



LANGHORNE OPEN SPACE

- A LAND TRUST -



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FOOTBRIDGE INSTALLED - CATAWISSA PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION



In late July, a large flatbed trailer arrived at the W. Watson entrance to Catawissa Nature Preserve. Strapped to its bed was the long-awaited footbridge. Hours later, after concrete footers were installed on either side of the creekbed, workers ferried the footbridge strapped to the arm of a huge excavator, to its permanent home spanning Catawissa Creek.

The 20' long steel and wood structure now provides pedestrian access to the eastern portion of Catawissa Nature Preserve, a key objective of the 2-year long improvement project. A new loop trail meanders through the park, featuring an informational sign at an observation site overlooking the restored streambank.

"We couldn't be more pleased with the footbridge, and how its rustic appearance fits with the natural setting," commented **Pat Carr**, President of Langhorne Open Space. Adds **Carol Zetterberg**, LOSI's Director of Funding, "We're thrilled that the public now has access to the all of the nature preserve. It's gratifying to see so many walkers taking advantage of the expanded trails."

The Catawissa beautification and streambank restoration project has been many years in the making. Following several years

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Footbridge arrives at W. Watson Avenue park entrance.



NEW SIGN ERECTED AT HERITAGE FARM



For decades, the sign at the entrance to Heritage Farm has welcomed visitors to this placid oasis on North Green Street. In October of this year, the sign was replaced and a new garden created at the north side of the Farmhouse driveway. (Note that the old sign has been retained and is stored in the "artifact" room in the main barn.)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS TREE AND WREATH SALE

SALE DATES:

Sunday, Dec. 1 ~ 9AM – 3PM

Saturday, Dec. 7 ~ 9AM – 3PM

Sunday, Dec. 8 ~ 9AM – 3PM

Saturday, Dec. 14 ~ 9AM – 3PM

CHRISTMAS TREE UNLOADING

Saturday, Nov. 30 ~ 7AM

Volunteers Needed! See article on back



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of planning, vendor evaluation, and fundraising/grant-writing spearheaded by Langhorne Open Space, the implementation phase of the project began two years ago. The massive project involved restoring and fortifying a severely eroded streambank, beautification of the Maple Avenue entrance, signage installation, trail improvements (including handicap accessibility to the main segment), and extensive plantings to re-establish wooded areas disturbed by the construction. Overseen jointly by Langhorne Borough and LOSI, the project is now nearing completion.



Footbridge is placed on concrete footers.



East now meets West at Catawissa Nature Preserve.

NEW SIGN AT HERITAGE FARM

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The new sign is two-sided and is mounted parallel to Green Street. Langhorne Open Space Board members felt the new orientation would be more noticeable to drivers, cyclists and pedestrians passing by. The size, shape, colors, and wording of the new sign are virtually identical to that of its predecessor. To ensure a long life, the new sign is made of HDU (high density urethane).

As part of the project, the area surrounding the sign was re-landscaped following a design created by Board member **Lou Procaccino**. A retired landscaper, Lou designed a surrounding garden intended to give prominence to the sign. The design features a collection of low-profile, low-maintenance permanent plantings, with two sections reserved for annuals.

Please come by to see the attractive new sign-garden that your generosity has made possible! As with most of our undertakings, this project was undertaken without using tax revenues.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need a volunteer to help update the signs and banners for LOSI's various events. All materials and training provided. Requires patience and good humor to remove and re-apply new vinyl decals as dates change for our events. If interested, please contact Pat Carr (215-757-3630, or information@langhorneopenspace.org)

WRITERS AT THE FARM

Writers-at-the-Farm celebrated the month of October with a field trip to the Michener Museum in Doylestown. While there, they enjoyed many things, including studying paintings by the Bucks County Impressionists. The group met in the meditative room honoring sculptor Nakashima while discussing the room's unique simplicity and reflective nature. The visit finished up with lunch at the Michener's Café. In November, members of Writers-at-the-Farm will share writings on their reflections on an artwork they found especially memorable.



"Writers-at-the-Farm" facilitator Johnathan Giello and mother Stephanie.

