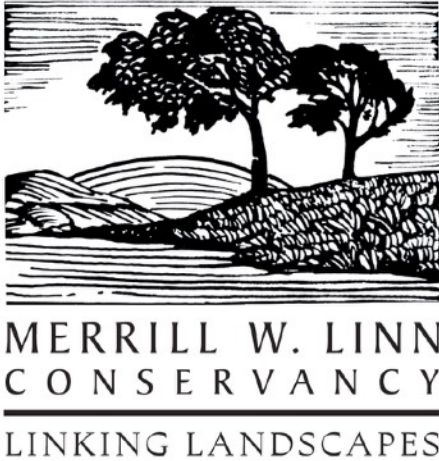


Linn Log

newsletter of the Merrill W. Linn Land & Waterways Conservancy

winter 2018



Mission of the Linn Conservancy

To preserve and protect significant ecological sites in Union, upper Northumberland, and contiguous counties and to educate the public on conservation issues critical to the health of our environment.

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for your calendar

Monday, January 29, 7 pm: Riverkeeper's Nature Book Club, 112 Market St., Sunbury

March 1, 3:30 pm: First Spring 2018 BILL class on native plant gardening presented by Linn Conservancy in the large meeting room at The Public Library for Union County

Raise the Region: Watch for announcements and please support us again this year.

March 19-23: Bucknell's annual Sustainability Symposium: *Climate Changes*

Thursday, March 29: UC Conservation District Bus Tour: Stroud Research Center & Longwood Gardens

April: Caring for Communities month

Tuesday, April 10: UC Conservation District Awards Banquet with speaker Kelly Gill from the Xerces Society

Wednesday, May 2: Conservancy annual banquet; details in our spring newsletter

October 20, 1 - 3 pm: Linn Conservancy 30th anniversary celebration; Campus Theatre, Lewisburg

Seven Mountains Audubon Society third Wednesday monthly at Kelly Township Hall on Ziegler

Road at 7:30 pm. Seven Mountains Audubon bird walks, first Saturday of month. Meet 7:30 am in front of old Walmart store near Panera's, Lewisburg. For details, visit www.sevenmountainsaudubon.org.

Sierra Club meets second Wednesday, 7 pm, every other month at Union Co. Gov. Center, Lewisburg. For more information, email www.otzsierraclub.org.

Bucknell University: "Place Making and Sustainability" Conversation Series The new "Place Making and Sustainability" series continues with conversations led by Professor Claire Campbell (History) on Wednesday, January 31, and by Professor Eric Martin (Managing for Sustainability) on Wednesday, February 28. The sessions will take place from noon to 12:50 pm in Bertrand Library's Traditional Reading Room.

2018 Sustainability Symposium: Climate Changes Bucknell University's sixth annual Sustainability Symposium will take place the week of March 19-23, 2018. The theme is "Climate Changes,"

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"We are growing roads, malls and housing a lot faster than we are growing forests and farmland." — Jim Finley, PSU Professor of Forestry, retired

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and the keynote speaker on the evening of Thursday, March 22, is Graciela Chichilnisky, an Argentine-American mathematical economist and an authority on climate change.

On Friday, March 23, Duane Griffin (Geography) will focus on natural history in Walden and connections to climate change conversations. Contact BCSE@bucknell.edu for more information.

Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper To Host Nature Book Club Meetings

Join Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper on Monday, January 29, at 7 pm for the inaugural meeting of its Nature Book Club in partnership with Otzinachson Group of the Sierra Club and Mondragon Books. The first book will be *The Riverkeepers* by John Cronin and Bobby Kennedy, Jr., according to Riverkeeper Carol Parenzan, who urges participants to come prepared to discuss not only the book but the frequency of the club's gatherings, how the group will select future books, and who will bring the caloric goodies to the next gathering.

The headquarters for Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper is 112 Market Street in Sunbury with parking in the rear of the building. An RSVP is not required, but please check Facebook or call 570-768-6300 for any weather or scheduling challenges. NOTE: Mondragon Books has offered to help secure books for those wishing to purchase a copy. There are copies in the library system too. The gathering is free.

