

BUCK & DOE



TRUST

Supporting Land and Water Resource Conservation...

The Buck and Doe Trust (BDT) plays an important, supporting role in the community. We want to share some of our exciting activities and programs which support our landowners, the various land conservancies and the community at large. These efforts are to increase awareness and to assist the preservation effort. Today, our area enjoys over 26,000 contiguous acres under conservation easement!!!



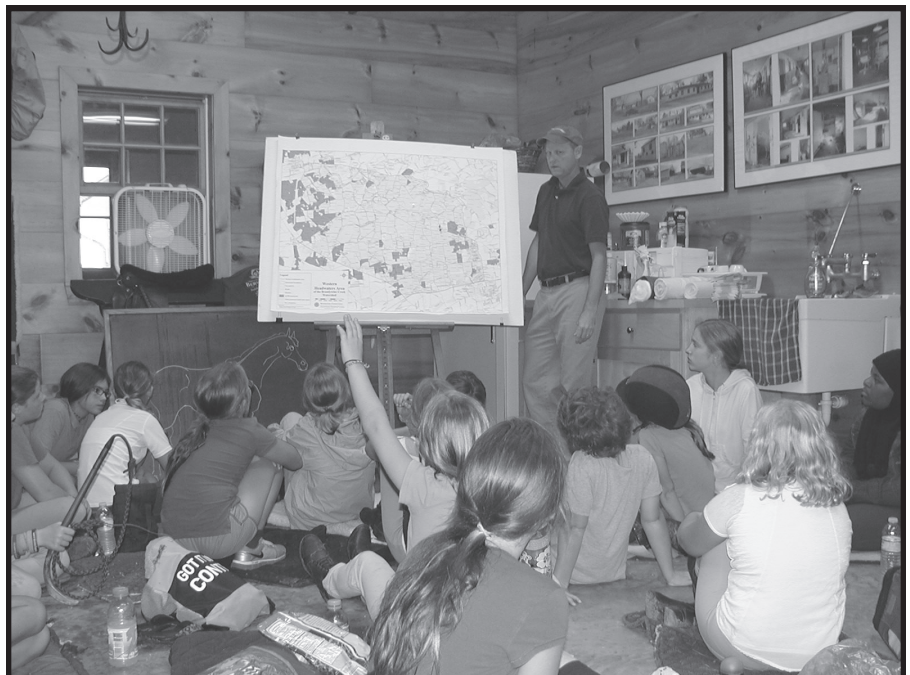
Education:

“Conservation for Kids/Conservation for Everyone”

New this year!

Two new outreach efforts are underway. Realizing the importance of the next generation, the Buck and Doe Trust has begun to reach out to the younger generation offering to talk about preservation. The first *Conservation for Kids* was at the Cheshire Pony Camp. The children learned about preservation and how their friends and relatives have created “Forever Lands”. Forever Lands are places that are so important that the family decided to preserve the property forever. Using a map of the area and pins the children interacted by pinning on the map important places in their life. A conservation cake and ice cream followed all the hard work! The Buck and Doe Trust will be offering this presentation to local schools and other clubs.

Conservation for Everyone is in response from many in the community that want to become more aware of the basic tools that are being used to preserve our lands and about tools that enhance the ecological sustainability of the area. The Buck and Doe Trust are putting together these informative and relaxed meetings that highlight these efforts.



John Goodall of the Brandywine Conservancy (and a Buck & Doe Trust Board Member) with the Cheshire Pony Camp identifying favorite places on the conservation map.

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President's Letter

We have dedicated this newsletter to the various Buck & Doe Trust (BDT) activities as we continue to build upon the great efforts of so many over the years. We encourage you to get involved in one or all of the activities. The contact info is provided in each section.

This has been a productive year for the BDT community. The BDT started an education outreach. The first event, called "Conservation for Kids", had 20 enthusiastic, interested kids. It was amazing to see how so many understood how the preservation efforts of their families and relatives will protect this area in the future. Also, the first "The Laurels and the Hardy" was held with almost 40 adults and kids joining in. This effort further supports the Brandywine Conservancy (BC), The Laurels and the Laurels staff while also introducing people to the BC's new Laurels Preserve Trail Stewards program.

The Laurels Covered Bridge campaign is now underway. We are very pleased to report over \$66,000 in leadership gifts have already been generously donated. You

may have received a mailing and an additional update is enclosed. The Laurels was a key nucleus to the preservation effort for our area. We need to continue to support it along with the Laurels Covered Bridges.

