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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

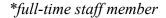
The all-volunteer Friends Board of Directors is made up of a diverse cross section of community members.

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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







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.

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

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

1,200 – Washington's birthday celebration 1,200 – 4th of July events

100 – Sheep shearing event 1,600 – Autumn Market & Encampment

2,700 – Spring Brewfest fundraiser
200 – Memorial Day observance
2,100 – Fall Brewfest fundraiser
3,750 – First Crossing reenactment

250 – Rebels vs. Redcoats Classic Car Show 2,500 – Christmas Day Crossing reenactment



Our Supporters

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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
\$12,000 McLean Foundation
\$11,000 Church & Dwight Employee Giving Fund
\$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

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