



SPRING 2020

“PASS THE BUCK” AWARDED

The **Buck & Doe Trust** was pleased to honor the recipients of the ‘Pass the Buck’ award at our Fall Fling this past October. **Lewis Barnard** and **Harriett & Jim Tupitza** were



HARRIETT & JIM TUPITZA HONORED FOR EASING THEIR 182 ACRES

recognized for their contributions to land preservation. In 2016, Lewis Barnard obtained an easement for the 74 acres of his beloved orchard located in Newlin Township. His actions motivated the township to hold an Open Space Referendum that Fall. The Tupitza’s obtained their easement in July, 2019. The 182 acres have been in Harriett’s family since the mid 1800s. Part of their decision to ease the property stemmed from their desire to honor her family’s legacy. We congratulate and thank them for their contribution to preserving open space.

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THE LAURELS UPDATE FROM ELLEN FERRETTI, AT THE BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY

At this time, the knowledge that we are part of a greater community is paramount, even if we cannot shake hands, hug or get close to one another. The Buck and Doe Trust is just that I believe, one grand community of people who share many common bonds, one of which is the Laurels Preserve.

For some time now, you may have noticed some improvements around the Laurels. Based on input from so many of you, and a desire to fix some longstanding issues, the Brandywine Conservancy and The Laurels Committee have been working on a project list in the Laurels Preserve. Thanks to a group of generous neighbors and contributors, we were able to get the first phase of these projects completed or under way. Funding for these improvements came from... *[continued p. 3]*

A FIRST FOR OUR FALL EVENT, HELD IN HAYES CLARK BRIDGE!



Our fall event, for eased landowners, was hosted for the first time in The Laurels one warm, lovely evening last October. It was magical! Frankly, we wondered why we hadn’t had the event here in our 34 year history given the Laurels is the epicenter to our area’s preservation effort. *[continued p. 3]*

PRESIDENTS LETTER

Hoping you and yours are doing well! --Never have we meant such a greeting more than during these times!

Many are experiencing a renewed sense of home and neighborhood. We have more time for our spring chores and to enjoy the true scenes of nature. Additionally, it is so nice of many of our neighbors to take the extra time to reach out to each other with a call or offer to help. We are all so fortunate to be in a wonderful community for so many reasons.

A continued note of appreciation to those who had the vision to preserve it and to those whose continued efforts keep our community going strong!

We look forward to the future when we can see everyone back together again! In the meantime, the best of health and happiness to all,

Amy

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COMMUNITY NEWS:

BIRTHS:

Suzanne (Snyder) & Patrick Heron's baby girl - **Isabella**

Taylor & Spud Somers baby boy - **Calum**

MARRIAGES:

Erin Sylvester & Keith Kanara

NEW LANDOWNERS:

Amber & Pierce Buller
Jeanne & Eric Buzby
Karen & Grant DeCosta
Norma & Brian Murray

PASSINGS:

Jerry Brown
Dave Hershbell
Bettina Jenny
Betty Moran
Jane Simone
Doug Small, Jr.
Mrs. Ruth Truitt
Bill Wister



SPRING FLING

WE WILL NOT BE HAVING OUR PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SPRING-- WE ARE HOPING TO REGROUP WHEN THINGS GET CLOSER TO NORMAL.



CONGRATULATIONS TO STEPHANIE AND GRANT, ON NEW POSITIONS AT THE BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY

The Brandywine Conservancy is excited to announce the recent promotions of **Stephanie Armpriester** and **Grant DeCosta**. Stephanie was promoted to Assistant Director for Conservation, where she will be responsible for the Conservancy's work in Easement Management and Land Conservation.

Grant was promoted to Assistant Director for Community Services, where he will be responsible for the Conservancy's work in Municipal Assistance and an expanded effort toward offering additional Land Stewardship services to our partners in conservation.

These changes will help the Conservancy to continue to unify staff efforts, combine talent and engage in new strategic planning, while also allowing the Associate Directors **David Shields** and **John Theilacker** to focus on expanding into new areas of service to respond to the changing needs of our partners; developing new funding opportunities; increasing emphasis toward some of our long standing and critical programs, like the **Delaware River Water Initiative**; and mentoring in their areas of expertise.



