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Hot Music/Cool Location

A Two Concert Series with Dinners at the Home of Linda Kenyon

Saturday, January 30

David Barry
Pianist

“This New Hope native plays an eclectic mix of styles from upbeat New Orleans jazz to timeless standards and show tunes. Not only is David a consummate musician, he’s got some pretty good stories to tell as well.”



Saturday, February 27

Rivers
Indie Folk Band



Hailing from central Pennsylvania, this three-man, all-acoustic band taps into folk rock, pop, funk, blues, chamber pop, Americana, and roots rock for its genre-bending sounds. Rivers is spreading its wings to Bucks County, Philadelphia, Maryland, and Washington, DC.

Both will be held at 6 p.m.
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At each you’ll enjoy two sets of music, wine, beer, hors d’oeuvres and an out-of-the-ordinary, multi-course buffet dinner that would make Julia Child proud.

\$75 per person for each concert.

Make your reservations now for one or both of these very special evenings by calling 215-862-2021, e-mailing friends@fodc.org, or online at www.fodc.org.

Please reserve early; seating is limited and much in demand.

The State of the Canal

At Least Some Aspects of It

High Falls Creek Culvert in Upper Black Eddy

As promised, on November 30 Bi-State Construction began installing a metal sleeve in the two ends of the old stone arch culvert. By Christmas, the full length of the sleeve was in place spanning the collapsed section. The space between the old stone culvert and the new sleeve has been progressively grouted, and the exposed sleeve has been as well. Kudos to the Bi-State crews, who have used the warm weather to their best advantage. If the weather was at all cooperative, the workers were on the job – rainy days, Saturdays, and sometimes holidays. The next steps are to backfill the area and restore the Canal prism and towpath. Then water from the north can be run through and southward. This may be done by the time you are reading this article, but we’re knocking on wood while typing, so as not to jinx it.



The High Falls Creek culvert sleeve.

Centre Bridge Pump

The pump that supplies water to the Canal from Centre Bridge to Lock 11 in New Hope gushed its last gallon in November. The 25-year-old pump was declared irreparable, and a new pump, which will convey more water using less energy, was ordered. It is expected to arrive during the third week in January. The Friends, New Hope for Our Canal, and an anonymous donor are contributing to the cost.

Airport Road Culvert in Bristol Township

The corrugated metal culvert pipe that carries the Canal under Airport Road collapsed several months ago. DCNR contracted with Bi-State Construction to replace the culvert in-kind. Bi-State began the project in December only to discover that a water supply line was located on top of the culvert rather than underneath it. The culvert replacement currently is on hold until the water line can be properly placed.

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Mission

The Friends of the Delaware Canal is an independent, non-profit organization working to restore, preserve, and improve the Delaware Canal and its surroundings. Our primary goals are to ensure that the Canal is fully-watered from Easton to Bristol and the towpath trail is useable over its entire length. We embrace this mission in order to sustain a unique link to our heritage, protect beautiful and diverse natural areas, provide recreational and educational opportunities, and enable the Canal to serve as a community and economic asset.

Park Manager's Report

I want to thank the Friends for their help with replacing the pump we had in the Delaware River at Centre Bridge. This pump keeps the Canal watered from Centre Bridge to New Hope and had failed badly to the point that it didn't make sense to repair it. The Friends, New Hope for Our Canal, and an anonymous donor stepped up with funding to ensure that the pump is replaced in a timely manner.

We have a few projects that should start in 2016. They include: the replacements of the Redfield Bridge, Phillips' Mill Bridge and Lower Limeport Bridge all in Solebury Township, and the tunnel through the railroad embankment just downstream of

Morrisville. Work also continues by PADOT to improve the canal crossing at Green Lane and Route 13 in Bristol Township.

I want to take a minute to thank George Calaba for his five years of service here at the Canal. George has been the Assistant Manager, and he recently accepted the position as Manager at Washington Crossing State Park. The Crossing is getting a quality person who will capably handle the challenge of guiding the transition of management from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Fair seas and a following wind to him.

Rick Dalton

At the Board Table

During our Annual Meeting on November 10, several actions concerning the Friends' Board of Directors were taken. Retiring Board members Miriam Seiden and Judy Zipkin-Grasso were thanked for their tireless service, and the membership re-elected Jeff Connell, Peter Sperry, Brett Webber, and Bill West to additional two-year terms. Bob Ketler, having been appointed to the Board during 2015, was elected to a one-year term. Elected to their first terms were Eileen O'Neil and Peter Rosswaag.

