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HUNDREDS VOLUNTEER AT CANAL PRIDE DAYS

Canal Pride Days were a tremendous success this year, with over 500 volunteers helping to clean up the C&O Canal National Historical Park. Currently in its ninth season, Canal Pride Days is the Park's largest public volunteer event, and, this spring, brought people of all ages together to assist with revitalization efforts in Great Falls, Williamsport, Hancock, and Lock 75 near Cumberland.

While braving springtime rains, volunteers mulched picnic areas; cleaned the Mercer canal boat at Great Falls and Lockhouse 44 and the mule barn in Williamsport; cleared leaves and invasive plants; and planted several gardens. A unique project this year was the removal of bamboo from the Park property. Bamboo is an invasive species, but a favorite treat of panda bears. Knowing this, Canal staff sent much of the bamboo that was pulled during Canal Pride Days down to Bao Bao, the three-year-old panda living at the National Zoo in Washington, DC, who enjoyed it thoroughly!

We want to express our extreme appreciation to our Canal Pride Day sponsors: REI, Guest Services, the Friends of Historic Great Falls Tavern, the National Environmental Education Foundation, Toyota, Minkoff Development Corporation, and the Wunder Family. For the second year, we were thrilled to receive a \$10,000



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Above: A volunteer helps to clear bamboo from Great Falls, which Bao Bao (right) enjoyed a few days later. Below: The mulch pile shrinks as volunteers spread in the rain.

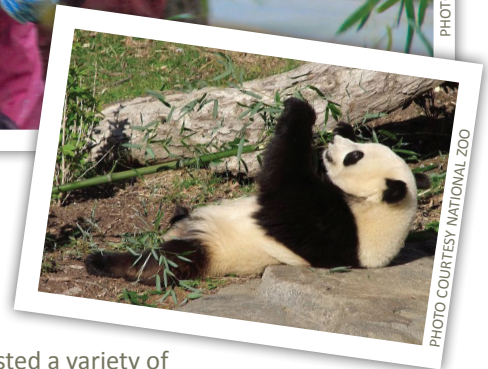


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grant from REI that helped to provide the manpower and supplies needed to make our events a success.

Again this year, the C&O Canal Trust held an artwork contest around Canal Pride. Artist Blake Barron's winning design was featured on this year's Canal Pride Days shirts, which were given to each volunteer. We have also

hosted a variety of corporate groups for volunteer events throughout the spring and summer to keep the Park in top condition.

If your group would like to volunteer for a Canal Pride event, contact Director of Programs and Partnerships Becky Curtis at 301-745-8888.



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THESE GROUPS HAVE CANAL PRIDE!

Thank you to these corporate and community groups, who have volunteered in the Park this past spring.

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summertime at the C&O Canal . . . remember how we looked forward to this just six short months ago? Make the time to get out there and enjoy it! You won't be alone — millions of visitors have been loving summer at the Park during our peak season.

Much of the programming of the Trust revolves around this peak season as well. Hundreds of volunteers have taken part in Canal Pride, our Canal Quarters lockhouses have been experiencing high occupancy, and our Canal Towns are welcoming an influx of guests with Western Maryland hospitality.

All of this is possible thanks to your generosity! We encourage you to get involved with the Trust in any way that suits your personality and interests in the C&O Canal. We have a number of ways you can give, with something for everyone:

• **Join us for our annual Park After Dark fundraiser!** The theme of this year's gala? The NPS Centennial, of course! If you haven't attended this fun event, this Centennial year is the year to start! (See page 4)

- **Help us rehabilitate Swains Lockhouse** by donating to our Save Swains Lockhouse campaign! (See page 5). Each gift, regardless of size, will get us that much closer to saving this historic lockhouse.
- **Visit our partners Whole Foods and REI.** They both offer unique, easy and fun ways to support the C&O Canal. (See page 4)
- **Create your own fundraiser** — run, hike, or bike to raise money to support the canal. Joe Hage and Mary Kearney raised \$1,185 with their canoe! (See page 3)
- **Volunteer** for a Canal Pride event, as a Quartermaster, or as a Park VIP. (See www.canaltrust.org/volunteer)
- **Include the Trust in your estate plans.** (See pages 6 and 7)
- **Make a donation** with the enclosed envelope or on our website, www.canaltrust.org.

Please know how much everyone at the Trust appreciates your generosity. We look forward to seeing you in the Park!



