

# Linn Log

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## *Spring 1999*

### *Coming Events:*

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#### **Montandon Marsh Walk Sunday, May 2nd, 1:00 p. m.**

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On Sunday, May 2nd there will be a two hour Montandon Marsh walk with Bucknell professor Allen Schweinsberg. The walk is limited to 15 persons who must pre-register through the Conservancy office at 524-8666 or conserve@ptd.net. Registrants are required to send a \$10 fee which will be returned on the day of the walk. Participants will meet at the Courthouse parking lot on South Second Street, Lewisburg. Carpooling vehicles will depart for the Marsh at 1:00 p. m. sharp. Don't forget footwear suitable for wet conditions. Binoculars would be useful.

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#### **Annual Dinner May 5th**

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The Conservancy's annual dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 5 and members are urged to bring friends and potential new Conservancy members. We will again meet at the Christ's United Lutheran Church, often called the "Four-Bell Church," on Route 45 west of Mifflinburg for a country ham dinner. A vegetarian option is available. A social hour at 6 p.m. precedes the serving of the meal at 6:30. Reservations close on April 28th and should be made on the enclosed form. Conservancy financial statements for 1998 will be among various handouts available at the dinner. Members desiring a copy of the statement, who will not be attending the dinner, may call the Conservancy office and one will be sent to you. The after-dinner speaker is Ronald Bailey, the Director of Planning for Lancaster County. He will discuss the successful implementation of urban growth boundaries in Lancaster County and his thoughts on how the approach can be applied elsewhere. "Urban growth boundaries" is one of several planning and zoning tools used to control suburban sprawl which can devour open land at a devastating rate if left unchecked. Mr. Bailey has served in his current post for 11 years. Prior to that he was for five years the Director of Planning and

Development for the City of Vancouver, Washington. Mr. Bailey is a charter member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

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### **Bird and Wildflower Walk on Sunday May 23rd 1:30 p. m.**

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On Sunday, May 23rd, Mifflinburg science teacher Joseph Southerton will conduct a bird and wildflower walk at the Dale's Ridge Trail in Buffalo Township. Footwear suitable for hiking is needed. The Dale's Ridge spring walk begins at 1:30 p.m. and participants will gather at the trail parking lot on Strawbridge Road beside Buffalo Creek. This is an excellent time of year to see many wildflowers along the riparian corridor of Buffalo Creek and on the upper areas of the trail as well. Birds will also be in abundance. As with the Montandon Marsh walk, binoculars are recommended. No pre-registration needed for this event.

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### **Sunday Adopt-a-Highway Cleanups on April 11, June 6 and August 28**

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Please note the above dates and consider joining this worthwhile effort. On each of the designated Sundays, we will meet at 1 p.m. at the Limestone Township pavilion along Penns Creek. The pavilion is situated one mile west of Rte. 104 south of Mifflinburg. (Turn west on the creekside road just before crossing the Penns Creek bridge on Rte. 104.) It is best to wear long pants and bring your own gloves. The entire effort takes only about 1 - 1 1/2 hours. Please contact Geoff Goodenow (523-0257) at least a week before the particular Sunday if you wish to help.

### ***Our Environment Matters:***

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#### **Coldwater Conference**

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The third annual *Keystone Coldwater Conference: Multiple Benefits of Streamside Buffers* held at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel on February 20th was attended by Conservancy members Jeannette Lasansky and Geoff Goodenow. The all-day event featured several keynote speakers as well as breakout sessions on planting riparian corridors, birds found in riparian corridors of varying widths, use of geographic imaging systems (GIS) in locating sites to protect, and more. Booths lined the conference center and featured materials on Pennsylvania's watersheds, creeks, and riparian corridors by co-sponsoring government agencies and Trout Unlimited. Nonprofit organizations such as conservancies and watershed associations were also there in great number. Both Jeannette and Geoff encourage others from the Conservancy to consider attending next year's event as one comes away with many new ideas and a renewed enthusiasm for working with others on such stream projects. The Conservancy plans to undertake creekside planting on the Koons property on Buffalo Creek this spring. Trail steward Joe Southerton is consulting with forestry personnel on a plan for planting and will be seeking volunteers to help. Please call 524-8666 if you wish to participate.