Here's a bit about our two newest members.

Eileen O'Neil

Eileen and her husband, Robert, live along the Canal in New Hope Borough. Like many other residents and visitors of the Delaware Canal towns, they enjoy and have fond memories of their time along the canal biking, hiking and, not all that long ago, watching mule barges packed with delighted tourists. Eileen is committed to keeping those canal activities alive for all to enjoy.

Eileen retired in September 2014 after 33+ years with Johnson & Johnson pharmaceutical division where she held roles in quality management, research and regulatory affairs. She enjoys volunteer work and currently assists the efforts of the New Hope Garden Club, the New Hope for Our Canal initiative, and H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Everyday – a volunteer group of individuals who provide assistance to those in need). Always willing to do what's needed along the Canal, Eileen has participated in

Clean-Up Days, daffodil planting, and fish rescues.

Peter Rosswaag

Pete Rosswaag has been a resident of Upper Black Eddy for 31 years and feels privileged to have the Canal as his family's backyard playground. Pete and Joyce raised their two daughters in a house (rebuilt after two floods) located between the Delaware Canal and Delaware River.

The Rosswaags thoroughly enjoy the benefits of the towpath - walking, jogging, running, biking, cross-country skiing, and snow shoeing. And they enjoy the waterway by canoeing, kayaking, paddle boating, and ice skating. Their five grandchildren love visiting "paradise" to share in these activities, including frequent trips to the Homestead Store for ice cream.

Pete displays his love of the canal by encouraging his grandchildren to assist in his favorite Canal Tender activities of scum busting, vine eradication, and trash collecting via canoe. What fun!

Pete worked for the State of New Jersey for 31 years in the Department of Human Services. Currently, he is the Tax Collector for Bridgeton Township.

As a new board member, Pete is hoping to make a difference any way he can so that future generations can continue to enjoy this unique and wonderful 58.9-mile waterway.

Welcome Eileen and Pete!

Calendar of Events

**Sunday, January 31
2 p.m.**

Canal and River Walk A Lambertville – New Hope Winter Festival Event

Meet by the caboose behind the Lambertville Station Restaurant, 11 Bridge Street, Lambertville, NJ 08530

Join the Friends of the Delaware Canal and the Delaware & Raritan Canal Watch for a guided history and nature tour along both our neighboring towpaths. This popular event is just one of the many activities to be held during the Lambertville-New Hope Winter Festival. www.winterfestival.net

The first stop on this two-mile walk will be the D&R Feeder Canal lift lock and outlet lock to learn how canal boats once crossed the Delaware River via a cable ferry. We'll then follow the path of the mule teams of old as we hike through Lambertville and cross the river bridge into New Hope.

Heading west, the Delaware Canal towpath will soon be found. We'll trek southward through town to Lock 11 and the Locktender's House. Hot chocolate with marshmallows and other goodies will be waiting inside. For those who want to walk and see a bit more, we'll venture a short distance south to the New Hope inlet to take in the many historic sites and the glorious vistas of the River and wing dam.

The Winter Festival Walk is free and will be held weather permitting.



This is the sight that you'll see just before arriving at the Locktender's House where hot chocolate will be waiting.

**Saturday, February 13
1 p.m.**

Tromp Along the Towpath

Meet in the rear parking lot by the Canal in Tinicum Park, 963 River Road, Erwinna, PA 18920

Maybe there will be snow or maybe it will be a balmy 70 degrees outside. (You just never know this winter.) Regardless, come out for a 3-mile snowshoeing or hiking adventure on the towpath. Fresh air and fun in February are good things.

Katie Martens, Delaware Canal State Park Educator, and Susan Taylor will lead the way north on a scenic round trip tromp between Tinicum Park and historic Uhlerstown, reputed to be the best preserved canal hamlet in America.



Will we be able to tromp along the towpath in the snow?

If there is snow on the ground, participants are asked to bring their own snowshoes and/or waterproof boots. (Insulated boots worn with wool or synthetic socks with wicking liners will keep your toes toasty. Dressing in layers is a good idea, too.) A limited number of free loaner snowshoes in both adult and children's sizes will be available free of charge. Some good information for first time snowshoers can be found at <http://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/snowshoeing-first-steps.html>. Hot chocolate and cookies will be waiting at the end of the adventure.