Carol recently did a program on behalf of the Sierra Club. Within her presentation, she provided several links to a variety of topics that might be of interest to you.

Video: Smallmouth Bass and land-water connection

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/06/health/smallmouth-bass-cancerous-tumor-susquehanna-river/index.html>

Webpage: Calculate your water footprint
<http://www.gracelinks.org/1408/water-footprint-calculator>

Video: Sea of Plastic
<https://www.facebook.com/bbcearth/videos/10155956138531108/>

UC Conservation District Offers Stroud Research/Longwood Gardens Excursion

The Union County Conservation District is hosting a trip to Stroud Research Center and Longwood Gardens on Thursday, March 29. The \$38 cost includes two meals, entrance fees, and bus.

For more information email Bill Deitrick at bdeitrick@unionco.org or call 570-524-3861. The deadline for reservations is March 1; for payment, March 8.

Susan Chlebowski Joins MLC Board

Susan Chlebowski, the Conservancy's newest Board member, is the teacher/director of BVRA's Nature Preschool. She is certified by the American Montessori Society to teach children ages 3-6.

In her work, she combines her enthusiasm for nature and Montessori pedagogy to provide hands-on, child-centered learning experiences while fostering a strong connection to the natural world.

Susan also brings elements of Waldorf and Reggio-Emilia (art based) early childhood philosophies to her teaching, as well as an emphasis on open-ended play, curiosity-driven learning and outdoor exploration.

Susan lives just outside New Berlin on a small farm with her husband Jim. She has 3 adult sons and one teenage son. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time outside, cooking, gardening, and riding a tandem road bike with her husband.

Conservancy to Celebrate 30 Years Of Linking Landscapes And Promoting Sustainability

Please mark your calendar for the Linn Conservancy's celebration of its 30 years of conservation and educational outreach. The event will take place on **Saturday, October 20, 2018** at Lewisburg's Campus Theatre from 1-3 pm.

Live music; drone footage of the Conservancy's easements and other regionally protected land and waterways; our student photo contest display; and delicious food and drink—all these will headline this free event aimed to highlight for visitors of all ages the priceless and ageless value of our region's natural environment.

Local singer-song writer Billy Kelly will provide musical entertainment. Bucknell biology professor Chris Martine will debut his latest "Plants Are Cool, Too" film project, which focuses on some recent investigations and discoveries at Shikellamy State Park Overlook in southern Union County. (See Professor Martine's article, *Shik Bluffs Featured in "Plants Are Cool, Too" Program Series* on page 5.)

Several local restaurants and caterers will provide refreshments throughout the program. Please plan to attend and join in the celebration!

president's message

linking landscapes/building an endowment

IT'S PERSONAL

The destruction of biodiversity, the richness of living species, is one of the most harmful legacies that we can leave to future generations. Many causes of biodiversity loss can be counteracted through local actions, which is why my wife Chris and I deeply believe in the missions and actions of the Merrill Linn Conservancy and its subsidiary, Buffalo Creek Watershed Alliance (BCWA).

These organizations are committed to reducing the fragmentation of our region's natural communities via the Conservancy's "Linking Landscapes Initiative;" preventing the loss of native species while discouraging invasive species; mitigating the effects of acid rain via BCWA's Buffalo Creek headwaters acid-mitigation ponds; reducing environmental degradation of natural and human-modified habitats; and working to educate our region's citizens about the ecosystems in which we live.

Chris and I donated a conservation easement on our forestland to the Conservancy in order to ensure that our forest will provide clean water and air; serve as an intact natural community; and afford habitat for numerous plant and animal species in perpetuity. Chris and I are delighted that we can donate time and money to these outstanding organizations and are proud that we have included the Conservancy in our estate plans.

