The innovative Canal Classrooms program, managed by the C&O Canal National Historical Park, just completed its fifth year of operation. With the financial support of the C&O Canal Trust, the program has served over 47,000 school children during its run, including 12,500 Pre-K to 12th grade students from 230 schools during this past 2016-17 school year.

The Trust raises funds to support the Canal Classrooms program, which focuses on providing school children with STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) lessons focused on the Park’s natural and historical resources. Over the years, with help from you, we have donated over $208,000 to support this mission.

Canal Classrooms gets kids out of the traditional classroom and into the Park, where they learn about the C&O Canal using curriculum taught by Park Rangers and the Canal Classrooms Corps (CCC). The CCC is made up of 50 retired teachers, recruited and trained on the Park’s education programs. The C&O Canal Trust supports stipends for these teachers, who this year provided over 3,000 hours of service.

The program seeks to inspire life-long learning through hands-on, curriculum-based educational programming to students who live along the C&O Canal. Canal Classrooms was launched in 2013 and has grown steadily since its inception. Besides providing a unique educational experience, the program also aims to inspire a new generation of life-long park stewards.

Students examine a model of the C&O Canal, housed in Williamsport, while discussing the operation of the canal with a Canal Classrooms Corps member.

examining the flora and fauna of the Park, and learning more about native species, such as the bats Hancock Elementary School studied during their National Bat Week visit.

Washington County’s high school students participate in a Citizen Scientist program, which this year saw 150 students testing water quality and recording their collected data in an online platform.

“The Trust strongly supports the Canal Classrooms initiative as a means to provide grade school and high school-aged children the chance to learn the history, culture, and science of the canal outside of a traditional classroom setting,” stated Trust President Robin Zanotti. “We are so appreciative of the generosity of the individuals who, though their gifts, have made this unique educational opportunity a reality.”

A member of the Canal Classrooms Corps explains to Hancock Elementary School fourth graders how canallers used a horn to alert the lockkeepers of their approach.

Students visiting the canal participate in a variety of lessons depending on their age. Activities include learning how a lock operates, practicing mapping skills, hearing about the history of the canal, exploring the lives the lockkeepers and canallers lived, and studying the water quality with Citizen Scientists.
A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My season of gratitude . . . I am writing this letter having just returned from a National Philanthropy Day celebration where volunteers were recognized for their efforts in fundraising. It was a joyful event, and I was thrilled to see Kathy Poole, Secretary of our Board of Directors, presented with the Distinguished Volunteer Award from the Western Maryland Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Kathy has been a tireless advocate for the C&O Canal Trust, and I am so thankful for her unwavering support and advice. See page 4 for more on Kathy’s award.

At our recent Park After Dark event, we recognized Ami Aronson and the Bernstein Family Foundation with the William O. Douglas Stewardship Award, and Jim Heins with the Canal Pride Volunteer Service Award. Both Ami and Jim have been loyal and generous supporters of the Trust, and I am grateful to them for their stewardship and service. Thus begins my season of gratitude.

- Gratitude for our donors, volunteers, Park visitors, and Trust and National Park Service (NPS) staff. We all combine our commitment to the Park to make big things happen. The following pages will outline some accomplishments you helped us achieve. It was a good year.
- Gratitude for the exceptional generosity of those who support the Trust and make all of our efforts possible. You will find our annual Honor Roll of Donors beginning on page 6. If you see your name, please know how grateful I am for your support.
- Gratitude for the natural splendor of the Park and the man-made wonder of the canal and all its historic structures.
- Gratitude for a successful career that has afforded me the opportunity to serve organizations as important as the Trust and NPS.

I hope you are experiencing your season of gratitude, which includes very special holidays with family and friends. Thanks for making us part of your efforts to show some love to the Park.

Wishing you all the best for 2018,

Robin Zanotti, Trust President
The national Park service Centennial Challenge Program has awarded the Swains lockhouse project a $100,000 matching grant to help fund the rehabilitation of the 1830s historic lockhouse. This grant, which was supported by Maryland Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen, was matched by $108,160 raised by the C&o Canal Trust, the Friends of Historic Great Falls Tavern, and the C&o Canal Association. After the rehabilitation is complete, Swains Lockhouse will join the award-winning Canal Quarters program, which has so far provided for the rehabilitation of six historic lockhouses located along the C&o Canal. Swains Lockhouse will be the seventh lockhouse to join the program, and the first rehabilitation undertaken since 2011.

The repairs funded by this grant and support from friends of the Park will ensure visitors will continue to enjoy the Park’s natural beauty and rich history,” said Senator Van Hollen.

The $100,000 comes from the National Park Service Centennial Challenge Program, which distributed $20 million from Congress to more than 50 park partners to improve trails, restore buildings, and increase visitor access to parks. Grants were given to parks that had friends groups able to match the funds 1:1.