Robin Zanotti, Trust President

I SUPPORT THE C&O CANAL!

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TRUST IMPROVES TOWPATH ACCESS AT MARSDEN

The C&O Canal Trust constructed a new bridge over the canal at Marsden Tract in Potomac, MD, over the weekend of April 21-24, 2016. This bridge, which was the Trust's first project celebrating the National Park Service Centennial in the C&O Canal National Historical Park, replaced the old bridge that had deteriorated to the point of being unsafe. Marsden Tract is a popular Park access point located off of MacArthur Blvd. in Potomac.

Skilled volunteers joined Trust and Park staff to erect the bridge, which arrived in pieces and was assembled in place. On Thursday, April 21 and Friday, April 22, scaffolding was erected to aid construction, while the main assembly of the bridge primarily occurred on Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24, and wrapped up on Thursday, May 5. The current bridge remained in place so visitors could still access the towpath while construction took place.

Two Boy Scouts — Joe Wiedemann and Brian Love — played a role by completing Eagle Scout projects to replace the stairs leading from MacArthur Blvd. to the new bridge. Scout Solomon Fenton is currently planning his project to complete the stairs.

This bridge was funded by donors to the C&O Canal Trust's Towpath Forever program, with



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a funding match from the National Park Service Centennial Challenge Program. It was the first project to take place in the Park in honor of the National Park Service's 100th anniversary.



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Top: The new Marsden Bridge was completed in April 2016 by Trust and Park staff, with the help of skilled volunteers, and provides safe access across the canal to the towpath from the popular area known as Marsden Tract. Left: Volunteers pose on the new bridge with Board Chairman Mike Mitchell (far left) and Trust Director of Programs and Partnerships Becky Curtis (second from left). Above: The first beam of the new bridge is installed on top of scaffolding built for the project. The old bridge, seen in the background, was removed over the summer.

CANAL BY CANOE RAISES FUNDS FOR TRUST

For the third May in a row, canal lovers Mary Kearney and Joe Hage explored the C&O Canal and documented the journey on their "Canal by Canoe" website, www.canalbycanoe.com. Along the way, they raised \$1,185 to support the C&O Canal Trust's Swains rehab by using our "Create Your Own Fundraiser" web tool.

The couple's rainy adventure began with a week-long, sixty mile solo backpacking trip for Joe. He started on South Mountain and followed the Appalachian Trail to Harpers Ferry, where he followed the C&O Canal towpath to Four Locks (above Williamsport).

Mary did some camping while Joe hiked, and they celebrated their reunion with

a stay in Lockhouse 49, a part of our Canal Quarters program. They then hopped in their canoe to paddle from Spring Gap to Hancock.

During their travels, Joe and Mary spoke about the work the C&O Canal Trust does to help preserve the Park, and their supporters donated over \$1,000 to the Trust! We encourage all canal lovers to follow Joe and Mary's lead and create their own fundraisers! We have a tool on our website that makes it easy for your friends and family to support your efforts.

To learn how, visit www.canaltrust.org, select "Support", then "Ways to Give", then "Create Your Own Fundraiser".

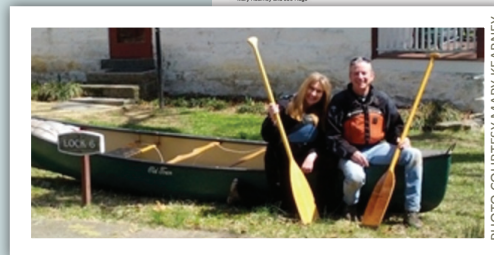


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Donors	Amount
Fingides	\$100.00
Lisa & Nelson Laska	\$100.00
Kirkham and Michael Hage	\$100.00
John Masters	\$50.00
Margaret & Calvin Marney	\$50.00
St Carter Nelson Jr	\$50.00
Thomas Verant	\$50.00

Mary Kearney and Joe Hage are pictured with their canoe, and their fundraising page, where they broke their \$1,000 goal!



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6th Annual

Park After Dark

Saturday, September 17, 6:00 p.m.

Historic Great Falls Tavern



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Everyone loves a great party — especially one hosted in the beautiful C&O Canal National Historical Park! This year, the C&O Canal Trust’s Sixth Annual Park After Dark fundraiser celebrates the National Park Service Centennial and promises great food, tasty libations, and some new surprises that will keep attendees charmed late into the night. This yearly event, a hot ticket for its unique atmosphere and historic touches, serves as the Trust’s largest fundraiser. Tickets are on sale now! Visit www.ParkAfterDark.com for tickets and more information.