—Warren Abrahamson, September 2017

Warren (Abe) and Chris Abrahamson are faithful members of the Merrill Linn Conservancy who have supported the organization in myriad ways since the organization's beginning, almost 30 years ago. Abe's expressions of support are inspired and compelling. In fact, our current fund-raising campaign is in part the outcome of his eloquent argument to me about the need to secure long-term financial support for the Conservancy in order to fulfill our legal and ethical commitments to the landowners who have placed their property in our care...forever. His testimonial, and those that other members have provided in support of our campaign, conveys a message that is too often lost in the dollars and cents of a fund-raising campaign: what happens to the land, water, and air of our region—and especially to the properties we have pledged to protect—matters. It's not an abstraction; it's not theoretical. **For Abe, as for many of us, it's personal.**

Is there a piece of land, a trail, a creek, or river that you love to visit—to appreciate its innate beauty or to find that sense of peace that is so hard to access in these challenging times? I have a strong sense that many Linn Conservancy members and friends feel a personal connection to nature and to the beauty that surrounds us here in central Pennsylvania. In fact, that's probably one reason we're members of the Conservancy and support its work.

We need to preserve that sense of connection, that spirit of being part of the natural world. The fact that we have to try so hard to reestablish that connection, in this time of political turmoil and impersonal electronic communication, should serve as a warning sign for us about how much we stand to lose if we lose our personal connection to the land, and, just as urgently, if the quality of that land—of our regional environment—goes unprotected.

Our campaign to build the Linn Conservancy's Endowment Fund has a single purpose: to secure our long-term ability to prevent that from happening. And it's not theoretical at all. It's deeply personal.

There are many ways to give. Contributions in any amount may be made to the Merrill Linn Conservancy (please write "Endowment Fund" in the memo line). In addition, some non-cash asset contributions (gifts of appreciated securities, for example) may provide certain tax benefit opportunities. To contribute, to include the Conservancy in your estate planning, or to talk with me personally, please call or email me at 570-716-0870 or swm@dejazzd.com. On behalf of the Linn Conservancy, please accept my profound, **personal** thanks for your support.

Susan Warner-Mills, President

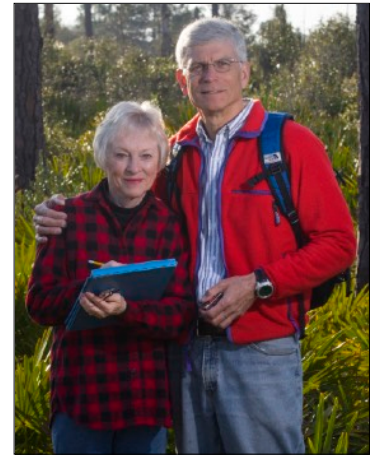


Photo by Dustin Angell
Chris and Warren Abrahamson

Conservancy, Nickelsen Develop Native-Plant Garden at RiverWoods

Article contributed by Warren Abrahamson

Butterflies, native bees, honeybees, beetles, moths, and more will soon flutter and dart among the numerous white, yellow, lavender, pink, and orange flowers of a newly established native-plant garden on the campus of Albright Care Services' RiverWoods in Lewisburg. RiverWoods resident and Conservancy member Cindy Nickelsen contacted Linn Conservancy Coordinator Geoff Goodenow about providing financial support to establish a milkweed population for Monarch butterflies at RiverWoods. Cindy wished to support the project in memory of her late husband Richard (Nick), who



Planting day: Abe Abrahamson, Diane Donato, MaryAnn Bierly, and Marilyn Murphy

was a founding and long-time Linn Conservancy Board member. Nick was a remarkable naturalist who shared his knowledge and love of nature with many including his Bucknell geology students. Conversations among Cindy, Geoff, and Board members Warren "Abe" Abrahamson and Diane Donato, and former Board member and Master Gardener John Tonzetich led to a plan to establish a diverse native-plant garden at RiverWoods that would attract and support not only Monarchs but also many other pollinators while serving as an educational resource and place of beauty for RiverWoods residents and guests.

John designed the garden with input from Diane and Abe about which native plants to include. The Conservancy's proposal was met with enthusiasm when presented to RiverWoods' Environmental Services Director Terry Napp and Executive Director Lennea Brown. Nick served for many years on the Union County Conservation District's Board, so when District Manager Bill Deitrick heard about the Conservancy's plan, he volunteered the District's tractor to rototill the lawn area for the new garden and to provide soil-fertilizer recommendations. Creative Plantscapes, RiverWoods' landscape services contractor, also joined in by donating the mulch for the garden.