Construction on Swains Lockhouse is set to begin next year. Watch www.canaltrust.org/swains for more information.
The C&O Canal Trust recently welcomed new members to the Board of Directors.

**John Schnebly** served as the President of Keller Stonebraker Insurance in Hagerstown for 37 years, growing it from a one-man operation to a firm with an annual revenue of $5 million and 50 employees. He has served two terms on the Hagerstown City Council and one on the Washington County Board of County Commissioners and is currently president of the Washington County Free Library board of trustees. John graduated from Wake Forest University and served in the United States Army reserves. He and his wife Bobbi own a 19th century farmhouse along Antietam Creek and have two children and four grandchildren. He enjoys bicycling on the towpath and the Western Maryland Rail Trail.

**Anthony Stacy** is currently a Strategic Operations Consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton and has served as Chief of Staff for The Nature Conservancy’s Philanthropy department. He has also worked in the Ohio State Legislature, developed a school in Bucharest, Romania, for young political leaders, and helped launch two new Habitat for Humanity chapters. He received his Master of Public Administration from The Maxwell School of Syracuse University. Anthony is a runner and outdoor enthusiast and lives in Alexandria, VA, with his wife Deanna and their two children.

**Anne Wallace** was a trustee on the board of St. Andrew’s Episcopal School for 12 years, including four years as the Board Chair. During that time, she led a campaign that raised $60,000 to build a school in Haiti. She also served for six years on the vestry of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Potomac and is currently a volunteer at Manna Food Center. Anne holds a B.A. in Legal Studies from the University of Massachusetts. She and her husband, Rick, have four grown children. The Wallaces are frequent users of the C&O Canal and are members of the C&O Canal Trust’s William O. Douglas Society.

Trust Board Secretary Kathy Poole was honored with the Distinguished Volunteer Award from the Western Maryland Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) in November. This award honors the advocates, leaders, and mentors whose passion for their causes inspires philanthropic action and community involvement.

“Kathy has leveraged her extensive contacts statewide to bring new major donors to the Trust and to raise its profile in Washington County,” Trust President Robin Zanotti said. “Kathy has been an invaluable source of strategic advice and can always be found in the fundraising trenches, soliciting silent auction items and event sponsorships.”

**Kathy Poole (center) is pictured at the awards ceremony with emcee and Trust Advisory Board member Tom Riford and AFP President-Elect Jessica El-Zeftaway**

Kathy has served on the Trust’s Board of Directors and as its secretary since 2012.
The four Canal Quarters lockhouses in Montgomery County are getting a helping hand from design and remodeling firm Hopkins & Porter. The company’s founder, Mike Denker, served as one of lockhouse 22’s original Quartermasters—volunteers who help the C&O Canal Trust welcome visitors and oversee the maintenance of the lockhouses—from the 2009 founding of the program until his death in 2013. In 2015, the company he founded decided to contribute their time and expertise to help maintain the lockhouses Mike loved so well.

The employees of Hopkins & Porter pitch in at Lockhouses 6, 10, 22, and 25, helping with tasks that are either too large or too complicated for the Quartermasters. In the past year, they have helped with painting the interior and exterior of the historic structures, repairing windowpanes, plumbing, repairing porches and screen doors, removing wasp nests, and more.

Director of Programs and Partnerships Becky Curtis said, “Hopkins & Porter’s generous support of the Canal Quarters program is a vital component of the program’s continued success. With a professional handyman by our side from a highly respected firm rooted in the Montgomery County community for the past 40 years, we know our Lockhouses are in good hands.”

Office Manager Lamar Christie said “We love that we can support the C&O Canal Trust, and, most of all, we really are pleased that we can support something Mike Denker cared a lot about as well. It helps us preserve his spirit and essence here at Hopkins & Porter. We attribute much of our 40-year success to Mike and the person he was. His character, his love for people, his commitment to living life. We miss him.”
The Board of Directors and the staff of the C&O Canal Trust wish to thank all of our donors who have generously supported our work over the last fiscal year.

The following Honor Roll of Donors reflects giving between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017. Every attempt has been made to ensure this list is complete.

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The C&O Canal Explorer mobile app is available! The C&O Canal Trust launched the new app in July, making it available to both iPhone and Android users through the Apple and Google stores for a $0.99 download fee. It can also be downloaded from our website at www.canaltrust.org/app.  
The app includes over 600 points of interest located in the C&O Canal National Historical Park. Each point of interest is pinpointed on a map, allowing visitors to see the various options available to them while they explore the Park. Parking lots, picnic areas, restrooms, and water pumps are designated with icons for easy location of these amenities.  
The app has geolocating services and will show you where you are on the map, based on your phone’s GPS tracking. It will also calculate the distance either up- or downstream to reach the nearest points of interest.

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