

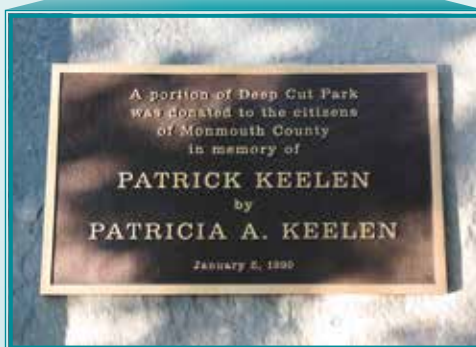
THE FRIENDS OF THE PARKS HAVE BEEN QUITE BUSY!

Donations

Memorial donations are a touching way to remember a loved one. Memorial and honorary trees and benches were placed throughout the Monmouth County Park System. Benches were installed in scenic locations along the trails at: the Manasquan Reservoir, the Henry Hudson Trail, Deep Cut Gardens, Tatum Park, Thompson Park, Hartshorne Woods Park, Holmdel Park and Turkey Swamp Park. Memorial trees were planted in the Thompson Park Memorial Tree Grove. The donation value totaled \$8,793.60.



The Friends of the Parks would like to acknowledge the donation of blue stone picnic tables and benches to Deep Cut Gardens from the Walker, Keelen, and O'Keefe families honoring Patrick and Patricia Keelen. This donation honored their contributions to Deep Cut Gardens. The family and the Park System hosted a dedication ceremony honoring this legacy.



Thanks to the generosity of the late Barbara Wotherspoon Knott and her daughters, the Deep Cut Gardens bonsai collection has 40 new specimens of bonsais. Barbara was a member of the Monmouth County Bonsai Society and resided in Little Silver. These pieces are valued at approximately \$18,000. The trees are currently on display at Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown.



Friends of the Parks Annual Membership Meeting

The Friends of the Parks Annual Membership Meeting was March 25th at Hominy Hill Golf Course. Members were treated to a presentation by Park System Naturalist Joe Reynolds, who gave an illustrated discussion on Monmouth County's marine life. Monmouth County Park System's Planning Supervisor Paul Gleitz presented on the Monmouth County Open Space Plan. Members were apprised of our accomplishments in 2016.

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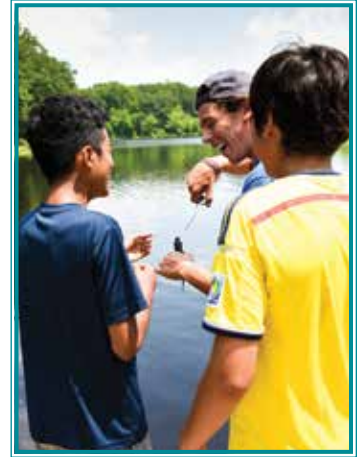
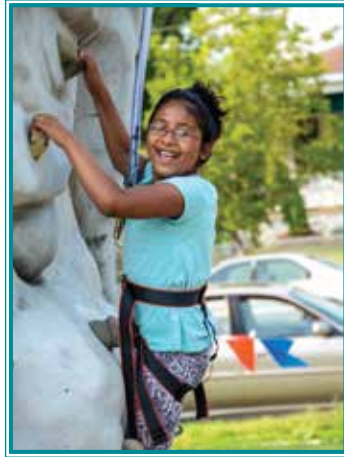
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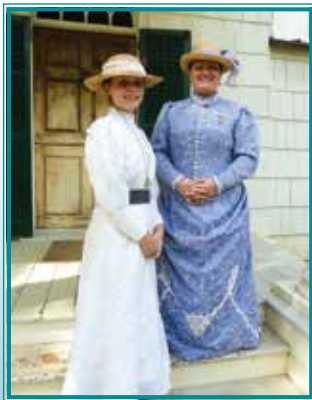
Recreation Assistance Program

Children from underserved communities such as Asbury Park, Neptune Township, Neptune City, and Long Branch are able to participate in after school and summer programs because of generous donations to the Friends of the Parks. An end of the school year barbeque is held at the Coastal Activity Center in Asbury Park. Extreme Team campers are taken to the Monmouth County Fair, followed by an overnight camp-out at Turkey Swamp Park. Twenty-eight lucky children get a chance to be up close with the Harlem Globe Trotters. December 3, the Coastal Activity Center was the host to 300 guests as Santa delivered gifts and was available for photos. The Friends treated everyone to lunch and an all-around good time with prizes, dancing and games with our elf DJ.