The garden, planted in mid-October by Abe, Diane, MaryAnn Bierly, and Marilyn Murphy, is anchored by the flowering shrubs southern arrowwood, red elderberry, sweet pepperbush, and Virginia sweetspire. Among the shrubs are herbaceous perennials including two milkweeds, swamp milkweed and butterfly weed, as well as dense blazing stars, showy goldenrods, orange coneflowers, summer phlox, coastal plain Joe Pye weeds, Culver's root, and clustered mountain mints. The garden will offer resources not only to pollinators but also will provide nutritious fruits for migrant and resident birds. Plants were purchased with Cindy's generous support with additional plant materials donated by John, Diane, and MaryAnn. Cindy also reports that the project has generated interest in Monarch butterflies among some residents at RiverWoods.



Abe measures the garden plot to assure plants are placed as indicated in the design.

One resident in particular, knowing nothing about the plight of this species and inspired by the garden project, took to the Internet to learn more about the Monarch's specific needs. The garden will offer a delightful sanctuary for pollinators and people as the newly established plants grow during the next several years.



BU Students Work DRT Restoration

Bucknell University students turned out in early September to assist in clearing ground at the Dale's Ridge trailhead for native plants. The objective was to reduce mowing and make the area more wild and natural looking thereby contributing to our Linking Landscapes philosophy. Plants were donated by Carol High and Scott and Amy Vance. Our thanks to students Nicole, Brittany, Madison, Brian, Will, Amanda, and Erin.

Shik Bluffs Featured in "Plants Are Cool, Too" Program Series

By Chris Martine, Bucknell Professor of Biology and creator of the "Plants Are Cool, Too" series.

As reported in the previous Linn Log, a group of scientists and Bucknell University students conducted a survey this past summer of the cliff-side flora above the bank of the West Branch Susquehanna River at Shikellamy State Park. The primary goal of the survey was to locate individuals of the golden corydalis (*Corydalis aurea*), a state-endangered species only known in Pennsylvania from this single site. The successful hunt for this species and the collection of leaf material for genetic analysis was documented as



Professor Martine captured this picture of Bucknell botanist Jason Cantley rappelling the bluffs at Shikellamy State Park in search of rare flora. Freelance filmmaker Paul Frederick (left) and Scott Schuette of the Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program looked on.

part of a new episode of the YouTube series, "Plants are Cool, Too!" -- a video that will soon appear on-line. This addition to "Plants Are Cool, Too" brings to us a total of 12 YouTube episodes to the series. This particular episode, along with Chris, will be featured at the Linn Conservancy's 30th anniversary celebration in October (See *Conservancy to Celebrate 30 Years* on page 2).

During the course of the survey, numerous specimens initially identified as the common *Heuchera americana* (American alumroot) were also collected. A photo of one specimen was posted to Twitter, kicking off an electronic discussion among botanists that, in turn, led to a series of additional local collecting trips and establishment of the first state records for the globally imperiled *Heuchera alba* (white alumroot). Before the Tweet,

this species was previously recorded from just a few localities in Virginia and West Virginia – and there it was on the Shikellamy Bluffs!

Through a collaboration between the Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program and Bucknell, we are now evaluating the biology and status of the species in the state and what its discovery here means for the conservation of the species across its now-expanded known range. Interestingly, we were not the only local botanists to get the ID wrong on this species. Specimens held at the Wayne Manning Herbarium at Bucknell provide evidence that the species has been right under our noses (and misidentified) for at least one hundred years, with the earliest pressed collections dating back to the first decade of the 20th century.

As much as we love *Heuchera* species for our gardens, the wild ones turn out to be tough to distinguish. To help with this, and perhaps aid in the location of more PA populations of *Heuchera alba*, a forthcoming journal article will not only report the new records of the species in this state but also include a comparison study of all the possible *Heuchera* species one might encounter in the region.

The discovery of this rare plant at Shikellamy Overlook provides even more reason to celebrate Merrill Linn Conservancy's efforts to spearhead the addition of more than 115 acres of property (including key bluffs habitat) to Shikellamy State Park.