RETAIL PARTNERS ENCOURAGE SUPPORT OF C&O CANAL TRUST

Whole Foods: Nickels for Nonprofits

The C&O Canal Trust has been selected as a participant in Whole Foods’ Nickels for Nonprofits program! From now until the end of 2016, you can help the Trust earn nickels in honor of the National Park Service Centennial. Every time you shop at one of the five Montgomery County, MD, Whole Foods stores, bring your own bags. Whole Foods will credit you a nickel for each bag you bring, and you can direct your cashier to donate those nickels to the C&O Canal Trust!



REI: United Outside

In celebration of the opening of their DC Flagship store, REI is hosting 100 days of recess with their United Outside campaign and donating \$100,000 to five local nonprofits, including the C&O Canal Trust! We will automatically receive \$10,000, but with your help, we could turn that into \$20,000 or more! REI is hosting 100 Days of Events, where they are distributing tokens (see www.rei.com/united-outside for a schedule of events). After receiving your tokens, take them to the Wunder Garten, REI’s cool beer garden! There, you can vote for the C&O Canal Trust, and your votes will help us earn that extra cash! The Wunder Garten is located at 150 M St. NE, Washington, DC, 20002, across from the Uline Arena where the new store will open this fall.



ORVIS MAKES FLETCHERS GIFT

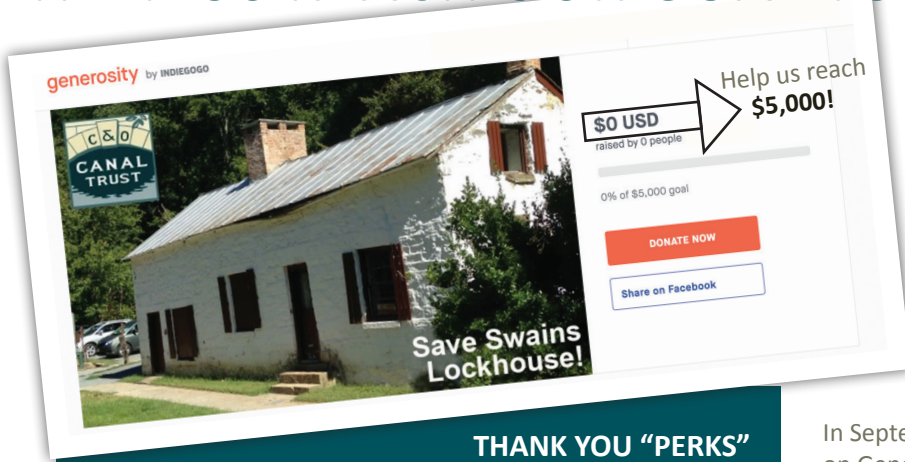
The Friends of Fletchers Cove, a partner of the C&O Canal Trust dedicated to restoring Potomac River access at Fletchers Cove, has received a \$5,000 gift from The Orvis Company. “Every spring we see new faces on the river, including people new to the sport, and much of that energy can be attributed to our friends at Orvis,” stated Friends of Fletchers Cove spokesperson Mike Bailey. “We know that The Orvis Company donates to many worthy conservation causes and are gratified that the local staff worked so hard to secure this donation.” The C&O Canal Trust serves as the fiscal agent for the Friends of Fletchers Cove. Learn more at www.canaltrust.org/Fletchers.



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The Orvis Company presented a check to the Friends of Fletchers Cove in June 2016.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL TO SAVE SWAINS



Crowd-funding campaign will boost dollars dedicated to lockhouse rehabilitation

The C&O Canal Trust is rehabilitating Swains Lockhouse to join the Canal Quarters program and to serve as a Canal Classrooms space. To accomplish this, we must reach our fundraising goal of \$75,000. Several private donors have given generous gifts to get us near our goal, but **we need your help to finish the campaign!**

In September, we will launch a \$5,000 crowd-funding campaign on Generosity.com, the nonprofit arm of the popular website Indiegogo. Gifts of all amounts are welcome, but this campaign will target \$10, \$20, \$35, \$50, and \$100 gifts by offering thank you “perks” for all gifts made during the campaign. Follow the C&O Canal Trust at www.facebook.com/SaveSwains or visit us at www.canaltrust.org/Swains to learn more and link to our crowd-funding page to help us Save Swains!

