



Friends of the Parks

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Ballads in the Woods

A cold March night blanketed in snow set the stage for the annual Ballads in the Woods Concert. The setting couldn't have been more appropriate for the Colonial-era concert and dinner. Guests were taken back in time with ballads performed by the D-Major Singers, pictured here from left: Irene Hauge, Jim Cusick, Pete Brady & Lois Lyons. Dinner and dessert was provided by Wegmans of Manalapan.

Friends Support the Annual Deep Cut Gardens Open House and National Trails Day

The *Friends* are proud to show our appreciation for the 1,000 volunteers of the Monmouth County Park System. Volunteers are an invaluable asset for the Monmouth County Park System. They participate as docents in various park locations as well as assist with programs such as therapeutic riding lessons, historical interpretation, and outdoor adventures. They also provide thousands of hours of labor in building and maintaining over 120 miles of park trails, beach cleanups, and gardening.

On June 4th the *Friends* were proud to once again sponsor the National Trails Day Luncheon. National Trails Day is held annually on the first Saturday in June. The rolling trails of Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold were tidied up and the industrious trails volunteers were well fed as a small thank you from the *Friends*.

June 12th was the Open House at Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown. The *Friends* provided treats for visitors. Funding for the hundreds of rose bushes and boxwoods was provided by the *Friends*.

The Monmouth County Park System volunteers are precious to the *Friends* – thank you!



Deep Cut Gardens Rose Garden & Parterre



National Trails Day Volunteers & Staff

Friends Annual Golf Outing

June 1st marked the *Friends of the Parks* 19th Annual Golf Outing at Hominy Hill Golf Course, Colts Neck. “The day was picture-perfect, the course was fantastic, and the company and the food were superb,” said Steve Rybka, *Friends* Board Member and Golf Committee Member. The outing began with lunch served on the patio, followed by 18 holes of golf on the Robert Trent Jones championship course. This par 72 course is rated as one of the Top 25 Public Courses by Golf Digest. The day concluded with dinner, cocktails, and prizes in the historic clubhouse. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped the *Friends* at this event. We couldn’t do it without your help and support!



Hitting the links at Hominy Hill Golf Course, from left: John Osterkorn, Richard Carew, Mark Zelina and Richard Higgins



Kathy O’Connell



Jim Gray & Don Burry



Roger Bartsche & Joe Spinapont

Specialty Prizes: Closest to the Pin: 7th Mark Hermann

Nearest to the Line: 8th Richard Carew • **Longest Drive:** 17th Men: Doug Sterner Women: Kathy O’Connell

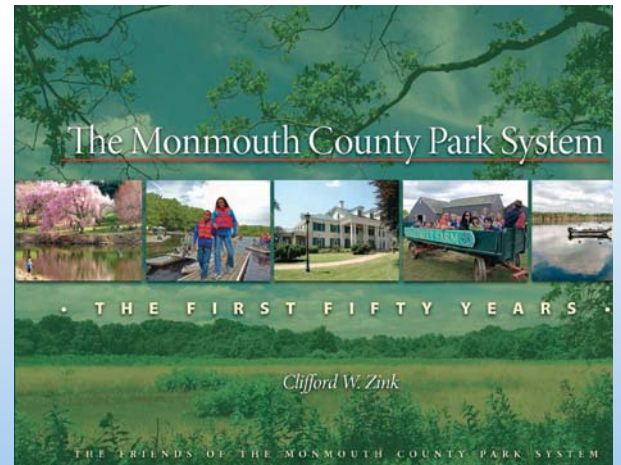
Low Team Scores: 1st: Doug Sterner, Joe Spinapont, Mark Hermann, Roger Bartsche

2nd: John Conforti, Brian Reilly, Jason Pappas, Walter MacGowan

3rd: Ron Eberhardt, John D’Amico, Tim Mariner, Ed May

Get Your Piece of Monmouth County History Now! The Monmouth County Park System History Books Are Here!

Have you ever wondered how the Monmouth County Park System acquired a park, or what a park was before the Park System took it over? Well, all the answers can be found in **The Monmouth County Park System – The First Fifty Years**. This handsome keepsake tells the story of how, from a small beginning in 1960, Monmouth County has preserved over 15,000 acres of open space, including some of the county’s most significant natural areas and historic sites, and built one of America’s finest county park systems.



Copies can be purchased for \$40.00 at the following locations: Thompson Park Visitor Center, Lincroft • Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell • Monmouth County Park System Golf Courses • Sickles Market, Little Silver Barnes & Noble, Holmdel and Eatontown • River Roads Books, Fair Haven • Booktowne, Manasquan

Recreation Assistance Program (RAP) Appeal

In times like these, your donation makes a difference! Please help us send a child to camp. The Recreation Assistance Program, known as RAP, is a Park System program which provides recreation to children in urban communities. Since 1986, the *Friends* has funded this program by providing \$17,000 annually in scholarships for children to attend outdoor summer camps and programs. Please help!

___ \$25.00 – Barbeque Sponsor ___ \$50.00 – Keynote Speaker Sponsor ___ \$125.00 – Concert Sponsor
___ \$250.00 – Transportation Sponsor ___ \$500.00 – Camp Sponsor \$ ___ Other

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**Friends of the Parks
PO Box 686
Lincroft, NJ 07738**

Thank you for your support!



“You Have To Be In It To Win It!”

There are seventeen people who are happy they were in the Friends raffle drawings. The Monmouth County Fair was held July 27-31 at East Freehold Showgrounds. The Friends and raffle winners shared over \$14,000! Boy that paid for a lot of cotton candy! Thank you to everyone who supported this major fundraiser!

Honorary and Memorial Donations

Restricted Honorary Donations

In Honor of Jack Ives from Pat Richter & Dan Crocker for Tatum Park

In Honor of Tom Sannelli from the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Parks for a leaf on the Commemorative Tree at Deep Cut Gardens

Unrestricted Honorary Donations

In Honor of Elwood Baxter from Allison Fiorentini & John Meisenbaeher

Restricted Memorial Donations

In Memory of Julia Geiger from Beatrix & Paul Patton for the Recreation Assistance Program

In Memory of Ed Joslin from Anita Durban and the staff at the Shrewsbury Surgery Center for Recreation Assistance Program

In Memory of Robert Sheridan from Maria Wojciechowski for the Recreation Assistance Program

Unrestricted Memorial Donations

In Memory of Sid Bernel from Virginia & Brian Falconer

In Memory of Ann Blatchley from Mr. & Mrs. Elwood Baxter

In Memory of Kathleen Ernst from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer

In Memory of Loretta Miller from Mary Jane & Harry Smith

In Memory of George Moss from Beatrix & Paul Patton

In Memory of Otto Rittenbach from Dale & Lynn Brocker,

Dr. Waltraut Buser, Ockle & BettyLu Johnson,

Martha Nirschl & Millicent Pearce

In Memory of Lee Schlumpf from Beatrix & Paul Patton

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In Memory of Michael Stoppiello from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer

In Memory of Ralph E. Stout from Beatrix & Paul Patton

In Memory of Dorothy Wolff from Mr. & Mrs. James J. Truncer



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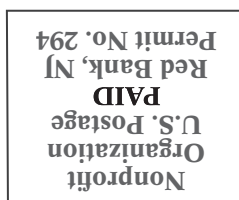


October 16 Strut Your Mutt and Thompson Park Day,
Thompson Park, Lincroft

January 21, 2012 *Friends of the Parks*
Annual Membership Meeting,
Hominy Hill Golf Course Club House,
Colts Neck



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