

# BUCK & DOE



## TRUST



# SPRING 2022

### UNDERSTANDING OUR PAST WILL HELP US PROTECT OUR FUTURE

Have you ever wondered who walked these trails before us and what their life was like? Have you thought about the next generation and what the community will become? These are questions and many of us have had. The Buck & Doe Trust often asks these questions and is prepared to launch a project that will outline our past in the hopes it will impact our future. We dedicate this effort to Cookie and Jerry Brown whose memorial contributions are being used to make this project possible.

# SPRING FLING IS BACK

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
IN THE LAURELS!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS -  
SUNDAY MAY 22ND  
10 AM - 12 NOON**

*Looking forward to seeing everyone!*



**DOE RUN VILLAGE ON RT 82**  
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CHESTER COUNTY HISTORY

The project will kick off this spring and will gather our history in narrative and in pictures. Look for more information on how you can contribute. In the meantime.... gather those old community pictures.

SUPPORTING  
LAND AND WATER  
RESOURCE  
CONSERVATION



**LOCAL CENTURY FARM**  
ON NEWARK RD  
WEST MARLBOROUGH TOWNSHIP

### CENTURY & BICENTENNIAL FARM PROGRAM

The Department of Agriculture recognizes Pennsylvania families who have been farming the same land for 100 and 200 years through the Century and Bicentennial farm programs.

#### History

In 1976, The Department of Agriculture began a statewide Century Farm program. The idea of this program, aimed at emphasizing the importance of our economic and rural heritage and traditions, was initiated in the New York Agricultural Society in 1937. Farms in the same family for more than 100 years were honored in ceremonies at Albany as members of the Order of Century Farms.

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## PRESIDENTS LETTER

We are ready for spring in more ways than one! Unless there are unforeseen circumstances, Buck & Doe Trust (BDT) will once again be hosting our traditional Spring Fling breakfast in The Laurels Preserve on Sunday May 22nd! It continues to amaze me how so many of our friends comment about their treasured family memories are from our Spring Fling over our 35+ years!

Additionally, this year BDT is working on a special outreach to our new neighbors in our conservation community that has certainly experienced a lot of growth in recent years. Besides recognizing our current landowners, we also want to remember and honor those people and places that have made our community a true community. This community is bound by the passion for open space and



**BUCK & DOE TRUST AND LANDOWNERS THANKS ELLEN FERRETTI**

conservation. BDT is working on an historical project with a meaningful theme: Understanding Our Past Will Help Us Protect Our Future. We look forward on reporting our progress through out the year.

Also, I would like to take a moment and recognize a true leader, conservationist and dear friend of mine (and the BDT community), Ellen Ferretti, previous Director of the Brandywine Conservancy. Ellen has chosen a new life path that is noted in this newsletter. Thank you Ellen for your friendship and for all you have done for our community!

We will miss you though welcome Stephanie and Grant with open arms as the next generation!

I finish with a memorable quote (and my favorite) from our beloved Frolic Weymouth:

*“Let’s have Fun!”*

...and we will when we see you at the Spring Fling!

**Amy McKenna** – President  
AmyMcKenna123@aol.com

## COMMUNITY NEWS:

### BIRTHS:

**Erin (Sylvester) & Keith Kanara’s** daughter - **Vivian**

### NEW LANDOWNERS:

**Jake and Becca Kaplan**  
West Marlborough Twp

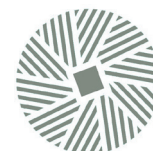
**Alice and Donald Bagwell**  
London Grove Twp

### PASSINGS:

**Ella Sestrich**

## FROM THE BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY:

In December 2021, **Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art** acquired **Armisted Farm**, owned by the late **Henry I. and Caroline S. Brown**. With 51 acres adjacent to the **Laurels**, Armisted Farm features trails, two first-order streams leading to the **Buck Run** totaling 1,800 feet, and a one-story residence that will allow Brandywine staff to finally have a permanent anchor in the Preserve. In honor of both Jerry and Cookie’s dedication to Brandywine’s mission, their building will be named the **Cookie and Jerry Brown Center at Armisted Farm**. Brandywine is currently working on the long-term plans for Armisted Farm, working closely with neighbors and community members.



**BRANDYWINE  
CONSERVANCY**



## CENTURY & BICENTENNIAL FARM PROGRAM

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In 1948 the **Bradford County Historical Society** of Pennsylvania began its own program, similar to the one in New York.