We thought it would be fun to do something different this year rather than having a Holiday Party. Instead, we will be having a "Thanksgiving in October" to honor everyone's efforts and contributions, large and small. It will be very much like our Spring Fling, a gathering of the community to enjoy a country picnic overlooking the vistas of fall foliage which have been preserved for generations.

Finally, it has been most enjoyable receiving your supportive emails, notes and additional ideas. Thank you for these along with everyone's contributions throughout the year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at
"Thanksgiving in October"!

Amy McKenna

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Please note:

"Thanksgiving in October"

October 12th

The BDT thought it would be nice to do something different this year! Instead of a Holiday Party, we will be hosting a "Thanksgiving in October", a country picnic dinner overlooking the King Ranch valley and the beautiful fall foliage. We want to give thanks to our landowners and to all of those who have supported the preservation efforts!!!

Invitations with details to be sent in September.

Community News

New Landowners

- Linda and Ron Francis
- Lisa and Bill Thomas
- Missy Shaffer and Ben Barnett
- Elizabeth and Michael Clinger

Passings

- Suzie Buchanan
- Mary O'Rourke



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

Please let us know if we have missed anything.





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Topics to be covered:

- Historical evolution of conservation in our area which now spans over 26,000 contiguous acres
- Basic terminology and principles in a conservation easement
- How conservation efforts benefit the landowner and the community
- Differences between Act 319 and a conservation easement
- Various land conservancies available to assist



*“Conservation for Kids” cake and ice cream were enjoyed by
Cheshire Pony Camp and the Cheshire Hunt Staff*

This meeting will also allow a landowner to discuss, or set up a private meeting to discuss, their individual easement. If you are interested in either one of these programs, or have general interest, please email: John Goodall, jgoodall@nni.com, Western Area Manager for Brandywine Conservancy and Buck & Doe Trust Board Member .

Activities:

New this year!

“The Laurels and The Hardy”

The Inaugural gathering of The Laurels and The Hardy was held on Saturday, May 4th with an incredible group of about 40 hardy souls. The Buck and Doe Trust joined forces with our neighbor, the Brandywine Conservancy, in doing some invasive species removal in the Laurels on the first Saturday in May. We were exceptionally lucky with beautiful weather and about 40 wonderful willing volunteers, including about 10 kids who pulled more mustard garlic than you could ever want in your salad.

The Laurels and the Hardy met at the Apple Grove entrance to the Laurels and started our morning with hot coffee and yummy apple cider donuts and other sweet treats. Edie Dondero and Chris Wales of the Brandywine Conservancy gave us a talk about invasive plants and the best management strategies for controlling them. We then attacked the enemy, Garlic Mustard. We walked the path down to the covered bridges, pulling garlic mustard from both sides of the path and throwing it on the path to dry out. (Cont'd page 8)



*Almost 40 attended the first event in the Laurels Preserve,
included was a seminar on invasive plants!*



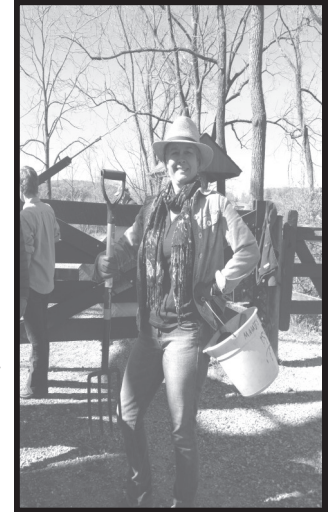
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The Laurels and The Hardy.....



The wonderful thing about getting together with friends and neighbors to work on a project like cleaning up the Laurels is that it takes little of each participants' time, accomplishes so much for the community, and makes everyone feel good when done. The comradery was amazing. It was a great turnout with almost 40 strong! It was great fun! And we all learned a lot about invasives!

We will continue the tradition of partnership with the Brandywine Conservancy and have a fall clean up as well. Furthermore, this program hopes to encourage everyone to consider the participating in the Laurels Preserve Trail Stewards Program explained on page 6. Please stay tuned for future details. In the meantime, for further information please contact: Susannah Small, Susannah.Small@comcast.net; 610-486-6843



Adopt-A-Highway

The Buck and Doe Trust has been participating in the PennDOT Adopt-A-Highway program since 2005. We are responsible for the clean up of a two-mile stretch of Route 82 (Doe Run Rd.) from West Road to Rokeby.

Four times a year, a group of intrepid volunteers from the area (averaging around 15) gathers at the Brandywine Conservancy offices in Doe Run at 8:00AM on a weekend morning for refreshment and instructions. Everyone dons safety vests and gloves, and heads out in small groups to patrol their assigned sections for litter. You may have noticed the orange "Litter Crew" signs alerting passing vehicles to proceed with caution.

