

## SPECIAL PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2012

### EMPLOYEE EDUCATION AND TRAINING - \$7,311.00

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* funding.

### HISTORIC LONGSTREET FARM - \$2,343.98

The *Friends* have supplied Historic Longstreet Farm with some new additions for the house, farm, and staff. The house will have new historic custom designed wallpaper for the entrance, hallways and stairs. The Blacksmith has a new forge and the staff has new boots, hats, jackets, and fabric for period costumes.

### HISTORIC WALNFORD EXHIBITS AND CHAIRS - \$2,258.00



Visitors to Historic Walnford can take a trip back in time while exploring the new turbine exhibit or enjoying the peacefulness while rocking on the custom-made Philadelphia Windsor rockers on the front porch.



### OUTDOOR ADVENTURES - \$780.00

The *Friends* purchased two bow boxes which hold the bows and arrows for the archery courses offered by the MCPS Outdoor Adventures Division.

### MANASQUAN RESERVOIR ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER - \$670.00

The Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center's taxidermy otter has a new home in his custom-made display funded by the *Friends*.



## 2012 ANNUAL DISTRIBUTIONS

### CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AND PROGRAMS FOR URBAN YOUTH - \$12,430.00

The Friends continue to support the Recreation Assistance Program (RAP) by providing 20 scholarships for children from Monmouth County's urban communities. These campers are able to participate in week-long summer camps (including door-to-door transportation), summer concerts, boat tours, farm tours, and programs at the Park System's Coastal Activity Center in Asbury Park. Proceeds from our Annual RAP Appeal support this effort.



### PARK BENCHES AND MEMORIAL DONATIONS - \$8,793.00

Deep Cut Gardens, Huber Woods Park, Thompson Park, Sunnyside Recreation Area, and the Manasquan Reservoir have new benches for visitors to enjoy, and enables the donors to memorialize the loss of a loved one. Tony's Place at Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park has new picnic tables and umbrellas thanks to a memorial donation from Challenged Youth Sports.

### VOLUNTEER EVENTS, NATIONAL TRAILS DAY LUNCHEON, AND HOLIDAY CARDS - \$2,576.00

The Friends 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 April, and pay for Thanksgiving cards and postage. In addition, the Friends were proud to provide meals and refreshments for the volunteers who assisted in the Hurricane Sandy Relief Donation Center run by the Monmouth County Park System from November 2 – November 30.



### HOLIDAY TRIP, SEMI-FORMAL, AND DAY AT THE BEACH FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES - \$2,020.00

Each year the Friends sponsor the Annual Therapeutic Recreation Semi-Formal at Tatum Park. The group also attended a beach outing and Disney on Ice – Dare To Dream. The Friends paid for admission, refreshments and transportation for participants and chaperons.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Wednesday, May 15, 2013** – Annual Golf Outing, Hominy Hill Golf Course, Colts Neck  
**Wed-Sun, July 24-28, 2013** – Monmouth County Fair, East Freehold Showgrounds

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