TIME TO APPLY FOR AN ARTIST-AT-THE-FARM STUDIO FOR 2020

The 2019 Artists-at-the-Farm season is now wrapping up. Plans for the 2020 season are already in the works, including a group show at Langhorne Borough's popular Coffee House at the corner of Maple and Bellevue Avenues.

Lenny Chai, LOSI Board member, has recently volunteered to assist in administering the Artist-at-the-Farm program. His wife, artist and photographer **Ying** has managed the popular Children's Art tables at Farm Flea Markets. Ying and Lenny together initiated the concept of an entire family (they have two children) renting a studio at Heritage Farm. People (or families) interested in applying for the 2020 season should check the website for details (langhorneopenspace.org), or contact **Carol Zetterberg** at Carolzetterberg@gmail.com for availability.

UPCOMING ART CLASS: DECORATE YOUR HOME WITH YOUR OWN UNIQUE WORK OF ART

Ever dream of creating a wonderful holiday gift for someone you love? Or maybe just for yourself? **Joan Curtis's** popular class on making one-of-a-kind, lasting floor coverings is returning to Heritage Farm by popular demand.

Students of Joan's former classes have amazed themselves by crafting artwork of unique and distinctive designs. Some students display them on their floors, but others use them as wall hangings. Instructor Joan Curtis is a current Artist-at-the-Farm; her widely appreciated artwork has been featured at multiple Designer Houses in Doylestown.

The next class is scheduled for Saturday, November 23. Students receive an entire day of one-on-one small-group instruction, plus all materials and all supplies, including paints (and delicious home-baked snacks)! Bring your own design or choose from the hundreds Joan offers. Cost - only \$95. Send your check to **Phil Miele**, LOSI Treasurer at 940 Langhorne-Yardley Road, Langhorne, PA 19047, or save your spot with a deposit of \$25. Questions? For more details, contact Joan at oscarwilde946@gmail.com or 215-595-7506.

STONE MEADOWS FARM UPDATE

Plans for development of the Stone Meadows Farm parcel (located on Rte 413 north of St. Mary Medical Center) were submitted four years ago. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of an organization called **Save Stone Meadows**, with assistance from Langhorne Open Space, the development plans remain unapproved to this day.

As you know, the plans from Metropolitan Development Group calls for 123 houses to be built on this farm. Due in large measure to strong community opposition, the Middletown Planning Commission has rejected various iterations of the plans, citing zoning violations, traffic concerns, stormwater issues, and road design. Other concerns include additional delays for emergency service access to St. Mary Medical Center on already-crowded roadways.

Middletown Township is currently revising its Comprehensive Plan, and is welcoming input from the public regarding open space, traffic mitigation, and recreation. Please consult the Middletown Twp website for upcoming meetings concerning the Stone Meadows development plan review as well as Comprehensive Plan input.

*Thanks to **Florence Wharton** for this update.*

2019 MEMBERSHIP TILE UNVEILED

LOSI's new membership tile was presented this fall to members contributing \$100 or more to the annual membership drive. This year's limited production tile depicts our beloved farmhouse as it looked when Edward and Marguerite Vogenberger farmed the property. Ceramic artist, **Mandy Baker** of Whispering Hill Studio in Warrington rendered the tile based on a 1966 photograph. This is the first of our many membership tiles that has featured the farmhouse. We're pleased to know that it has met with rave reviews from our members.



2019 Membership Tile



LOSI Thanks Our Community Businesses for Their Support

Langhorne Open Space would like to thank the many local businesses who support our efforts. Each of these merchants has donated significantly discounted or free services, provided gifts for our annual membership drive or supported us financially. We ask our members to frequent these community businesses, thanking them for helping us each year.