The Tromp Along the Towpath is free, and will be held weather permitting. It will be cancelled in the event of rain or dangerous driving conditions. Check the homepage of www.fodc.org for a Go/No Go message that will be posted by 9 a.m. on February 13. For more information about this event, call 215-862-2021, e-mail friends@fodc.org, or visit www.fodc.org.

**Sunday, February 28
3 p.m.**

"Getting to Know All About Us"

A Friends' Meet and Greet

At the Club at the 1740 House, 3690 River Road, Lumberville, PA 18933

Bring yourself – bring friends.

Join your fellow Friends for a late afternoon get-together. There will be a blazing fireplace to gather round, great conversation, good information, and wine and hors d'oeuvres. No speeches are in store, but you will be able to meet the members of the Friends of the Delaware Canal Board of Directors and learn what's in store for the Canal and the organization in the coming years.

Come for a pleasant afternoon and know that it's good to be a Friend!

Please RSVP by February 21 for this free event. Call 215-862-2021 or e-mail friends@fodc.org.

**Tuesday, March 8
7:30 p.m.**

The Canal Through the Seasons — Photo Images by Carole Mebus

Riegelsville Borough Hall, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 615 Easton Road (Route 611), Riegelsville, PA 18077

Those of you who frequent the Friends of the Delaware Canal Facebook page know what a gifted photographer Carole Mebus is. Her photos of the Canal's wildlife and landscape elicit copious compliments. Her fans want to know what kind of camera she uses and how she manages to get such great shots, but most of all they want to thank her for sharing her photos and knowledge about nature.

Our March program will allow everyone to see Carole's spectacular photos and ask her questions. Carol has put together a show that illustrates the Canal through spring, summer, fall, and winter. Baby critters in the spring grow into summer adolescents. Migrating birds are sighted upon their return in the spring and departure in the fall. The changing foliage and plant life along the Canal is captured from emerging green to the dead of winter. There are bridges, aqueducts,

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and River vistas to admire. Frogs and toads and turtles make their appearance, and, every once in a while, people pop into the pictures, too.

You will leave the show awed by Carole's images and appreciative of the excellent and diverse habitat that the Delaware Canal provides. Don't miss this opportunity to meet Carole and see her photos on a screen larger than your computer's.



A Baltimore Oriole by the Canal in the merry month of May.

Thank You So Much!

The New Year is off to a great start thanks to all of you who so generously responded to the Friends' Year-End Appeal. We asked you to help us accomplish more in 2016, and you did just that. Your contributions replenish the Canal Improvement Fund.

Welcome, New Friends

Dennis Brown
Geri Chmiel
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Jane Edmondson
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Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m. Lunch and Walk

Meet at the Washington Crossing State Park entrance on Route 532, just east of the bridge over the Canal. (This is the park entrance near the lagoon.)

This year's Lunch and Walk will be a cross river adventure involving two Washington Crossings, two canals, and many bridges. We'll begin with a short saunter on the Delaware Canal towpath to get a good view of the adjacent lagoon and then head east through the village that was once Taylorsville, but now is known as Washington Crossing. By the landmark McKonkey's Tavern and Mahon Taylor House, we'll venture onto the Delaware River bridge that connects Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania with Washington Crossing, New Jersey. In New Jersey, the Delaware and Raritan Canal will be flowing by as we make our way to the Johnson Ferry House where the local farmer and ferry master likely shared his dwelling with officers of the Continental Army as they passed through on their march to battle in Trenton.

After our short tour, we'll recross the River bridge and head straight to the historic Washington Crossing Inn, our lunch destination.

Our Washington Crossing Inn Menu

Your Choice of

Tap Room Burger (8 oz.) with pickle, lettuce, red onion, tomato and French fries
Grilled Chicken Ciabatta and French fries

Grilled Pepper Jack Panini with pepper jack cheese, pepper slaw and French fries
Washington Crossing Salad with mixed greens, spiced pecans, dried cranberries, goat cheese, and fig vinaigrette

Coffee, Tea, or Soda

After lunch, we'll walk back to the Canal and have some homemade cookies along the way. Donation - \$20 per person.

Reservations are required. Please call 215-862-2021 or e-mail friends@fodc.org no later than March 9.

If it is snowing or raining, we won't be walking, but we will meet at the Washington Crossing Inn at noon for lunch and lively conversation.