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### **Pennsylvania Legislators to Tackle Growth Management**

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Governor Tom Ridge asked lawmakers February 2 to redirect \$1.3 billion in environmental funds over five years to promote sustainable land use, protect watersheds, preserve open space and repair damaged mining land. The proposal ([www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us)) includes a \$50 million grant program for nonprofits and local governments to use for park, greenway, trail and open space preservation. Counties would receive \$44 million to preserve farmland and open space while \$95 million in grants would be devoted to watershed restoration. Separately, Pennsylvania's 2.1 million acres of state forest has been certified as well-managed by the Forest Stewardship Council, the largest U.S. tract so designated.

- *Common Ground*, March/April 1999

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### **Urban Growth Boundaries Work in Lancaster. How About Here? by Jeannette Lasansky**

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Lancaster County is Pennsylvania's most productive agricultural area and boasts the state's most assertive efforts at protecting farmland through the combined use of agriculture security areas, conservation easements (both donated and purchased) and urban growth boundaries. These land conservation tools have helped maintain large blocks of

economically viable farmland and support the related agricultural industries critical to successful farm businesses. Profitable farming, of course, requires innovation, hard work and dedication. But in many regions today it also requires effective planning tools and groups dedicated to their implementation. A county's planning agency, its township supervisors and its agriculture preservation board working together with a private land conservancy such as the Linn Conservancy can make the preservation of agricultural lands happen faster.

When development rights are *sold* through the placement of a conservation easement (as in the county/state/federal partnership now in place), farmers generally use the money to sell the farm to the next generation at a lower price, buy more land, expand or upgrade facilities or pay down existing debt. The placement of a conservation easement on the farm results from a love of the land, a sense of heritage, and a determination to shape the future of the land in perpetuity. Farmers who *donate* development rights to a conservancy are not paid but can use the value of those development rights as a Federal tax deduction for up to five years. Both approaches have been used in Union County.

When agriculture security areas are established, they confirm an enrolled farmer's right to farm, grant limited protection against eminent domain proceedings, give bonus points to landowners wishing to participate in conservation easement purchase programs, and pose no restrictions on land owner activities. Union County has established many agriculture security areas.

A major planning tool not implemented in Union County is that involving urban growth boundaries. To create such boundaries, townships and boroughs work together with the county planning agency to determine these invisible boundaries beyond which development is discouraged. Once a boundary is established, the county agriculture preservation board seeks to buy conservation easements on farms along the boundary. Typically a county will have very limited funds and an organization like the Linn Conservancy can help by seeking donated conservation easements. Agriculture zoning is used to prevent development from "leap-frogging" over those preserved farms. Often sewer lines would not be built beyond such boundaries and schools and other public facilities and only built within the "urban growth" area. Without such boundaries, preserved farms can become a magnet for developers since lots surrounding such a farm are sometimes considered more valuable because people know their view is preserved.

To learn more about these planning tools and farmland preservation, put the Conservancy's May 5 annual dinner date on your calendar now!

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## Linn Reference Book Shelf Grows

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Here is the second installment of a listing of our books and scientific studies. More to come in the September *Linn Log*.

### Conservation Overviews (continued):

13) Beyond Sprawl; Land Management Techniques to Protect the Chesapeake Bay/A Handbook for Local Governments, 1997. 88 pp. Very readable and introduces in some depth the concepts of urban growth boundaries, infill/community development, transfer or purchase of development rights, transit oriented development; cluster development and traditional neighborhood development. Also, financing options for local government initiatives are reviewed. 1 copy.

14) Who Pays for Sprawl? The Economic, Social and Environmental Impacts of Sprawl Development, 1998. 32 pp. Government document that defines sprawl and enumerates costs to developers, local governments, citizens, farmers, and the environment. Contains general and annotated bibliographies. 1 copy.

### Conservation Easements:

1) Diehl and Barrett. The Conservation Easement Handbook/Managing Land Conservation and Historic Preservation Easement Programs (Alexandria, VA: The Land Trust Exchange, et. al.), 1988, 270 pp. Widely recognized text for establishing and writing easements. 4 copies.

2) Model Conservation Easement and Historic Preservation Easement, 1996 (Alexandria, VA: The Land Trust Alliance), 1996, 122 pp. An update and revision of easement language appearing in the above based on eight additional years of writing easements. 2 copies.