STEPHANIE ARMPRIESTER (ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR CONSERVATION)

AND **GRANT DECOSTA** (ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES) CELEBRATE NEW PROMOTIONS

LAURELS UPDATE

[continued from cover] a campaign we have been quietly organizing in order to not only work on immediate issues, but to set the Laurels Preserve up to be ready to respond to ever increasing natural resource and visitor needs.



More information on the campaign and our hopes and dreams for the Preserve can be found at: <https://www.brandywine.org/conservancy/support/protecting-our-place-campaign-laurels-preserve> We will certainly keep you up to date on our progress!

Staff has been very diligent in instilling safety features and procedures in the Laurels to comply with the guidelines currently in place from the CDC and others. That being said, many more are visiting the Laurels and we want each of you to know how welcome you are, especially during these times.

What a wonderful place to glean solace in nature, that's our Laurels and that is a core part of the great community of the Buck and Doe Trust.

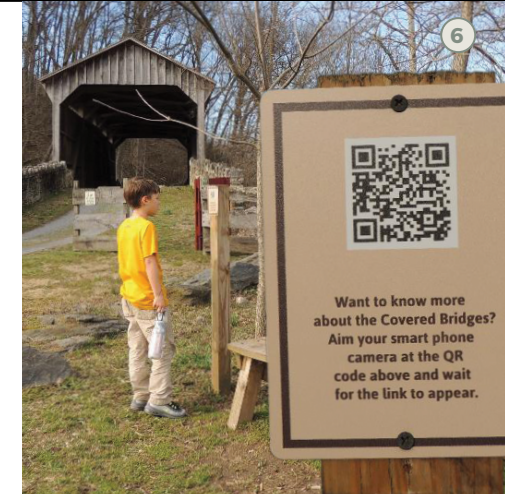
I am so grateful to have met so many of you that are part of the Trust. What a wonderful community you all call home.

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FIRST FOR OUR FALL EVENT, HELD IN HAYES CLARK BRIDGE!

[continued from cover] The BDT would like to thank the Brandywine Conservancy **Caleb Meredith** and **Grant Folin** (both of the Brandywine Conservancy), along with **Michele Harris**, for all of their extra time and help in making the evening so special. Special lights accented the wooden beams and fall produce/ foliage were obtained from local sources to enhance the truly wonderful evening. *Thank you to all!*



LAURELS PROJECTS LIST:

- 1 RESTORED AND CONVERTED THE "OUTHOUSE" AT THE 1ST MEADOW TO A PASSIVE EDUCATION CENTER
- 2 INSPECTED AND STABILIZED EROSION ISSUES ON ALL STREAM CULVERTS
- 3 WIDENED, STABILIZED, AND IN SOME INSTANCES, REROUTED TRAILS FOR SAFETY
- 4 SUBMITTED PERMITS AND BEGAN IMPROVING THE "MIDDLE CROSSING" AND THE "MIDDLE/LOWER CROSSING"
- 5 PURCHASED A UTILITY ALL-TERRAIN WORK VEHICLE TO ALLOW GREATER ACCESS AND FLEXIBILITY
- 6 PLACED AN INFORMATIONAL QR CODE SIGN AT THE HAYES CLARK BRIDGE. (scan QR code on this page!)

MOMENTS IN HISTORY

AT ONE TIME, THERE WERE NEARLY 14,000 WOODEN COVERED BRIDGES NATIONWIDE. TODAY LESS THAN 900 REMAIN OF WHICH NEARLY 200 ARE IN PENNSYLVANIA. WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE 3 COVERED BRIDGES IN OUR COVETED BUCK & DOE VALLEY: **HAYES CLARK BRIDGE** (THE LAURELS), **MARY ANN PYLE BRIDGE** (THE LAURELS) AND **THE SPEAKMAN BRIDGE** (EAST FALLOWFIELD/WEST MARLBOROUGH)

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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".

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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 GRANTEEES 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

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