The original purpose for this initiative was to help maintain the natural beauty and breath-taking views of the conserved areas along the route. Over the years, we estimate that hundreds of pounds of rubbish and debris have been collected, supplementing the efforts of adjacent landowners to keep "the Laurels Highway" pristine. More important has been the sense of camaraderie and accomplishment felt by the participants. Please consider joining us for an hour or so at an upcoming cleanup. (We can provide community service documentation for school students.)

According to the PennDot website, here are stats about some items we tend to find along the road:

Item	Decomposition time
Glass Bottle	Approximately 1 million years
Plastic six-pack collar	450 years
Aluminum can	200-500 years
Plastic jug	70 years
Degradable plastic bag	10-20 years
Cigarette Butts	One to five years

Thank you to those who participate. We encourage everyone to come out and also to address clean-up of other local roadways. If you have any questions please contact:

Pam Smyth at PCBSmyth@aol.com or
 Brendan Miney at bminey@hotmail.com





Covered Bridge Campaign

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Covered Bridges



Brandywine Conservancy launches the Laurels Preserve Volunteer program



BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY
Environmental Management Center

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LAURELS PRESERVE TRAIL STEWARDS

WHAT IS A TRAIL STEWARD?

Trail stewards are volunteers who assist Conservancy staff at the Laurels Preserve by greeting and interacting with visitors, sharing information about the Preserve, and occasionally engaging in routine trail maintenance. Trail Stewards participate in a training program with Conservancy staff and work in pairs when at the Preserve.

WHAT DO TRAIL STEWARDS DO?

- Greet and interact with Conservancy members at the Preserve
- Share information about the Conservancy and membership
- Answer questions about the Laurels and its resources
- Inspect trail conditions and report issues to Conservancy staff
- Occasionally assist with routine trail maintenance, if desired

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING A TRAIL STEWARD?

- Attend a training session at the Conservancy's campus in Chadds Ford
- Must love the outdoors and support the mission of the Conservancy
- Ability to work outdoors in a natural setting in varying weather conditions

WHY SHOULD I BECOME A TRAIL STEWARD?

- Learn about the natural and cultural resources of the Laurels Preserve
- Provide essential support in the stewardship of the Preserve
- Enjoy the benefits of Conservancy membership
- Join and connect with a group of passionate, dedicated volunteers

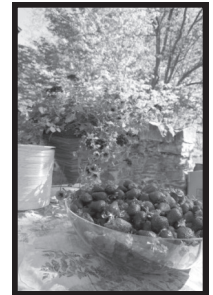
For more information about Brandywine Conservancy's Land Stewardship Volunteer Program and to obtain an application, please contact Assistant Volunteer Coordinator Susan McCreadie at 610-388-8377 or smccreadie@brandywine.org.



Events:

BDT hosts two social events a year, the Spring Fling and the Holiday Party.

Spring Fling is held in the Laurels on the 3rd Sunday in May. This year celebrated its 25th anniversary of hosting the pancake breakfast. Its original intention continues today as its purpose is to bring the community together to get to know each other. It is enjoyed by all of the community and is a wonderful way of taking a break from farm chores and visiting with neighbors. The pancakes, sausage and strawberries are savored while having the covered bridges and wild flowers as a background. The Board has a special pride in pulling this off every year as it is not unusual to have over 200 attend, rain or shine! Imagine having 200 of your friends over in a field with no running water, and everyone seems to have a great time!



Holiday Party is hosted by a gracious landowner every year. Everyone is appreciative. It first started with the original King Ranch easement holders and has grown into the gathering it is today. As mentioned earlier, we are mixing it up this year by having our gathering in October this year. This will allow us to take in the views of the fall season while also providing a little variety. **Please remember this year it will be October 12th!**

Communication:

The BDT has several levels of communication:

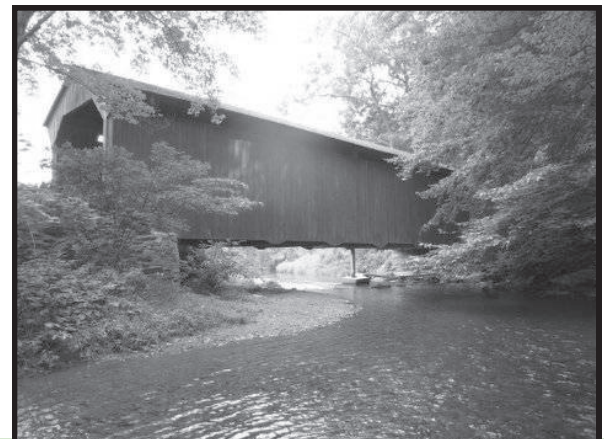
Newsletter: BDT has 2 newsletters a year: Spring and Fall editions which are sent out to over 550 on our mailing list.