B&B Remodeling
Bob Prizer & Bill Sosna
215-752-2422

The Café at Langhorne
Stacie DiPiazza, Tricia Guerra
215-757-0929

Judy's Corner Custom Framing
Judy Sloan
215-757-6158

Marte & Toadvine
Charles Marte, Esq.
215-757-0344



Bella Tori Restaurant
Paul Manes
321 S. Bellevue Ave.
215-702-9600

First National Bank & Trust
Company of Newtown
Dave Carson
www.fnbn.com
215-757-1577

K.E. Seifert Plumbing, Inc.
Kevin Seifert
www.KESeifert.com
215-752-9080

Masselle's Auto Body
Steve Masselle
www.MasselleAutoBody.com
215-752-7658

Belmont's Garage
Andy Belmont
633 W. Maple Ave.
215-757-3813

Hollingsworth Plumbing &
Heating
Jim Hollingsworth
215-757-3456

Langhorne Coffee House
Tim James
www.LanghorneCoffeeHouse.com
215-757-6070

Anthony Sinagoga Photography
Anthony Sinagoga
www.AnthonySinagoga.com
215-920-2681

Brother's Pizza
Pat & Sal
www.BrothersPizza.com
215-757-1057

Integrated Construction Services
Eric D'Emidio
215-757-0001

Langhorne Hardware
Hank Carfagno
215-757-7699

Transue Tree and Lawn Service
Kevin Transue
Langhorne
215-870-1388

Buddy's Barber Shop
215-757-9280

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - LOU PROCACCINO

Our volunteer spotlight this issue shines on **Lou Procaccino**. Lou is a four-year member of the LOSI Board of Directors and active volunteer. Lou first became aware of LOSI in 1996 when he and his wife Linda moved to Langhorne Borough. They quickly became members and have both provided support through their volunteerism ever since.

Having owned and managed a landscaping business for many years, Lou is now retired. To LOSI's benefit, Lou has generously lent his expertise to the Farm on a variety of projects.

Most recently, Lou took on the restoration of the Bullpen area (better known now as the Meditation Garden), which sits behind the main barn. He began by painting the interior walls of the Bullpen, but this project morphed into a full-fledged restoration of not only the interior walls but a re-landscaping and restoration of the interior of the Bullpen. Lou was assisted on this project during the 2019 summer by another Farm volunteer, **David Maksymovich**.

This area, nearly completed, lends itself perfectly as a peaceful area in which one can enjoy a quiet escape from the busy world. Lou has asked that if anyone has pots of perennial plants or garden statuary to consider donating them to add to the Meditation Garden.



Lou Procaccino in the Bullpen Meditation Garden.

On yet another project, a new Farm sign has been installed at the entrance to the property. Once again, Lou stepped up to lend his knowledge to design a re-landscape of the garden surrounding the sign. The sign and the surrounding garden were installed this October (see Farm sign article in this issue).

Lou asked that we include his favorite quote related to volunteerism and giving of one's time for others: *"Letting go of our possessions means letting go of our 'attachments' to our possessions."*

Thank you Lou for all that you do for Langhorne Open Space!



2019 Langhorne Open Space Membership

Many thanks to the members who have renewed their support and trust in Langhorne Open Space in 2019.

We welcome our new members and thank all of our supporters and volunteers for a great year!