Due to growing interest in a **Bicentennial Farm Program**, and a constant effort to promote our agriculture heritage in the Commonwealth, the **Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture** began to administer a Bicentennial Farm Program in 2004. The Bicentennial Farm Program is ruled by similar standards to that of the Century Farm Program. Farms that have been in a family for more than 200 years are presented with a certificate of recognition and are often presented with other awards from organizations at the county and/or local level. The information on the applications and other information supplied by the applicants will be filed in the Archives of the **State Historical and Museum Commission**.

The Century and Bicentennial Farm Programs have been created to recognize those farms and farm families that have done so much to contribute to Pennsylvania's heritage. The farms and families have greatly varied histories, yet all have the common denominator of a durability and love of the land that is our heritage.

### Criteria

The same family must own the farm for at least 100 (Century Farm) or 200 (Bicentennial Farm) consecutive years. A family member must live on the farm on a permanent basis; and the farm must consist of at least 10 acres of the original holding, OR gross more than \$1,000 annually from the sale of farm products.

### Application Process

Applications must be completed, notarized and mailed to the Department of Agriculture for review. Certificates are then either presented or mailed to the recipient.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS PROGRAM:

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[agriculture.pa.gov/Plants\\_Land\\_Water/farmland/cbfp/Pages/default.aspx](http://agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/farmland/cbfp/Pages/default.aspx)

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

**Buck & Doe Trust** recognizes the work and the personal sacrifice that goes into all of our properties. We further recognize the special families who have made the tremendous commitment of farming their properties for 100+ years, sometimes over 200 years. Imagine this commitment on many levels! There are over 2,200 family farms through out Pennsylvania who have received either the **Century or Bicentury Farm recognition!** Of this number, Chester County has 48 of these farms. To break the numbers down further, our BDT area covering 6 townships celebrates 15+ families and their Century Farms!



## FAMILIES AND THEIR CENTURY FARMS! \*

**Thomas and Barbara Martin**  
(Lambortown Rd.)

**William and Linda Handy**  
(Coatesville)

**Landis Reid** (Parkesburg)

**Richard Barnard**  
(Larkspur Dr., Kennett)

**Charles and Jane Brosius**  
(West Grove)

**David and Annabelle Light**  
(Cochranville)

**Alice Scott** (Coatesville)

**Helen Young** (Youngs Rd.)

**Marie Clark** (Martins Corner)

**Harold and Ruth Thompson**  
(Green Valley Rd.)

**Bertha and Tom Scott**  
(Old Stottsville Rd.)

**Joanne Cruse** (Newark Rd.)

**David Herr** (Highland Rd.)

**Bill Moore** (Howell-Moore Rd.)

**Kathryn Topper** (Topper Lane)

*\*Original names submitted to program*



**THANK YOU, ELLEN FERRETTI!**

We bid a bittersweet farewell to **Ellen Ferretti** as she left her post as Director of the **Brandywine Conservancy**. After more than five years as an accomplished champion for conservation at the Brandywine, Ellen returned to her home in Dallas, PA, to begin a new job as Executive Director of **North Branch Land Trust** — a fellow accredited member of the **Land Trust Alliance** — where she had helped establish this organization early in her career.

Ellen was highly effective during her tenure as the Director of the

## A NEW CHAPTER FOR THE BRANDYWINE'S ELLEN FERRETTI

Brandywine Conservancy, managing a team of 25 people and developing many key relationships in land conservation and with our stewardship and municipal partners. During her time here she was responsible for 490 easements, developing several preserves throughout southeastern and southwestern Pennsylvania, and led staff in gaining an additional 30 easements and nearly 6,000 acres of conserved land, adding to the Brandywine's total facilitation of more than 68,000 acres of permanently preserved land.

"Of her many accomplishments while working at the Brandywine Conservancy, Ellen reorganized, reimagined and transitioned the Conservancy's organizational structure, fostering greater collaboration across the organization and creating paths of advancement for emerging leaders," said **Virginia Logan**, The Frolic Weymouth Executive Director & C.E.O. of the **Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art**. "Staff development was one of her shining accomplishments and we remain grateful for her dedicated and thoughtful leadership during her

tenure at Brandywine. We will miss her personally and professionally and wish her continued success in her new post."

Under Ellen's leadership, the Conservancy shifted to a more people-centered approach, working with landowners and community members to be more collaborative in preserving vital natural resources. Ellen exemplified this approach and built a mission-based culture of cooperation and respect between staff, easement landowners, and the broader land trust community.