Website: BuckandDoeTrust.org

Included is the BDT mission, history, recent articles and news updates, membership dues using PayPal, links, suggested reading and contact info.

Email: BuckandDoeTrust@gmail.com

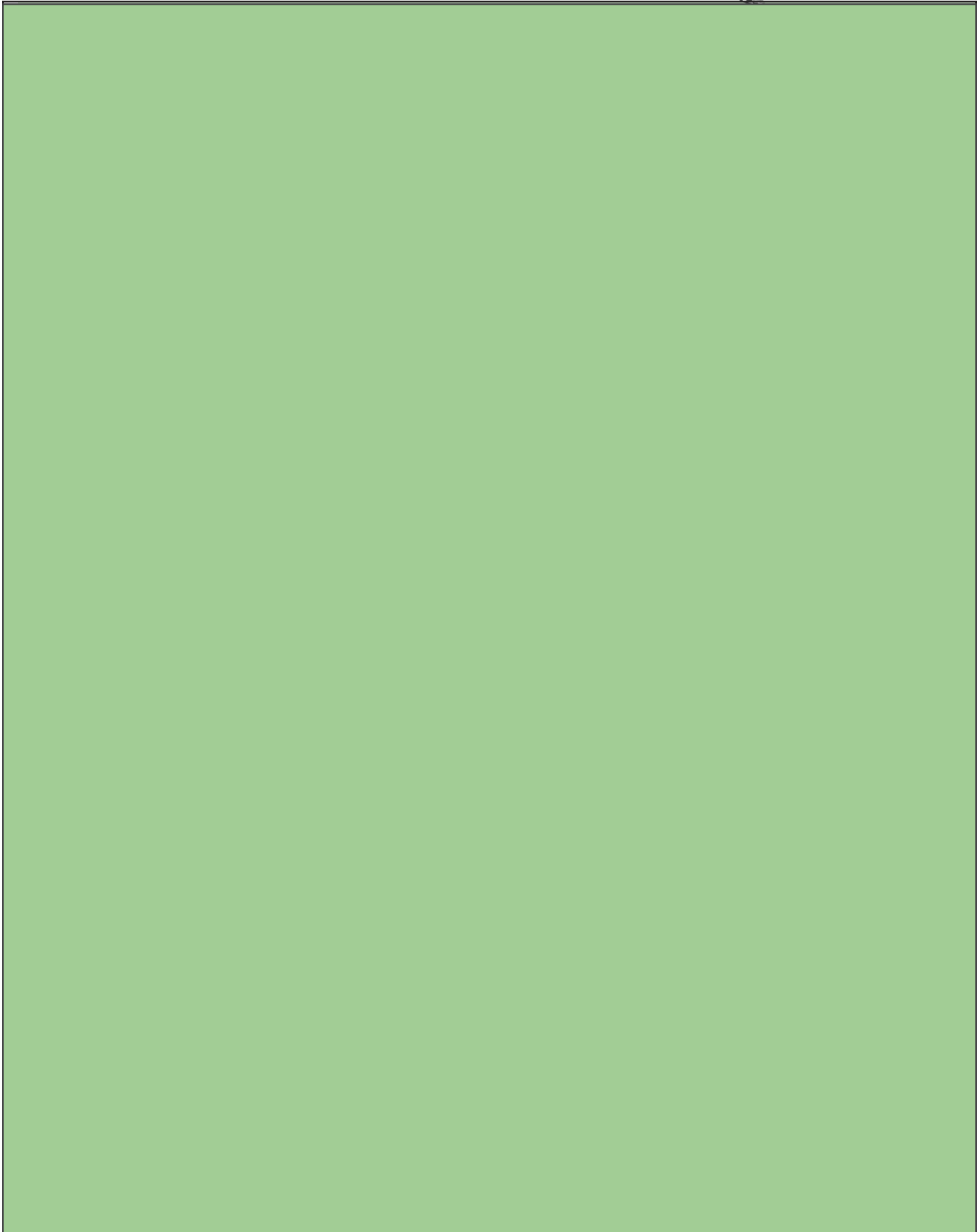
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2013 Paid Dues Members

Please visit www.buckanddoetrust.org if you need to pay your 2013 dues.



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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”.

2013 Annual Dues

\$35 per family

Payable to: Buck & Doe Trust and send to above address or use our website: www.buckanddoe.org

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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