city and monitor how they affect residents' health. It's a boundary-pushing medical trial—a-controlled study of nature as a medical intervention. Green Heart is just one project in one city, but it represents a new way of thinking about the role of conservation in solving human problems. It is part of an emerging model for cross-sector collaboration that aims to create a world ready for the sustainability challenges ahead. Is this world possible? TNC presents a new science-based view that says "Yes"—but it will require new forms of collaboration across traditionally disconnected sectors, and on a near unprecedented scale. To read TNC's newest report on this path towards sustainability please visit our website [here](#).

Protecting Pennsylvania

Smart Talk

Last week, Dr. Laurie Goodrich from the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary and our very own State Director, Bill Kunze, were interviewed about the Kittatinny Ridge on WITF-Harrisburg's Smart Talk program. To listen, please click [here](#).

Our segment starts at the 34:04 mark.

Wish List

We are currently seeking donations of the following items:

Wood chipper
(In good, working condition)

Pickup Truck
(In good, working condition)

If you have these or other items you would like to donate, please contact Molly Anderson at (717) 418-9518 or molly_anderson@tnc.org.

Nature Trivia

The first to respond with the correct answer to this month's trivia question will win a prize. Please contact Molly Anderson with your answer at (717) 418-9518 or molly_anderson@tnc.org.

October 2018 Question:

Approximately how many apples does it take to make one gallon of apple cider?

Answer for September Trivia: The Monarch Butterfly is the species that migrates annually this time of the year from the northeastern U.S. and southeast Canada to spend the winter in the forested highlands of central Mexico.

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If you have any questions, comments or would like to include an update or announcement in next month's edition, please contact Molly Anderson at molly_anderson@tnc.org or (717) 418-9518 before the 1st of the month.