A kayaker paddles the west branch of the Susquehanna at the base of Shikellamy Bluffs.

Go Native! Design a native plant garden for beauty and biodiversity

The Conservancy will host a six-week native gardening course for the Bucknell Institute of Lifelong Learning (BILL) spring 2018 session, beginning Thursday, March 1, at 3:30 pm in the large meeting room at The Public Library for Union County.

The course, *Go Native! Design a native plant garden for beauty and biodiversity*, aims to instill appreciation of the aesthetics of natural landscapes and provide the knowledge and tools needed to design a site-specific native plant garden. It will stress the conservation benefits of native plant gardens, which are amazingly effective in providing essential habitat for birds, butterflies, bees, and other pollinators. A small patch of well-chosen natives can supply shelter and a year-round feast for wildlife.

As a pre-course assignment, each participant will be asked to create a rough map of an area (private or public) that he or she proposes converting to natural landscape. Maps would include length and width of the site, footprints of on-site structures, and designation of impervious surfaces as driveways, patios, and pools. A segment of each class will be reserved for developing the site maps into a comprehensive planting plan.

Course presenters will explore the essential role of native plants in local ecosystems and provide information new-to-native gardeners need to design and install a natural landscape. Brian Auman, landscape architect and community planner, will discuss such topics as soil health, habitat restoration, native plant root depths (compared to turf roots), how natives affect rain absorption and mitigate rainwater runoff.

Conservancy board member and retired Bucknell biology professor Warren Abrahamson will examine the Conservancy's Linking Landscapes Initiative as it relates to native gardens, the value and benefits of native plants, and their role in the local ecosystem, among other topics.

Master Gardener, retired Bucknell biology professor, and former Conservancy board member John Tonzetich will discuss selecting the best native plants for a site based on zone, bloom time, color, sun vs. shade, dry vs. moist soil, and other factors. Bill Deitrick, district manager of the Union County Conservation District, will address how to identify and remove invasive plants, methods of sod removal, amending soil, and choosing seeds and seedlings.

Discussions will also center on spring planting vs. fall planting, providing year-round food and habitat for wildlife, and when to trim back perennials, shrubs, and bunch grasses. Course participants will present their native garden designs to the class and tour local native plant gardens such as the Conservancy's new native



The garden installed by the Conservancy at the EBT site has attracted a variety of pollinators such as bees and butterflies, including Monarchs.

garden at the East Buffalo Twp. (EBT) municipal property. The Conservancy encourages the conversion of properties to native landscapes through its Linking Landscapes Initiative. By creating native plant gardens we work together to expand wildlife corridors in our neighborhoods, one garden at a time.

Linking Landscapes Important For Species Survival

With every new highway, housing development and pipeline, natural habitats, which plants and animals depend upon, are divided into smaller and smaller isolated "islands" of suitable wildlife habitat. Whether through a conservation easement on a property, outright purchase or by educating the public about the advantages of converting all or part of one's private landscape to native herbaceous plants, shrubs and trees, the Conservancy strives to maintain or reestablish such corridors for wildlife.

Declining species might be saved if islands of forest can be linked, according to a study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Researchers say fragmented forests put a strain on species by reducing their habitat, so by connecting the fragments and restoring some habitat, extinction rates might slow.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/21/climate/rain-forest-corridors-species-habitats-extinctions.html>

The August 21, 2017 *New York Times* article referenced above discusses studies done in the tropics, but those findings could very well apply anywhere. Follow the link provided to read the full report. If interested in learning more about how you too can create suitable wildlife habitat on your property, see our related article about an upcoming BILL course offering by the Conservancy on this page.