Carol Ann Aicher & Douglas Lane	Mary Ann Feoli	Caroline Mael	James & Jennifer Rogers
Laura-Lee Macht Bearss	Kurt & Dale Festa	John & Joanna Magee	Susan & Richard L. Rogers
Bob & Noreen Bell	First National Bank of Newtown	David Maksymovich & Robert Williams	Dana & Wendy Rollins
Andy Belmont (Belmont's Garage)	Betty & Jim Flis	Howard & Elizabeth Maresch	Jean Rounsaville
Jill (Atkins) Bemis	Four Lanes End Garden Club	Dave & Sally Marrington	Renee & John Rumsey
Jim & Donna Betz	Jane & Paul Scutt Fremont	Theresa Martian	Linda Scammell
Joseph & Elizabeth Birbeck	Jack & Karen Fulton	Jolene Martin	P. Leslie Schaumberg
Chris & Mary Blaydon	Edward & Barbara Gerhard	Richard & Sydney Mason	Paul & Joanne Schneider
Jane Boyle	Richard & Valerie Greger	Steve Masselle's Auto Body, Inc.	Gary & Cheri Schnittjer
Robert & JoAnn Bradley	Donna Gruber	Jim & Ann Marie McAneney	Anne Schu
Natalia Bridy	Lee & Yuka Haelters	Diane McCabe	Richard & Wanda Search
Betty Bunting	Tom & Kay Haggerty	MaryJane & Gerald McHugh	Lynne Seidel
Mabel E. (Betty) Callahan	Kerry & Joel Hammon	Oliver Lee Merrick III	Stanley & Diana Silverman
Pat & Betsy Carr	William & Amparo Harpel	Lance & Pat Mervine	Pat & Robert Sorensen
Brendan Carr	Bill & Linda Heinemann	Phil & Debbie Miele	William & Jean Sosna
Maggie Carr	Harry & Ruth Hibbs	Peter & Bonnie Miles	Al & Jackie Sozio
Matthew Carr	Sharon & Woody Hill	Marjorie & Jeff Minton	Bill & Jackie Stout
Ying & Lenny Chai	Jim & Cheryl Hollingsworth	Pete & Dora Mitchell	Diane Stout
Carla Chamberlin (Quinlisk)	Paul & Kathleen Horwatt	Gia & Jeff Mora	Daniel & Tara Tamburello
Roger & Barbara Chatot	Diane & Paul Hunter	Mary Elaine Moser	George & Suzanne Tessier
Joseph & Dawn Clabbers	Rena & Barry Jacobson	Loretta Nesti	Kari Thomas
Neil & Kim Clabbers	Angela Jannelli	Kirt & Barb Niedrist	Gerald & Evelyn Throne
Ruth & Robert Clewell	Chris Janzen	Dick O'Hern & Polly Lodge	Stacy & James Tomlinson
John & Shelley Cloak	Eric & Diane Johnson	Sandy & Mary Oppenheimer	Cheryl Travagline
Scott & Gigi Cowan	Chi-Chien & Te Hua Liu Kao	Judy Pae	Patricia Triebel
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Lois Cwiklinski	Thomas & Jill Kearns	Mark & Gina Pardovich	Stephen & Diane Van Schoyck
Alma & Paul Dallas	Vince & Cindi Keenan	John & Kathie Parry	Ed & Peg Vollberg
Bill & Sheila Dawe	William & Nan Kent	Amy & Matthew Pfluger	Jessica Walcott
Joe & Joann De Chico	Barry & Helen Kirsch	Catherine Anne Porter	Charlene & Jack Watts
Carol Deaver	Joe & Magdalene Klimek	Louis & Linda Procaccino	Bernadine & Steven Weng
Beth Delaney	Helga Kogut	Don & Barbara Quinn	Deborah Weyman
Anna Marie & Vincent DellaVella	Harold & Marlene Kohn	Robert & Jennifer Race	Robert & Florence Wharton
Keith & Maria DeVore	William & Teresa Kolenda	Joseph & Sue Reilly, Sr.	Dan & Mary Ellen Wright
Mary (Ardelle) Dick	Dan & Barbara Kolisnyk	John & Eileen Reither	William & Loraine Wysor
Robert Duaima	Andrea & Richard White Lamberth	Michael & Rachel Renshaw	John & Donna Yocum
Charles & Linda Edwards	Lawrence Langhans	Regina Renshaw	Diana Zawadowycz
James Edwards	Frank (Chip) Lovich, Jr.	Marlene Ricketts	Larry & Carol Zetterberg
Joan Feldman-Plumb	Romaine Boyer Macht	Lane Riland, Ph D.	

Associate Members

We welcome our Community Gardeners as Associate Members of Langhorne Open Space, and appreciate their contributions to this wonderful organization!

Catherine Albano	Meredith Cutter	David Kane	Stewart McEwing	Wendy Romano	Troy Termyna
Margaret Allan	Lori Delp	Eugene Kelmansky	Brian McLendon	Ekaterina (Kate) Romanova	George & Pat Topcio
Craig Bork	Anja Djuginov	Colleen King	Craig & Rose Nay	Andrea Roof	Cindy & Hank Whittenberg
Boris Borovskiy	Robert Farrow	Joe Kovalcheck	Megan Olexa	George Saba	Maria Wild
Grahm R. Bowe	Rachael Fullan	John Lisa	Cindy Paella	Maria Sherry	Francis Wright
Hezekiah Bunde	Rachael Gnias	Michael Little	Steven Pastor	Mike & Olena Sheveleva	Darren Zatuchney
Glen Childers	Valerie Hendricks	Maddie Loucks	Caputo Ralph	Robin Silverman	
Kaia Christiansen	Wesley Johnson	Karen Macainsh	Manasa Reddy	Leonid Steingart	

Your support is needed and appreciated. It's time to renew your membership for 2020.