Therapeutic Recreation

Therapeutic Recreation is for individuals of all ages with disabilities. Each year the Friends of the Parks funds a trip to the beach, semi-formal dinner dance (with a DJ, gifts, prizes, refreshments and food), and a trip to see Disney on Ice at the Meadowlands.



Special Projects

This summer, docents at Historic Longstreet Farm were treated to a lovely new summer frock with matching parasol and a period style bathing suit.



A Taste of History Highlights the Historic Significance of Monmouth County's WWII Coastal Defense at Hartshorne Woods Park Battery Lewis

On April 25th, over 140 guests joined the Friends in honoring NJ State Senator Joseph M. Kyrillos, Jr. Party goers sampled over 50 varieties of wines, beer and spirits while tasting scrumptious hors d'oeuvres. The event celebrated the renovation completion of Battery Lewis interpretative historic exhibits at Hartshorne Woods Park, Highlands. The Friends have contributed over \$101,000 for research, development, fabrication and installation of these exhibits over the past three years.

"The Friends were honored to commemorate Monmouth County's place in history as a vital part of the coastal defense from alien invasion during WWII. At the same time we were thrilled to honor Monmouth County's Joseph Kyrillos, Jr. and celebrate his role in serving our county for over 25 years," said Friends Board Member Christopher Brett.

Honorary and Memorial Donations

Restricted Honorary Donations

Recreation Assistance Program

In Honor of Kate Britton's 4th Birthday from Karen & Douglas Greene

Thompson Park Tree Grove

In Honor of Magnolia Clifton from Genevieve & Lawrence Clifton

Restricted Memorial Donations

9-11 Memorial, Mt. Mitchill Scenic Overlook

In Memory of Claude Rabache from Friends of the Navesink Highlands

Deep Cut Gardens

In Memory of Joseph Nagy from Mariann Musella

In Memory of Kathryn Silverio from Vincent Silverio & Family for a bench

Deep Cut Gardens Commemorative Tree

In Memory of Chris Blake from Heather Kimball Colella

In Memory of Robert A. Malmi from Susan Malmi

In Memory of Robert R. Meehan, Jr. from Tabatha Sajevo

In Memory of Kathryn Silverio from Vincent Silverio

In Memory of Florence & Wei-Wu Wang from Betty Chien

Education & Training for Staff

In Memory of Robert Borchert, Bob Cain, Gary Cole, Max Compton, Wayne Connelly, Luis Escalante, Mike Fowler, Colleen Grothusen, David Johnston, Thomas Joseph Moran, Richard O'Connor, Rebecca Sardoni, Audrey Vaughn, Judy Avallone from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer

Holmdel Park

In Memory of Jeannette S. Cevasco from Angela Pfister for a bench

Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park

In Memory of Mike "Spike" Fowler from Mike Tomaino and the lifeguard staff for a bench

Therapeutic Recreation

In Memory of Jacques Gagne from Mary Jane & Harry Smith

Thompson Park Tree Grove

In Memory of Louise Amelia Day from Pam Husik

In Memory of Josephine Freyer from Kate Andrews

In Memory of Bernice Jailer from Linda Hodgins

In Memory of Bill McCandless from Nancy McCandless

In Memory of Robert R. Meehan, Jr. from Tabatha Sajevo

In Memory of Ann Ruffin from James O'Mealia, Sunnymeach Asset Mgmt., Inc.

In Memory of Matthew T. Schiek from Cynthia Shanosky

In Memory of Kathryn Silverio from Vincent Silverio

In Memory of Christopher L. Tanis from Natalie Sequeira

Turkey Swamp Park

In Memory of Arefeh Roshani and M.S. Dowlatshahi from Cheryl & Jahangir Dowlatshahi

Unrestricted Memorial Donations

In Memory of Michael Bodner from John D'Amico

In Memory of Jean Brock from Maria Wojciechowski

In Memory of Bob Cain from Maria Wojciechowski

In Memory of Max Compton from Debbie Tamburello

In Memory of Max Compton from Maria Wojciechowski

In Memory of Peggy Crowley from Mary Jane & Harry Smith

In Memory of Dorothy DeSantis from Maria Wojciechowski

In Memory of Adeline Lubkert from Frances Chludzinski

In Memory of Adeline Lubkert from Mariann Musella

In Memory of Adeline Lubkert from Sam Shramko

In Memory of Evan O'Rourke from Ruth Ann Zobel

In Memory of Jennifer L. Pierson from Ruth Ann Zobel

In Memory of Armand St. Pierre from Mary Jane & Harry Smith

In Memory of Kathryn Silverio from Maryann & Frank Simone

Welcome New Friends of the Parks Members

1st Constitution Bank

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Extreme Team Camp at Turkey Swamp Park