We'll be crossing this bridge on this year's Lunch and Walk, but it's not too likely that we'll encounter the General and his troops. And we won't be walking in the middle of the bridge either.

Wells Fargo Bank Boosts New Hope Watering Initiative

Wells Fargo Bank, through its New Hope branch, contributed \$1000 to the Friends of the Delaware Canal and New Hope for Our Canal. The donation will be used to offset the cost of the new pump at Centre Bridge, which is used to keep the Centre Bridge to Lock 11 section watered.



Thanks to Wells Fargo Bank for helping to keep the Canal watered! Friends' Board member Pam Can accepts "the big check" from New Hope branch manager Stephani Calla.

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The UPS Store, New Hope

Yardley Borough

The State of the Canal *(continued from front page)*

Proposed Archimedes Screw Pump in New Hope

The Friends and a representative from the company that manufactures screw pumps presented the proposed water augmentation project to the Delaware Canal State Park Advisory Committee in October. The proposal was well received by the members. At a November meeting with DCNR Secretary Cindy Dunn, Deputy Secretary John Norbeck, and then Assistant Director of the Bureau of State Parks John Hallas in Harrisburg, the Friends asked that DCNR make a determination about the viability of the screw pump project. The Friends proposed that it be a public-private partnership, and DCNR's approval is, of course, required before fundraising can be undertaken. The officials in Harrisburg promised to have the DCNR engineers thoroughly evaluate the project. At this time, no determination has been made, probably due in part to the protracted Pennsylvania budget situation.

Proposed Delaware Canal State Park Resource Center in New Hope

A feasibility study is currently underway with ongoing communication among the DGS (PA Department of General Services), DCNR, and the project architect. Again, the Pennsylvania budget situation hasn't hastened the review of this project.

Gateway to New Hope Project

The Friends are expressing opposition to the current development plans for the site where Odette's now stands. The plans for the new 4-story hotel/restaurant/conference center indicate construction on Delaware Canal State Park/National Historic Landmark property. New construction should not occur on State Park property, and there are other ways to accomplish the developers' architectural goals by way of minor adjustments in the plans to maintain setbacks along the Canal.

The development's impact on the canal walls that surround the property; the size, mass, and placement of the new structure itself; and the demolition of the Odette's building constructed in 1784 (Odette's is one of 12 structures named in the Delaware Canal National Historic Landmark designation) are all of serious concern.

If you would like to understand more about the issues, please go to the *Breaking News* page at www.fodc.org to read a letter from the National Park Service, which oversees National Historic Landmarks.

Washington Crossing Park

In January, DCNR assumed responsibility for the administration of the Washington Crossing Historic Park. The Friends look forward to working with DCNR and the Friends of Washington Crossing Park in continuing to develop and conduct activities that provide visitors with insights into the histories of both parks.

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We thank those who demonstrated their support with membership contributions in 2015.

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Are You Ready? Canal Clean-Up Day Saturday, April 2

The entire 58.9 mile length of the Canal from Easton to Bristol should be ready and waiting for the Friends' annual spring cleaning on April 2.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer either as a worker or as a community coordinator, please call 215-862-2021 or e-mail friends@fodc.org. And if you know of a new group that may be able to participate, please let us know.

The Clean-Up Day Work Areas will be listed in the spring issue of *Canal News* and posted at www.fodc.org.

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Trash gathering and tree wrestling – all part of Canal Clean-Up Day.

Three long-time Canal Clean-Up Day community coordinators were honored at our Annual Meeting in November. **Mary Kehoe** of Bristol Borough, **Ron Scheese** of Morrisville Borough, and **Charles Tarr** of New Hope Borough have led well-organized clean-up efforts that attract lots of volunteers who work with a spirit of camaraderie and leave with the satisfaction of a job well done.

Opportunity Knocks

Want to help the Friends help the Canal? Here are some of the ways that you can:

- Become a Canal Tender. Several sections of the Canal need adoption.
- Work with the Canal Action Team (CAT) on projects that require some heft.
- Be part of a Friends' committee and make things happen. The standing committees are:
 - Advocacy, Restoration, and Maintenance
 - Development
 - Education and Recreation
 - Finance
 - Fundraising
 - Membership

Check out the *Help* page at www.fodc.org to learn more and feel free to call Susan at 215-862-2021 with questions or suggestions.