



Brandywine Conservancy has a new field office

After 16 wonderful years in Doe Run Village, **John Goodall** and the Brandywine Conservancy field office have moved! A huge thank you to the Truitt family for hosting the Conservancy for so many years.



BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY FIELD OFFICE HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP BUILDING

The new office is just over the hill from Doe Run Village at 100 Five Points Road in Highland Township just off of Gum Tree Road (in the Highland Township Building). *[continued p.5]*

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CONSERVATION



“Repurposing (or Upcycling) for a Greater Purpose!”

The definition for Repurpose: *Is the use of something for a purpose other than its original intended use.*

The definition for Upcycle: *The process of converting old or discarded materials into something useful and often beautiful.*



FORMER “OUTHOUSE” - A NEW APPEALING & INVITING SPACE SERVES AS THE LAURELS EDUCATION CENTER.

Nowhere is it more fitting than to repurpose or upcycle an object than in The Laurels- the epicenter of the Brandywine Conservancy. Abandoned for years, the former “outhouse” was a building that still had great utility. Thus, this building was determined to be a part of a pilot program as an interactive, education center. *[...continued p.3]*

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

BDT's focus this year has clearly been **The Laurels**. As all of us know, owning a property is not a "one and done" proposition. It requires constant maintenance along with periodic, major renovations. The Laurels is no exception. The Laurels Committee has identified specific projects as it has been over 30 years since BC acquired it during the King Ranch project. BDT took on one of the smaller projects of "repurposing/up-cycling" the building known as "**The Outhouse**".



Please enjoy reading about it. Not only was it a fun project but it also showed how the neighborhood worked together for the common cause of conservation. We will keep you updated on a few of the upcoming, larger projects in the Laurels.

On a very important note, I would like to personally thank everyone for their continued support and enthusiasm on all levels. The personal contributions each of you make are too numerous to

mention. (Perhaps this will be a subject for a future newsletter, actually consider this a definite yes it will be.)

On behalf of myself, the BDT Board along with our entire community.... Thank you, together we can make a difference!!

Amy

Amy McKenna President
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COMMUNITY NEWS:

Births:

Kate and Jamie Hicks,
baby boy **Matthew**

Bonnie and Jeff Kibbie,
baby boy **Samuel**

Elliott Lofting and Dan Logsdon,
baby boy **Grey**

Passings:

Gail Kaylor
Susan Ledyard
Louis "Paddy" Neilson III

Marriages:

Virginia Logan and Joe Petrille

Welcome New Neighbors:

Betsy Barr and Dale Krapf

Audrey and Jason Danner

Kelly and Patrick Deseta

Molly and Bob Morrison

Ashley Taylor and Francis Zion Jr.

Frances and Talbot Thrasher



LEFT: 3RD GENERATION CONSERVATIONIST, **PHOEBE FISHER**, PRESENTS HER IDEAS TO THE **BUCK & DOE TRUST BOARD**

RIGHT: **PHOEBE** DEMONSTRATES NEW COMMUNICATION TECHNIQUES USING CELL PHONES

Conservation is in the family!

Various ideas and techniques are being explored to provide the best way of convey information to visitors in The Laurels. Young **Phoebe Fisher** is working on a pilot project utilizing new technology while reducing the need for more signage. She made an impressive presentation to the BDT Board on her work to date. As you may know, Phoebe is a 3rd generation conservation supporter!!!!

Thank you Phoebe for all of your work!

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ABOVE: A CREATIVE **MICHELLE HARRIS**, BEGINS THE AESTHETIC "OUTHOUSE" TRANSFORMATION

RIGHT TOP: **CONRAD SOMMERS** ASSURES A SOLID AUTHENTIC STRUCTURE

RIGHT CENTER: NEW APPEALING & INVITING SPACE FOR **THE LAURELS EDUCATION CENTER**

RIGHT BOTTOM: INQUISITIVE VISITORS APPROVE!