This strategic approach also led to many partnerships united under shared conservation goals. Chadds Ford Township Manager, **Maryann Furlong**, who worked closely with Ellen, commented, "Although we worked for entirely different entities, many of our goals regarding conservation and protection of the environment were the same. We swapped many letters of support for various grant applications and Ellen was a generous and willing collaborator."

**Amy McKenna**, President of the **Buck and Doe Trust**, stated, "Ellen



## DOWNTOWN COATESVILLE :

### Kirsten Werner, Natural Lands

Nature isn't just found in wide-open spaces; it can be found in every neighborhood. But some neighborhoods could be greener. This is especially true in some of the region's more densely populated communities.

Enter the **Greening Coatesville Initiative** — a collaboration among **Natural Lands**, the **City of Coatesville**, **Brandywine Health Foundation**, city residents, and other partner organizations. This long-term effort aims to revitalize the community's parks and build local capacity to maintain and offer programs in those important outdoor spaces.

**COATESVILLE PLAN - VISIT** [agriculture.pa.gov/Plants\\_Land\\_Water/farmland/cbfp/Pages/default.aspx](http://agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/farmland/cbfp/Pages/default.aspx)

# SUPPORTING LAND & WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION

clearly understood and shared our passion for the land, the history and the community! She had a wonderful ability to quietly and compassionately work together to successfully meet everyone's needs. She has become a dear friend through the years. While we will miss her, she has built a strong, lasting foundation on many levels. We are looking forward to our continued work with the Brandywine as partners in the conservation community!"

With **Stephanie Armpriester** and **Grant DeCosta** stepping up as Acting Co-Directors, Ellen's foundational work will not be lost as staff continue to build and steward Brandywine's conservation successes and landowner relationships in the future.

Stephanie has over 13 years' experience in the non-profit, private and public sectors in Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey. She specializes in agricultural and conservation easement preparation, historic preservation, and land use planning. In her role at the Conservancy, she works with landowners to preserve their land in perpetuity. Stephanie also provides technical assistance to municipalities and other stakeholders to connect conservation to



**GRANT DECOSTA AND STEPHANIE ARMPRIESTER**

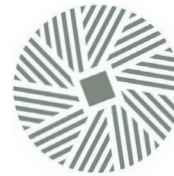
water quality improvement and assists them in creating innovative solutions to meet local and regional water quality goals. She holds a Master's degree in **Historic Preservation Planning from Cornell University.**

Grant has over 16 years' experience in conservation and environmental policy work in the non-profit, private, and public sectors. Mr. DeCosta specializes in land use planning, conservation, and implementation of land restoration projects for water quality improvement. In his

role at the Conservancy, Grant works with landowners, municipalities, regulators and policy makers to provide a holistic approach to natural resource conservation and protection. He holds a B.S. in **Forestry and Wildlife Science from Virginia Tech.**

In addition to their dual leadership role overseeing the Conservancy's operations,

Stephanie leads the Brandywine's work in easement stewardship and land conservation, while Grant supervises work in municipal assistance and land restoration.



## :: A FRESH START FOR ASH PARK.

**Ash Park**—Downtown Coatesville's largest park—was once the social hub of the community, with an in-ground pool, grassy fields, and a vibrant playground under shady trees. Over the years, without funding to support its facilities or maintenance, the 9.3-acre park was ready for a fresh start.

The final master plan for Ash Park, which **Natural Lands** created with extensive partner and community input, addresses stormwater issues, provides a cooling (and more affordable) replacement for the defunct pool, and includes myriad nature elements. There's a sledding hill, a native wildflower meadow, additional shade trees, a misting station and splash pad, an

improved (and relocated) playground, and a wetland to collect stormwater—complete with a boardwalk over it.

Said **Donald Folks**, Coatesville City councilperson, "The reconstruction of Ash Park will build strength in our community, and it can once again be a hub for families to play and learn."

Learn more about Natural Lands' work to save open space, care for nature, and connect people to the outdoors at Natural Land's website [natlands.org](http://natlands.org)



# SUPPORTING LAND & WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION



**MFHA MEMBERS** – ACROSS THE COUNTRY, HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN PRESERVING OVER 1.5 MILLION ACRES

## “PRESERVATION FOLLOWS FOXHUNTING”

There is an old adage: **“Preservation follows Foxhunting”**. This is so true as the **Master of Fox Hounds Assoc. (MFHA)** members across the country have been directly involved in preserving over 1.5 million acres. If one analyzes the hunts along the eastern seaboard, one will see pockets of preservation aligned with the local hunt clubs’ territories. We are fortunate to experience this locally with the **Radnor Hunt** (Willistown Township), **Cheshire Hunt Conservancy** (Unionville area) and **Andrews Bridge Foxhounds** (Southern Chester County into Lancaster County).