Conservation through Technology

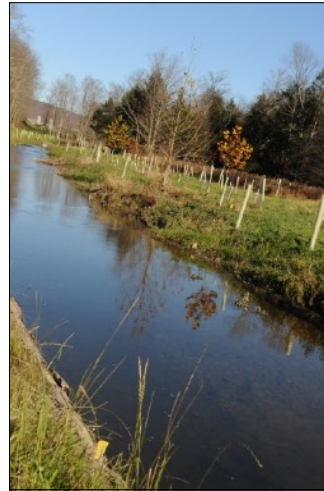
by Linn Conservancy Board member Adrienne Gemberling

There are many types of conservancies across Pennsylvania and the Northeastern United States that all have different roles to play in their communities. As you know, the Linn Conservancy works to protect lands and waterways in central PA through conservation easements, stewardship, and education. My work for the Chesapeake Conservancy, though a conservancy still the same, has a slightly different focus. The Chesapeake Conservancy works across the Chesapeake Bay watershed to protect important landscapes, connect people with the wildlife and history of our natural areas, and work alongside on-the-ground partners to restore natural resources. The Conservancy's special niche in all of this is that we bring the latest technology to the table and promote collaboration among all organizations working in the conservation world.

Through our projects, we strive to innovate new methods to solve conservation problems. We channel our innovation through a mapping program called ArcGIS. Currently, the Conservancy and our Pennsylvania partner organizations are utilizing this program to identify the most important places to plant trees and shrubs along waterways where they will benefit water quality and wildlife. We call this project Precision Conservation, or getting the right conservation practices, in the right places, at the right scale. Tree and shrub plantings are important because they intercept pollutants carried in runoff from agricultural fields, lawns, and roadways before they reach our waterways, hold stream banks in place, and increase habitat for in-stream and near-stream wildlife. This is a practice that is known across the Chesapeake Bay to be effective at reducing pollutants in runoff and cost effective.

The mapping program can help us visualize across the landscape where trees already exist, and where trees and shrubs could be planted. We can then take those data and pair it with the knowledge of people from conservation districts, local nonprofits, universities, and other conservation professionals about what makes an area a high priority and come up with a mechanism to prioritize where to plant trees across the entire Susquehanna River watershed to create the largest impact. We are packaging results from this project in a four county region (Centre, Clinton, Huntingdon, and Lycoming counties) into easy-to-use web applications for a variety of audiences.

Our eventual goal is to ensure trees and shrubs are planted in places that matter the most to water quality and wildlife. To do this, we plan to help people working in the environmental field understand where the largest sediment and nutrient issues are coming from across the landscape. We are also helping to connect landowners to implementation partners by providing parcel specific



In-stream habitat and bank stabilization, stream bank exclusion fencing, and forest riparian buffers have been installed on Elk Creek with the cooperation of two landowners on opposite side of the stream. Precision Conservation mapping is being validated here through in-stream monitoring by Susquehanna and Bloomsburg Universities. US Fish and Wildlife Services led the project.

conservation summaries of what their options are, how they relate to agricultural production, wildlife, or recreation, and which restoration professionals would be best suited to their results! Through this project, we hope to bring together diverse partners across central PA to demonstrate the power of high-resolution datasets paired with on-the-ground knowledge of conservation projects to plant trees and shrubs where we can improve water quality both locally and to the Chesapeake Bay.

Thanks to Our Business Partners for 2018

Your membership renewal letter contained your business partner card for 2018. We thank the business owners who have agreed to participate again this year and are most grateful for their many years of commitment to this program.

Each offers you, as a Conservancy member, a special discount on service or merchandise as noted on your card. Please be sure to patronize these businesses and thank them for supporting the Conservancy's mission.

Bertoni's Pizza, Montandon;
Lewisburg Studio, Vargo Outdoors
and Canoe Susquehanna, Lewisburg;
Shaffer Landscapes, Inc., Middleburg.

Ed Culver (1921-2017) Conservancy Member Remembered

Contributed By Jeannette Lasansky

I would like to note some of the lasting contributions and enthusiasm of recently deceased, long-time Linn Conservancy member and a professional friend, Ed Culver.

Since 1994, when Ed Culver retired to Lewisburg, he became a new member of community organizations like the Merrill W. Linn Land & Waterways Conservancy (MLC). One of several interests, the out-of-doors, Central Pennsylvania, and preserving what was special environmentally, Ed Culver was able to offer his time and photography skills along with the latest in equipment. He became dedicated to interpreting the texts for a series of top-notch videos that were key to introducing groups and individuals to the scope of work of the new Linn Conservancy (est. 1988) and its affiliate the Buffalo Creek Watershed Alliance (BCWA) established in 2004.

