

Buck & Doe Trust  
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**History of Buck & Doe Trust**

The Buck & Doe Trust was established at the time of the King Ranch project to encourage community cooperation and support of the conservation easement program. The Trust seeks to welcome newcomers and offer opportunities for residents, new and old, to get to know one another better. The Board Members host the Spring Fling, a chuckwagon breakfast in the Laurels, a holiday party for members in December, and other activities which focus on "community conservation".

**2012 Annual Dues**

**\$35 per family**

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[www.buckanddoetrust.org](http://www.buckanddoetrust.org)

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**From the  
Brandywine Conservancy**

*Sherri Evans-Stanton, Director  
Environmental Management Center*



*Mary Ann Pyle Bridge was built in 1881 and is listed on the National Historic Register*

**The Laurels Preserve and the Covered Bridges:**

The ecological and historic values of the Laurels Preserve have been well documented, particularly the spring-fed, high quality waters of Buck and Doe Runs; the expansive, mature hardwood forests; exceptional wildlife habitat, and several rare species of flora and fauna. The Conservancy's management of the property protects this wealth of natural, cultural and historic resources. In 2007, the Laurels Preserve and King Ranch area along with the Stroud Preserve were designated as an Important Bird Area. This recognition for the area is primarily due to significant numbers of breeding grassland bird species that are increasingly rare across the Commonwealth. The woodlands, wetlands, and open fields in the Laurels Preserve and adjacent properties provide important habitat diversity for many birds. The Laurels Preserve is a wonderful place to enjoy nature and is open to all Conservancy members for hiking, jogging, bird watching, and horse and bicycle riding.

thon Speakman gristmill, and was later part of the King Ranch. Its companion, the Hayes Clark Bridge, was originally a Burr Truss bridge and was rebuilt as a Queenpost Truss bridge by Buck & Doe Run Valley Farms in 1971 to replace the original bridge that burned in 1963. The Hayes Clark Bridge crosses the Doe Run.



*Hayes Clark Bridge, burnt in 1963 and was replaced by Buck & Doe Run Valley Farms*

**Buck & Doe Trust Mission**

The Buck and Doe Trust is a non-profit organization of community members whose stated mission is support of land and water resource conservation within the Buck and Doe Run watersheds. These watersheds include, but are not limited to, the Townships of East Fallowfield, West Marlborough, East Marlborough, Highland, Londonderry, and Newlin.

The Trust initiatives to accomplish this mission are:

- Promote, through member involvement and education, the creation of additional high quality conservation easements within the Buck and Doe watersheds.
- Monitor and support active enforcement by easement grantees of all existing conservation easement requirements.
- Participate, influence, and monitor the stewardship of the Laurels Reserve by the Environmental Management Center of the Brandywine Conservancy.
- Initiate and encourage active and timely communication on land and water resource conservation issues within the Buck and Doe watersheds.



**Buck & Doe Trust Board Members**

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## President's Letter

This newsletter is dedicated to our flagship, the Brandywine Conservancy (BC). Highlighted are many of their important accomplishments over their 40 years. Also included in the newsletter is an overview of their current project, specifically the repair of the two beautiful covered bridges in the Laurels Preserve which unfortunately have severe structural issues. The Buck & Doe Trust (BDT) would like to reach out to the community and ask everyone to support this project. I think we all would agree that the bridges are a symbol of what this community and the Conservancy have and can again accomplish when we all work together! We will be in touch with further details.

In the meantime, it has been a busy and productive year for BDT. The following are a few of our accomplishments: Firstly to improve communication, BDT has a new website ([www.BuckandDoeTrust.org](http://www.BuckandDoeTrust.org)) which is very informative and provides further insight into who we are and what we do.

Also to further honor our mission, BDT has re-energized and focused our support of The Laurels Preserve. Two specific accomplishments have been firstly starting a Laurels' clean-up morning which allows the neighborhood to assist the Brandywine Conservancy staff in specific projects in the Laurels. Additionally, BDT is now actively participating in the Laurels Land Management Committee. This committee started back up in the spring and is addressing a variety of issues including preservation of natural resources and accessibility. A reminder, you must be a BC member to access the Laurels!!!

Last but not least, I encourage everyone to learn about and get involved in the issues of their respective townships. There are many important issues which truly make a difference in our overall community!

I continue to thank everyone involved for their time and contributions. We were only able to accomplish what we did as a result of so many!!!