Annually, MFHA selects a worthy recipient for their **Hunting Habitat Conservation Award**. The **Andrews Bridge Foxhounds** were recently honored with the 2021 Hunting Habitat Conservation Award for their significant contributions. Past recipients of this award were **Mr. George A. “Frolic” Weymouth** and the **Brandywine Conservancy**, and **Mr. Stewart’s Cheshire Foxhounds**.

### The guidelines for this prestigious award are:

DISTINCTIVE AND CONTINUING PROGRAMS FOR MAINTAINING WILDLIFE HABITAT – NOT JUST FOR FOXES OR COYOTES – BUT FOR ALL FAUNA AND FLORA.

A SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO THE PLACEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF OPEN LANDS INTO PERPETUAL EASEMENT – HUNTING, SCENIC, HISTORICAL, CONSERVATION, ETC.

FOSTERING AND SUPPORTING A CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION OR FOUNDATION TO CONSERVE LARGE TRACTS OF LAND AND THE INDIGENOUS WILDLIFE.

ORGANIZED EFFORTS AIMED AT EDUCATING THE GENERAL PUBLIC – PARTICULARLY THE YOUNG – ON THE NEED TO CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES.

THE FORMATION OF ALLIANCES OR WORKING IN CONCERT WITH OTHER CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS.

A HUNT THAT CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS TOWARD THE PRESERVATION OF LAND, OPEN SPACE AND HABITAT.

We continue to owe a debt of gratitude to the landowners, often horse enthusiasts, for permanently conserving their property. Furthermore, we must include those special individuals who spent an enormous amount of time and energy (often anonymously) behind the scenes. Collectively their efforts have provided much of the open space we know today. Horse disciplines in our area have expanded beyond foxhunting today. One might want to ponder an interesting thought each time you see a horse. Preserving our countryside may have been partly rooted in **THE HORSE!**



**PRESERVING OUR COUNTRYSIDE**  
MAY BE SIGNIFICANTLY ROOTED IN THE HORSE!

# SUPPORTING LAND & WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION

## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY (AKA TRASH PICK-UP)

The **Buck & Doe Trust Board** would like to thank those who were able to join us in March for our Adopt-A-Highway (aka trash pick-up) along the Rt 82 corridor. **Barbara Stewart** coordinated the morning along with providing her homemade raspberry oatmeal bars. Yum! We were joined by our neighbors along with the **Cheshire Hunt** and **S.A.V.E.!** A special thanks to **Hugh Lofting** (Hugh 2) and **West Marlborough Township** for their help too! Thank you, thank you! The group effort really makes a difference in cleaning up our countryside!

*It was great to see everyone!*



THE LITTER CREW **ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PICK-UP** ALONG RT 82

## INTERESTING HISTORICAL NOTES ABOUT OUR LOCAL TOWNSHIPS:

**EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP** IS SAID TO BE NAMED FOR LANCELOT FALLOWFIELD, ONE OF THE FIRST PURCHASERS OF LAND FROM WILLIAM PENN.

**EAST MARLBOROUGH AND WEST MARLBOROUGH TOWNSHIPS** WERE CARVED OUT OF THE LARGER MARLBOROUGH TOWNSHIP IN 1729.

**LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP** WAS OFFICIALLY CREATED IN 1734 WHEN ITS SCOTCH-IRISH IMMIGRANT RESIDENTS VOTED TO SECEDE FROM NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP. IT IS NAMED AFTER THE CITY OF LONDONDERRY, IRELAND WHICH IS IN PRESENT-DAY NORTHERN IRELAND.

**LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP** WAS INCORPORATED IN 1723, AND IS HOME TO THE HISTORIC VILLAGE OF CHATHAM.

**NEWLIN TOWNSHIP:** IN 1724 NATHANIEL NEWLIN TOOK POSSESSION OF 7100 ACRES FROM THE FREE SOCIETY OF TRADERS WHO HAD PURCHASED THESE ACRES AND MORE FROM WILLIAM PENN IN 1681. IN 1840-1 THE NEWLIN TRACT OF LAND BECAME A TOWNSHIP AND WAS NAMED AFTER NATHANIEL NEWLIN.

IN 1853 WEST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP WAS DIVIDED TO FORM **HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP**. THE NEW TOWNSHIP WAS APPROPRIATELY NAMED HIGHLAND, AS IT WAS THE HIGHEST PART OF THE ORIGINAL WEST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP.

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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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