It was our pleasure to collaborate with Ed Culver on the images and their sequencing in three very different video productions: *Vision of the Valley*, *The Montandon Wetlands/A Special Place in Our Backyard*, and *You are What You Drink/Reasons to Know and Protect the Buffalo Creek Watershed*.

Vision of the Valley was essential to introducing local government, service clubs, and teachers to the possibilities that had become available through a

land and waterways conservancy while *The Montandon Wetlands* allowed teachers, other environmental organizations, and interest groups to understand a very special habitat that would only be open to on-site instruction occasionally. The video allowed for introducing the concept to treading softly or maybe not-at-all. It worked and Ed was crucial to that message.

Ed Culver's last big project focused on the Buffalo Creek Watershed in Union County and came at a time when, through DCNR Growing Greener grants, the state of Pennsylvania encouraged citizen groups like the MLC and the BCWA to accept the watershed's environmental challenges—protecting with long-term scientific observation, testing, followed by remedial action through a team approach of scientists, students, and interested lay people. This last video project was perhaps the most challenging as well as the most beautiful.

Ed liked the challenge of backing up narratives with arresting images. It was his forte. I remember when Ed was visiting coastal Maine, with which he was familiar, he interrupted his vacation with a trip over to the Fox Islands to share his latest attempts to capture what was needed to complete this video. His dedication to the task was obvious and the end results made the message of *You are What You Drink* sing.

Thank you, Ed. It was a pleasure for all who knew and worked with you. It is a lasting legacy.



CONSERVANCY OUTREACH: In late summer and fall 2017, MLC members promoted the Conservancy's objectives and achievements, hosted outdoor forays, and shared our knowledge of the natural world. Counterclockwise from upper left: Diane Donato and Buffalo Creek Waterways Alliance President Mike Wilson talk with students at Bucknell's Community Service Fair. Wayne Stahl welcomed visitors to his protected property (*above right*). Visitors toured the site aboard a wagon (*below right*). The annual West End Hike was hosted by Union County and the Conservancy in early October. Shown (*below center*) are Commissioner John Showers, Midge Foltzer, Nancy Showers, and Geoff Goodenow. Education chair Jeff Trop brought his fossil collection to Woolly Worm in Hufnagle Park where students (*below left*) enthusiastically made fossil rubbings.



thank you!

NEW MEMBERS Lewisburg: John and Ann Ackerson, Bill and Heather Haynos

THANK YOU Joe Keller, Vicki and Dave Heberlig, Linn Log mailing

Cynthia Kessler, donation in memory of her nephew Jeff Bowers

Wayne Stahl for hosting a fall tour of his property

Unitarian congregation for maintenance of the Merrill Linn Trail

Duane Griffin and Bucknell students for assisting with new plantings at the Dale's Ridge trailhead

John Tonzetich for assistance with native plant garden design and plant list

Jeannette Lasansky for years of service as the Historical Society's property manager at the Dale/Engle/Walker property, the Conservancy's first easement

Carol High and Amy and Scott Vance for donations of plants to the Conservancy for projects at the EBT native plant garden and at the Dale's Ridge trailhead

To all who have responded generously and promptly

to our 2018 membership renewal letter

Thanks for Supporting Us

Membership Renewal letters for 2018 were mailed in November. Your membership is important to us and your prompt renewal is greatly appreciated!

By renewing you will keep our programs running smoothly and ensure our continued success in protecting the natural resources of Central Pennsylvania that we all hold so dear. Your membership also brings you our newsletter, the Linn Log, and discounts on gift memberships and admissions to Linn events. You can also join or renew your Buffalo Creek Watershed Alliance (BCWA) membership at the same time. Your support for both organizations is greatly needed and appreciated!

If you haven't received your renewal letter, can't find it, or want to join as a NEW MEMBER, please use the form below and mail to Merrill Linn Conservancy, PO Box 501, Lewisburg, PA 17837. The Merrill Linn Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization; your contributions to it and to BCWA are tax deductible.

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