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continued from p.1... Several gracious and generous volunteers worked with the BDT and BC to repurpose/upcycle this abandoned building. A new roof was installed, along with repairs to the wood siding, by **Conrad Somers**. This provided a solid structure and a great palate for **Michele Harris** to volunteer her time to create a wonderful space. Michele masterfully stained, painted and coordinated the space for an on-site learning station. Michele was especially creative in her approach as she brilliantly accomplished her task for under \$100. She cleverly used the chlorophyll from leaves to mimic moss growth to blend the new wood (used

for repairs) with the weathered wood.

The **BDT** and the **BC** created education boards directly related to the Laurels and included subjects such as: Hydrology, Botany, Buildings of the Past, History and Conservation. Shelves hold various books on related topics for the reading pleasure of all ages. A writing board has been recently added for visitors to add their daily observations.

To complete the experience, **Grant Folin** and **Caleb Meredith**, of the **Brandywine Conservancy**, created a rain garden around the building.

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“OUTHOUSE” – GRANT FOLIN AND CALEB MEREDITH, OF THE BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY, CREATED A RAIN GARDEN AROUND THE BUILDING.



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A rain garden is a garden of native shrubs, perennials, and flowers planted in a small depression, which is generally formed on a natural slope. It is designed to temporarily hold and soak in rain water runoff that flows from roofs, driveways, patios or lawns. Rain gardens are effective in removing up to 90% of nutrients and chemicals and up to 80% of sediments from the rainwater runoff. Compared to a conventional lawn, rain gardens allow for 30% more water to soak into the ground.

A rain garden is not a water garden. Nor is it a pond or a wetland. Conversely, a rain garden is dry most of the time. It typically holds water only during and following a rainfall

event. Because rain gardens will drain within 12-48 hours, they prevent the breeding of mosquitoes.

Overall, it was a great collaborative effort! Thank you to all involved!

We invite you to stop in the “repurposed-upcycled” center when you are visiting the Laurels!





*Adopt-A-Highway
(aka Trash Pick Up)
Continues its work along
Rt. 82!*

BDT cleans up a corridor of Rt 82 at least 4 times a year.

It doesn't take long for the trash to accumulate. We encourage everyone to pick up their own roads as it does make a difference!



**JOHN GOODALL AT THE NEW
BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY FIELD OFFICE**

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from p.1...

John's phone number has also changed. His new number is **610-857-4663**. Please make a note of the new address and contact info....

BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY
Highland Township Building
100 Five Points Rd, Coatesville, 19320
John Godall: 610-857-4663



**THE
"BUCKBOARD"**

REMINDER TO CHECK THE BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY WEBSITE for a complete list of member activities. They have hosted a variety of walks throughout the year including:

- Laurels History Hike
- Tree ID Walk
- Wildflower Walk
- Invasive Plant ID Walk
- Laurels Preserve Loop Hike
- Laurels History Hike
- Laurels Stewardship Volunteer Days

FALL EVENT

Event Reminder:

A reminder BDT is returning to its original mission having the entire community to our Spring Fling and the fall/winter event for just the paid members who own eased land.

The fall event for the eased members will be Saturday, October 12th. Please contact buckanddoetrust@gmail.com if you are an eased member and have not received your invite by October 1st.

**MOMENTS
IN HISTORY**

The Brandywine Conservancy's original name was

"The Tri-County Conservancy of the Brandywine".

And the Buck & Doe Trust was initially called **"Buck and Doe Land, Inc.**

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HISTORY:

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 IN THE LAURELS** (A CHUCKWAGON BREAKFAST), AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH FOCUS ON "COMMUNITY CONSERVATION".

**2020 ANNUAL DUES
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www.buckanddoetrust.org

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.

BOARD MEMBERS

Amy McKenna – President
Richard Buchanan – V. President
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John Goodall – Treasurer

Jerry Brown
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