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Friends of Washington Crossing Park

2018 Annual Report

A Mission to Preserve, Educate and Promote

The mission of the non-profit Friends of Washington Crossing Park is to support the programs of Washington Crossing Historic Park by aiding in preservation, collection and maintenance of physical materials relating to the life of our ancestors, acquisitions, conducting public events, preparation and distribution of literature and solicitation of financial and material aid.



In 2018, the Friends worked in partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to offer numerous educational programs and events that promoted the American Revolution as part of our national heritage. This mission was supported by individual and corporate gifts, admission fees, and proceeds from fundraisers.

This report provides you with a snapshot of our accomplishments and activities in 2018.

New Program Development



Several new programs and initiatives were launched in 2018. They include:

- Launched a new Friends membership program;
- Reestablished working mill race at Thompson-Neely Grist Mill;
- Established a new Fife and Drum Corps for the park;
- Raised \$32,000 and broke ground on Hibbs House Garden;
- Recreated interpretive plan for Thompson-Neely Farmstead;
- Began filming "76 Seconds of History" video series.



Our People



Friends of Washington Crossing Park Board

The all-volunteer Friends Board of Directors is made up of a diverse cross section of community members.

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| John Godzieba, President | Matthew McElroy |
| William Haas, Vice President | Peter Tucci |
| Frank Lyons, Treasurer/Secretary | Charles Tweedy, MD |
| Thomas Fischer | Robert West |
| Pat Fisher-Olsen | George Calaba, ex-officio |
| Dave Kruszczyński | Jennifer Martin, ex-officio |
| Jerry Lepping | |

Friends of Washington Crossing Park Staff

Under the direction of the Board of Directors, Friends staff members run the day-to-day operations of the organization.

- Jennifer Martin, Executive Director*
- Danielle Gress, Development Coordinator*
- Ryan Campbell, Development Assistant*
- Connie Unangst, Museum Shop Coordinator
- Anna Davis-Agostini, Historical Horticulturalist
- Ross Heutmaker, Assistant Gardner
- Suzanne Pritz, Staff Accountant

*full-time staff member



Historical Interpreters

Guided tours led by trained historical interpreters are offered at the Historic Village and the Thompson-Neely House and Grist Mill. Visitors can step into General Washington's shoes in McConkey's Ferry Inn, traverse the three floors of a historically accurate grist mill, and peek into the park's replica Durham boats used in the annual Crossing reenactments.

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| Bruce Cobb | David Price |
| Sean Corcoran | Guy Sava |
| Bunkie Maddock | Patricia Seabright |
| Thomas Maddock | Colin Zimmerman |
| Nancy O'Leary | Kevin Zimmerman |

Volunteers

In 2018, more than 250 volunteers contributed a total of 4,385 hours to the education and public program support at Washington Crossing Park. Volunteers served the park as historical interpreters, in visitor services, special events, gardening, animal care, school programs, as musicians in our fife and drum corps and in the Thompson Neely Mill restoration project.



Our Activities

2018 Visitation

Visitation to the park is largely driven by tours, living history programs and other events that educate attendees about the American Revolution and the events that took place at the park.

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| 75,000 – Daily tours | 200 – Girl Scout programs |
| 10,000 – School children | 150 – Trades workshops |
| 600 – Annual lecture series | 35 – Summer Camp |



2018 Event Visitation

In addition to day-to-day attendance, many visitors come to the park to enjoy our varied signature events. In 2018, these events included:

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| 1,200 – Washington's birthday celebration | 1,200 – 4 th of July events |
| 100 – Sheep shearing event | 1,600 – Autumn Market & Encampment |
| 2,700 – Spring Brewfest fundraiser | 2,100 – Fall Brewfest fundraiser |
| 200 – Memorial Day observance | 3,750 – First Crossing reenactment |
| 250 – Rebels vs. Redcoats Classic Car Show | 2,500 – Christmas Day Crossing reenactment |



Our Supporters



2018 Foundations/Grants

Many of the programs offered by the Friends are supported by grants given by foundations, companies and organizations.

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| \$65,000 Visit Bucks County Conference and Visitors Bureau | \$5,000 Janssen Pharmaceuticals |
| \$12,000 McLean Foundation | \$5,000 Washington Crossing Foundation |
| \$11,000 Church & Dwight Employee Giving Fund | \$2,500 Macquarie Foundation |
| \$5,000 Albert Bader Foundation | \$2,000 Pennsylvania State Questers |

2018 Corporate Sponsors/Major Gifts/Board Contributions

Financial support is also provided by a variety of local and regional companies and individuals.

- \$28,000 Friends Board of Directors
- \$13,600 Sundstrom Memorial Gift
- \$6,000 Crown Holdings, Inc.
- \$5,000 First National Bank and Trust of Newtown
- \$3,600 Network Connections
- \$3,600 Bucks County Community College
- \$2,250 Washington Crossing Foundation
- \$2,200 Continental Tavern
- \$1,500 Washington Crossing-Yardley Kiwanis Club
- \$1,200 Jay Spaziano Real Estate