3) Appraising Easements/Guidelines for Valuation of Historic Preservation and Land Conservation Easements, 2nd ed. (Alexandria, VA: The Land Trust Alliance), 1984, 1990, 82 pp. THE text for appraising easements. 4 copies.

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## Conservation District Obtains "Green Works" Videos

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The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Environmental Fund for Pennsylvania have donated twelve copies of the "Green Works for Pennsylvania" video to the Union County Conservation District (UCCD) library. "Green Works for Pennsylvania" is an award-winning cable television show. Have you ever wondered what people are doing to help save the environment? Have you ever wished you could see firsthand what you can do to join the effort? These matters and more are addressed. Copies of this fast-paced, 30-minute video may be borrowed from the UCCD library at 60 N. Bull Run Crossing. Call Bill Deitrick at 523-8782 for information.

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## Marsh Update

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The last *Linn Log* reported the financial settlement on the illegal timbering of a small portion of the Conservancy's Montandon Marsh tract. Mention was also made of the slash (branches and other debris left over from the timbering.) Our Site and Stewardship Committee recently decided to leave the slash on the property and thought it would be helpful to provide an explanation to hikers who will be visiting the area and to Conservancy members generally. Warren Abrahamson developed the following presentation which formed the basis for the Committee's decision.

*Removing the slash has potential negative effects:*

1. Removal of slash exports additional nutrients from the site. A sizable portion of the site's nutrient stores was tied up in the timber removed from the site. The finer-sized materials that remain also contain a reasonable fraction of site's nutrients. Over time, these nutrients will be released as the slash decomposes to cycle with the site.
2. Depending on how the slash is removed, there is potential for additional damage to the litter layer. Disturbing the litter layer has the potential to encourage alien species (which typically require high light conditions for germination and seedling establishment) over native species. Although the timbered site has been forest for a good number years, we know from Bucknell student Michelle Zalewski's recent research that its soil litter layer contains many, many alien plant seeds. Michelle removed soil samples from a number of sites near the timbered area for greenhouse germination trials. The resulting flora contained a high proportion of alien, weedy species. While we will see invasive plants on the timbered site regardless of our stewardship choices during future growing seasons (some will be natives including blackberry), we should not encourage alien species. The native species that we wish to promote are largely woodland species with evolutionary adaptations to germinate in somewhat more shady conditions than many aliens. Soil surface light levels (as well as temperatures which also affect germination) will be lower with slash in place.
3. There is always the chance that someone will be injured during slash removal. The equipment necessary for such a removal is particularly dangerous. Involvement of people who have little experience with such equipment invites injury.

*Leaving the slash has positive effects:*

1. The presence of slash simulates natural disturbance processes. The current situation mimics the natural blow-downs that result from tornadoes, squalls, ice storms, and hurricanes. After such blow-downs, the plant materials remain on site to decompose (releasing nutrients for the regenerating plants). Such natural disturbance events have occurred throughout the evolutionary history of the species that frequent the timbered tract. These plants are adapted to regenerate under conditions similar to those that presently exist.

2. Not only does the slash provide cover and protection for native seedlings and saplings, it also provides cover for small mammals, birds, invertebrates, and others. The slash provides useful shelter habitat for wildlife on our property.

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### **More on Bequests**

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The last *Linn Log* mentioned bequests to the Conservancy. We briefly discuss in this issue one of the ways in which bequests can have a great benefit; namely, helping to grow an endowment to support the Conservancy's ongoing commitments. Annual dues, of course, are intended to meet daily operating costs. From time to time we call on members to support special projects and this will surely continue. But it is important to bear in mind that, increasingly, much of our work involves long-term and, in major cases, perpetual obligations. We eagerly work with private property owners to carry out ongoing voluntary stewardship of land with unusual plants, animals or geologic features. We hold conservation easements to preserve open space, habitat and vital natural resources which require both permanent monitoring and a readiness to enforce compliance with an easement's terms. We are property owners now for the first time with 33 acres in the Montandon Marsh for which we must pay taxes and assume significant maintenance responsibilities. And it goes without saying that the Conservancy places a high priority on seeking additional easements and property acquisitions that are desirable. We need a steady source of funding that can provide the means for growth in these areas.