To save us postage on our annual membership mailing, please fill out the form on the next page. Thank you!



BECOME A MEMBER!

GUARDIAN

Donation of \$1,000 or more

A rustic birdhouse will be placed either at Catawissa Nature Preserve or Heritage Farm as a lasting tribute. Our birdhouses, which are made by Amish craftsmen, house multiple nests. If you wish, you may dedicate it in honor of an important event, or in memory of a loved one. In addition to having your name engraved on a plaque which is permanently displayed at Heritage Farm, you will receive one of the gifts described below.

PATRON

Donation of \$500 - \$999

You will receive a beautiful Gift Basket, together with one of the gifts described below. Also, your name will be engraved on a Plaque which is permanently displayed at Heritage Farm.

PROTECTOR

Donation of \$250 - \$499

You will receive a Protector Gift and a Commemorative Tile as described below.

Commemorative Tile

Ceramic artist Mandy Baker has custom designed a hand-glazed tile for Langhorne Open Space. Each run (limited to just one hundred) depicts a pastoral or historic scene in Langhorne/ Bucks County.

LEGACY MEMBER

Donation of \$200 - \$249

You will receive a Limited Edition Legacy Tile as described below.

SUSTAINING MEMBER

Donation of \$100 - \$199

You will receive a Limited Edition Commemorative Tile as described below.

FRIEND

Donation of \$50 - \$99

You will receive a Matted Print of an original Catawissa Nature Preserve or Heritage Farm scene by Langhorne photographer Anthony Sinagoga.

MEMBER

Donation of \$25 - \$49

You will receive a free subscription to Langhorne Open Space's newsletter.

About our Gifts

Legacy Tile

A collection of limited edition tiles from the earlier days of Langhorne Open Space. Many of these collectors' item tiles commemorate LOSI's past preservation milestones.

Protector Gift

This year's gift is an umbrella imprinted with the Langhorne Open Space logo.



Your Tax Deductible Gift Can Help Preserve, Protect & Restore . . .

Please Check (✓) Your Desired Membership Level:

- Guardian (\$1000 or more) Protector (\$250-\$499) Sustaining Member (\$100-\$199) Member (\$25-\$49)
- Patron (\$500-\$999) Legacy (\$200-\$249) Friend (\$50-\$99) Please check here if you would prefer not to receive a gift this year.

Your Help is Needed. Please Check (✓) How You Would Like to Help:

- Annual Membership Drive Property Upkeep & Renovations Open Space Protection Initiatives
- Christmas Tree Sale Fundraisers Educational Programs
- Flea Market Newsletter Other _____

Comments? Suggestions? We are very interested in your input. Please write comments/suggestions on the reverse side of this form.

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CHRISTMAS TREE AND WREATH SALE – COME EARLY!

LOSI's annual Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale will start the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend (12/1) from 9AM – 3PM. We'll be open for business the following weekend- Sat/Sun 12/7 and 12/8. The last day of the sale is schedule for Saturday 12/14.

Our trees come from a farm in northern Pennsylvania. We feature a selection of Balsam, Douglas Fir, and Fraser Fir. Sizes range from table-top to 12'.

The Wreathmakers-at-the-Farm prepare hand-decorated wreaths for sale. Wreaths are beautifully decorated with natural items.

Every year, the Barn Store is open during sales hours. Explore our amazing selection of lightly-used Christmas decorations, household items, tools, and other sundries.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers for the Xmas Tree Sale are always welcome. If you're able to lend a hand for any of the following activities, please call **Pat Carr** (215-757-3630) or send an email to information@langhorneopenspace.org.

TREE UNLOADING: Saturday, Nov. 30 ~ 7:00 AM

Those helping to unload the truck also have an early opportunity to pick out their own tree.

Coffee and donuts provided!



TREE SALES: 9 AM – 3 PM

Sunday, Dec. 1

Saturday, Dec. 7, Sunday, Dec. 8

Saturday Dec. 14

We provide hot beverages and a hearty lunch for our volunteer sales people!



Last year's tree-unloading volunteers.

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