**Amy McKenna**

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## New website: [BuckandDoeTrust.org](http://BuckandDoeTrust.org)

The BDT is pleased to introduce our new website: [www.buckanddoetrust.org](http://www.buckanddoetrust.org). We have worked diligently to put together a website which provides useful information to our members and interested parties. The following content will be available on the new site:

**Home Page**- Describes Mission & scheduled events

**Recent News**-Highlights relevant topics

**History**- Provides historical perspective of BDT

**Membership**-Annual membership dues and general donations can be paid with PayPal here

**Newsletters**- Archive of previous issues

**Gallery**-Great photos of our events and our countryside, many courtesy of Beth Harpham (thanks Beth!)

**Books of Interest**-Suggestions on books which relate directly to our area and history. Topics include King Ranch, Cheshire Foxhunting and other local history

**Contact Us**- new email address

**Links**- Highlights Land Preservation Groups, Supporting Organizations and Township websites

## Community News

### New Landowners

- Marissa Florig, Willow Run
- Kay and John Ireland, Hunters Bridge
- Patti and Joe Rothman, Apple Grove Rd.

### Marriages

- Adelle and Phil Fanning
- David Shields and Mary Louise Carota

### Passings

- Lou Geurrina
- Paula Coyne
- Patty Grace
- Don Jefferis
- Jean Dunphy
- Paul Rowland
- Nina Strawbridge
- Sarah Thomas

*We strive to include everyone in the community in this section.*

*Please let us know if we have missed anything.*

### Births

- Phoebe Brokaw and Charlie Davidson, baby girl Beatrice



*Short-Eared Owl in The Laurels Preserve*



## Brandywine cont'd

A study of the bridges' structural integrity undertaken by the Brandywine Conservancy and its engineering consultants in early 2012 indicated that the bridges are starting to fail due to decay. Specifically, the bottom chord-bearing point of the Speakman Bridge #2 is crushing and causing the bridge to twist. In addition, several stringers under both bridges are showing signs of decay and crushing. Based on advice from the engineers, safety barriers at entrances to both bridges and signs were posted limiting access to pedestrian use. The Conservancy received appropriate permits from the Department of Environmental Protection to improve a downstream crossing for an alternate route for horses and carriages. In addition to working with the engineer, the Conservancy engaged certified historic architects Frens & Frens to ensure that the reconstruction maintains the historic characteristics of the two bridges.

The goal of the proposed work is to repair the Speakman Bridge #2 and Hayes Clark covered bridges so that all user groups may enjoy them safely. Significant repair and restoration is needed to ensure the structural integrity so that they will continue to be a fixture on the landscape for many years to come. Complete repair to the bridges will restore open transportation allowing horse and carriage crossing in addition to pedestrian use.

The project is estimated to be completed in approximately six months, including six weeks to order and receive the materials and 120 days to complete the work once construction begins. Exact dates may vary depending on funding and weather conditions.

### Background on the Brandywine Conservancy:

For more than 40 years, the Brandywine Conservancy has been a leading local and national advocate for responsible land use, open space preservation, and water protection. Its Environmental Management Center focuses on integrating conservation with economic development through its Land Stewardship and Municipal Assistance programs. As a result, the Conservancy holds 445 conservation easements. It has permanently protected more than 45,000 acres of farmland, forests, water resources, historic sites, and scenic vistas in Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania, and in New Castle County, Delaware. The Conservancy's easement holdings in Pennsylvania represent 17% of the total acreage under easement in the entire Commonwealth.

### The King Ranch

#### Project:

In the early 1980s, the Brandywine Conservancy and a group of investors collaborated to buy and save over 5,400 acres of the Buck and Doe Run Valley Farms property. Owned at the time by—and known locally as—the King Ranch, it was the largest contiguous privately owned property in Chester County, Pennsylvania. The Conservancy recognized the environmental importance of the unspoiled Buck and Doe Runs and made repeated efforts over more than a decade to protect the property. In 1984, the Buck and Doe Associates Limited Partnership was formed. In the largest conservation project in the Brandywine watershed, the partnership donated conservation easements to the Conservancy, permanently protecting 4,596 acres of natural, scenic and historic resources of the property. The partnership donated in fee title an additional 771 acres to the Conservancy to create the Laurels Preserve, which is also protected by a conservation easement.



Many of the original investors, still own property in the King Ranch area today. We are grateful to the 21 partners for their foresight and generosity in making this shared conservation goal a reality. We also greatly appreciate the role of the Buck and Doe Trust who worked toward a common interest in conserving the local countryside. The Trust helped raise endowment funds for the Laurels and was involved in the development of the conservation easement that now protects the Preserve. They also partnered with the Conservancy to encourage local landowners to conserve their properties and have been an active influence in the community.

The Conservancy's conservation easement on the former ranch lands permanently protects from development thousands of acres of grasslands and woods, plant and animal species, and, most importantly, the streams that run through the property. Over eight miles of the Buck and Doe Runs and many more miles of smaller streams, all draining to the West Branch of the Brandywine Creek, are located there. This remarkable water source was and still is critical to maintaining the quality of the Brandywine Creek, the drinking water supply for the City of Wilmington, Delaware and numerous communities in Pennsylvania.

**2012 Paid Dues Members****Paid members will receive a holiday invitation for December 7th****Please visit [www.buckanddoetrust.org](http://www.buckanddoetrust.org) if you need to pay your 2011 dues**

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