

SPECIAL PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2016

WOLF HILL DISC GOLF COURSE STATION HOOKS - \$356



Disc Golf is the hottest rage in tournament team sports. Disc Golf is based on the game of golf, substituting Frisbees and chain baskets. Like traditional golf, courses have obstacles and the lowest score determines the winner. The Friends were honored to purchase the course equipment in 2014 and have now supplemented the course with station hooks that are designed to hold equipment during play. Wolf Hill Recreation Area is located in Oceanport.

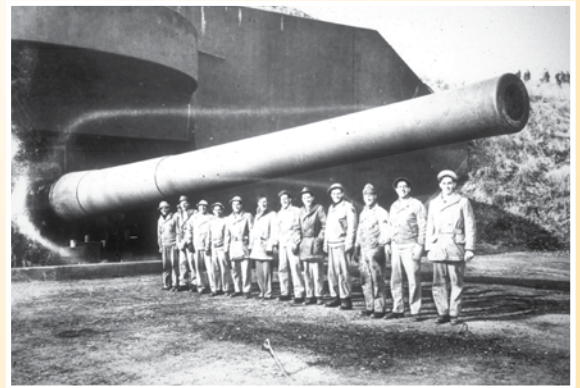


HISTORIC SERVICES COSTUMES - \$127

Historic replicas of work dresses and period style swimwear for staff and docents.

INTERPRETIVE EXHIBIT FABRICATION FOR BATTERY LEWIS – \$18,000

Funding for fabrication of the Battery Lewis interpretive exhibits in Hartshorne Woods Park, Highlands. Battery Lewis was part of North Atlantic Coastal Defense to defend New York Harbor from German invasion during WWII. The *Friends of the Parks* have contracted a professional exhibit designer to develop, fabricate and install the interpretive displays.



2016 ANNUAL DISTRIBUTIONS

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS & PROGRAMS FOR URBAN YOUTH – \$14,614

The Friends of the Parks continue to support the Urban Recreation Department through the Recreation Assistance Program (RAP) by providing 20 scholarships for children from Monmouth County's underserved communities. These campers are able to participate in summer camps (including door-to-door transportation), boat tours, and farm tours. In addition the Friends of the Parks fund a trip to see the Harlem Globetrotters, an afternoon at Sky Zone, and holiday parties, and programs at the Park System's Coastal Activity Center in Asbury Park. Proceeds from our Annual RAP Appeal support this effort.



EMPLOYEE EDUCATION & TRAINING – \$6,490

Continuing education is an important component to keeping an organization vital. Monmouth County Park System employees were able to attend national training seminars and in-house training seminars for continuing education thanks to *Friends of the Parks* funding.

MEMORIAL & HONORARY DONATIONS – \$18,044



Deep Cut Gardens, Holmdel Park, Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, and Turkey Swamp Park have new benches for visitors to enjoy, thanks to several generous donors. In addition, several trees were planted in the Thompson Park Tree Grove.



VOLUNTEER EVENTS, TRAIL TOOLS, NATIONAL TRAILS DAY LUNCHEON, AND HOLIDAY CARDS – \$2,053

The *Friends of the Parks* are proud to show our appreciation for the volunteers of the Monmouth County Park System. We sponsor the National Trails Day Luncheon on the first Saturday in June, provide dessert at the Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon in March, and pay for Thanksgiving cards and postage. In addition, the *Friends of the Parks* were proud to purchase new tools for the volunteer trail team. These dedicated volunteers maintain over 125 miles of Monmouth County Park System trails.

HOLIDAY TRIP, SEMI-FORMAL, AND DAY AT THE BEACH FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES – \$1,848

Each year the *Friends of the Parks* sponsor the Therapeutic Recreation Semi-Formal at Tatum Park, Middletown. The group also attended a beach outing and *Disney on Ice*. The *Friends of the Parks* paid for admission, refreshments and transportation for participants and chaperons.

UPCOMING 2017 EVENTS:

Thursday, April 27 – Elegant Wine and Craft Beer Tasting, Holland Activity Center, Middletown

Wednesday, May 17 – Annual Golf Outing, Hominy Hill Golf Course, Colts Neck

Wednesday - Sunday, July 26 - 30 – Monmouth County Fair, East Freehold Showgrounds

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