THANK YOU “PERKS”

- C&O Canal Trust Logo Sticker: **\$10**
- Swains Lockhouse Rendering for Framing: **\$20**
- Swains Lockhouse Rendering and 5x7 Photo: **\$35**
- Swains Lockhouse Rendering and 8x10 Photo: **\$50**
- Exclusive Preview Tour of Swains: **\$100**

VIDEOS FEATURE CANAL QUARTERS LOCKHOUSES

The C&O Canal Trust recently wrapped filming on two four-minute videos starring our Canal Quarters lockhouses 6 and 22. Each video highlights the unique aspects of each lockhouse and will be used to help market the Canal Quarters experience.

Two families of Park lovers volunteered their time to star in the videos. The Wheat family — Corey, Robyn, Annabelle, and Jaxson — braved heat from both the summer sun and a campfire to show off Lockhouse 22, and the Stacy family — Anthony, Deanna, Summer, and William — played dominos, danced, and explored Washington, DC, in the Lockhouse 6 video.

Both videos were funded by grants from the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission and the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority. They can be viewed at www.youtube.com/user/TheCanalTrust.



Deanna Stacy and her children, Summer and William, get ready for another take with videographer Paul Farrell and Trust Director of Communications Heidi Glatfelter Schlag.

CANAL WATER ISSUE BETWEEN LOCKS 11 AND 20

The water levels in the canal between locks 11 and 20 in Montgomery County, MD, were lowered earlier this summer, when Park Service personnel noticed that water was leaking from the canal in the vicinity of a dry laid masonry wall at mile 11.1.

This wall, an historic structure known as the “log wall”, supports the towpath and canal along a river escarpment. Its structural integrity is critical to the maintenance of the canal and towpath. The Potomac Interceptor, a major sewage pipe that is

partially buried in the prism of the canal, also runs through this section.

The canal leak indicates that the polyurethane liner keeping the canal watertight has been compromised, causing concern that the log wall is moving and weakening. If the log wall collapses, it will obviously impact the canal and towpath. Further complicating the repair is the presence of the Potomac Interceptor, as well as significant silting in this section of the canal caused by storm runoff from neighboring properties.

The Park is currently trying to ascertain what repairs need to be made to the canal liner and if the log wall’s structural integrity is being compromised. They are using LIDAR, a hi-tech surveying technology that uses laser light to do 3D scanning, to determine if the log wall is moving. Once they have a clearer idea of the extent of the damage, they will formulate a repair plan that will also address the silting issue.

The Park does not currently have an estimate as to when the repair will be completed and the canal re-watered.

LEGACY GIVING: PATOWMACK SOCIETY LAUNCHES

In 1785, canal enthusiast Elkanah Watson visited George Washington at Mount Vernon with the idea of opening up a route to the West by making the Potomac River navigable with a series of canals. Later that year, the canal concept was advanced when, with a few business partners, Washington became president of the newly-formed Patowmack Company. In the early days of the nation, they had a vision for the future in which they were prepared to support and invest.

The Patowmack Company was succeeded in 1828 by the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company, which went on to build the 184.5-mile waterway and towpath that we now treasure for the beauty, recreation, and respite they provide to nearly 5 million visitors each year.

This summer, the C&O Canal Trust launched *The Patowmack Society* to recognize people of vision who, like Washington and his partners, are providing for the future of the C&O Canal by including the Trust and its programs in their estate plans.

“Leaving a bequest to the Trust is an ideal way to ensure that what has been meaningful for us in this lifetime will continue into the future,” said Mike Mitchell, the Trust’s Board Chairman. “Although Washington would not likely have imagined the outcome of his vision for Americans today, I feel confident that he would delight in the tremendous value the canal and towpath provide to all who are fortunate enough to spend time in the Park and to enjoy its many, many benefits.”

Letting us know that you have included the Trust in your estate plan allows us to include you among an elite group of donors who, like George Washington, have “a vision for the future in which they are prepared to support and invest.”

As a member of *The Patowmack Society*, you will receive timely information about the work the Trust is doing to steward this national treasure. And, by allowing us to recognize your bequest, you will inspire others to consider the C&O Canal Trust in their estate plans.

For more information, please visit www.canaltrust.org or contact Patricia Barber, Director of Development, barber@canaltrust.org or 301-745-8880.

PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS CAPTURE PARK



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PHOTO BY MJ CLINGAN (JUNE WINNER)



PHOTO BY BRIAN BREIGNER (MAY WINNER)

We are pleased to feature our new group of photo contest winners! Visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/CanalFriends) to vote each month, and visit www.CanalTrust.org/photo-contest for entry rules.

DONOR PROFILE: AMBASSADOR SANDY VOGELGESANG

Estate planning sews together the past, the present, and the future with a golden thread that links the very best of a person's life with her hopes for the future. So it is with Ambassador Sandy Vogelgesang, who has made provision in her will for the establishment of an endowment to help fund education at the C&O Canal National Historical Park. Her endowment makes her a founding member of the Patowmack Society (see page 6).

"Exploring our national parks with my parents is one of my first — and fondest — memories," Vogelgesang recently recalled. "Each family vacation gave us renewed appreciation for these extraordinary national treasures. Hence, as we celebrate the Centennial of the National Park Service, I am dedicating an endowed fund to the C&O Canal Trust, in honor of my parents, Glenn and Louise Vogelgesang."

Sandy Vogelgesang, a 30-year career diplomat who served as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Nepal, has long loved the C&O Canal. "My parents would be particularly pleased with the support of this endowment," she said. "One highlight of every visit they made to Washington was a walk along the towpath to the Great Falls overlook. It never failed to inspire."

A member of the Trust's Board of Directors, Vogelgesang has indicated that her bequest will be used for the Park's Canal Classrooms



program, a funding focus of the Trust. The program brings more than 8,000 K-12th grade students to the Park annually for hands-on curriculum-based learning.

"Canal Classrooms includes a special partnership with my own community's school, Seven Locks Elementary," Vogelgesang said. "Through the Canal Classrooms program — which includes canal boat rides and lessons in the lockhouses — the Canal has become a living legacy for the children of that school."

Reflecting on that impact at Seven Locks, Vogelgesang expressed the hope that "many more help make this kind of opportunity available to children along the Canal. What better way to celebrate the Centennial than by making the Canal come alive for children in the new century to come?"

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CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT OPENS

To celebrate the Centennial, the National Park Service has teamed up with the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) to present an exhibit of over fifty images by award-winning photographers, showcasing the majesty, diversity, and importance of America's national parks. The exhibit is located at the NMNH in Washington, DC, and will remain open until August 2017.

The exhibit highlights ways in which the NMNH and Park Service have worked together. Through field work, collections, and exploratory expeditions, the museum has helped the Park Service identify and raise awareness of unique natural and cultural heritage sites to be preserved as parks.

The exhibit also features some unique content from the C&O Canal National Historical Park. Included are photos and text about Plummer's Island, and a display featuring bee specimens that are exclusively on view in this exhibit.

WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS SOCIETY DONORS GATHER

The C&O Canal Trust's William O. Douglas Society members gathered at Lockhouse 6 on Sunday, June 25 for a wine and cheese reception. This special group of friends, who annually contributes \$1,000 or more to the C&O Canal Trust, are the Trust's most loyal supporters, enabling us to expand our vision of excellence, grow and enhance our core programs, and develop new programs and projects that support the C&O Canal National Historical Park. During the reception, Society members received an update from Board Chair Mike Mitchell and Superintendent Kevin Brandt on Park projects including the Swains Lockhouse rehabilitation (see page 5), the Marsden Bridge replacement (see page 3), and the Log Wall repairs (see page 5).

The Society is named for Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, who brought the Canal to prominence in the 1950s, when it became the target of a plan to pave it for a highway. Justice Douglas, who spent each Sunday walking the towpath, invited *Washington Post* reporters to join him on a nine-day walk of the entire canal in order to highlight its beauty and importance. Their walk brought attention to the area and preservation efforts being made on its behalf. Ultimately, the Canal was made into a National Park, and we can still enjoy its splendor today.



If you are interested in joining the William O. Douglas Society, contact Director of Development Patricia Barber at barber@canaltrust.org or 301-745-8880.



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What memories will you make at our CANAL QUARTERS?



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Loved the lockhouse! A step back in time! What to do with no TV? Play cards, checkers, bike, hike... cook fabulous meals! Steak on the grill... fresh fruit crepes in the morning! And being 5 minutes from DC just made the 2 day mini-vacation perfect!

- Peter and Debbie

BOOK YOUR STAY: www.CanalTrust.org/Quarters

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