Perpetuating your support by including a bequest to the endowment of Linn Conservancy in planning your estate distribution, no matter what the size of your estate, would be a wonderful way to support this organization. A bequest or gift to our endowment will provide permanent support because, of course, only the income is spent. Endowment bequests will be placed in a fund to be managed by a committee of the Conservancy's board that will seek safe, long-term growth. And, of course, the Linn Conservancy is a nonprofit I.R.S. Code Section 501 (c) (3) environmental preservation organization.

### ***People Effect Change:***

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#### **George A. Koch Remembered with Conservancy Gifts**

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George Koch died in late January. He lived all his life on his farm near Mazeppa and was an avid hunter and fisherman who loved the outdoors. While making funeral arrangements for the family, Gary Cronrath thought of the Linn Conservancy as a beneficiary for memorial gifts. George Koch's daughter, Sue Casselberry, agreed and the family asked that memorial gifts be sent in his name to the Linn Conservancy. Such gifts have been received from the following: Eugene & Melvena Ritter, P. Joseph Keller, Richard & Evelyn Mabus, Robert & Nancy Moser, Fred & Dorothy Johnson, Mr. & Mrs Eugene Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. David Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hackenberg, Wayne M. Stahl, Carol Ingald, Sandy & Dick Nelson, Anna Shirk, Elma Zeiber, the Moravian Academy's Lower School faculty, John & Anna Long, Helen Steely, Patricia Best, Wayne & Helene Barner, Helen Wagner, Larry & Karen Erdley, Patty & Derl Weikel, Mrs. L. Dice Miller & family, and the Lewisburg Chapter of the Woodsmen of the World.

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#### **New Board Members: Natasha Cooper, Roger Curran and Clyde Peeling**

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Three new members have been selected for the Conservancy's Board of Directors. Natasha A. Cooper of Lewisburg is an Assistant Instructional Services Librarian at Lycoming College and recently served as chair of the Lewisburg Planning Commission. Professional interests include library instruction and increasing awareness of resources available to communities through the Federal Depository Library Program. A graduate of Lewisburg High School, Tasha received a B. A. from Colgate University, a Master of Education from Penn State University and a Master of Library Science from Syracuse University. She enjoys opera, art, swimming, walking, and hiking. Earlier in a career at Bucknell from 1983-1991 Tasha coordinated freshman residential college programs and managed the Weis Center for the Performing Arts box office, among other activities.

Roger D. Curran is a retired Federal personnel administrator who moved to Lewisburg three years ago. He worked for 33 years with the U.S. Public Health Service and served for the last 13 years as personnel officer for the Health Resources and Services Administration headquartered in Rockville, Maryland. Roger has a B.A. from Bucknell and an M.A. from George Washington University, both in psychology. He enjoys stamp collecting, tennis, reading and hiking. Roger, and his wife Nancy, have been volunteering with the Conservancy since their move back to Lewisburg.

In particular, the Currans have worked on projects for the membership/development committee such as the charter business campaign and the Montandon Marsh stationery. Roger has been editor of the *Linn Log* for the last year.

Clyde Peeling began an interest in natural history and reptiles in particular at age twelve. As a teenager, he maintained a personal collection of live reptiles and worked at zoos in Pennsylvania and Texas. Upon leaving the United States Air Force in 1964, he opened Reptiland in Allenwood, Pennsylvania. Reptiland is a specialized zoo

accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association. During the mid-1970's, Clyde consulted during the design and construction of Hersheypark's ZooAmerica in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Each year he organizes and leads tours to East Africa, the Amazon rainforest, India and the Galapagos Islands. Since 1968, he has given more than 4,500 programs on reptiles throughout the United States. He often pilots his private plane to lecture dates around the country. Clyde is a regular guest on national television shows that include The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Late Night with Conan O'Brien and Live with Regis and Kathie Lee. Other appearances have included The Jon Stewart Show, Real Life with Jane Pauley, The Today Show, ABC Wide World of Sports, To Tell the Truth and others. He devotes considerable time to environmental issues and is active in efforts to reduce air and water pollution from landfills and incinerators. In the early 1990's, he led a successful grassroots movement to protect Pennsylvania's central Susquehanna Valley from pollution by a proposed hazardous waste incinerator.

The new board members will replace Gil Black, John Clark and Michael Pereira, each of whom made important leadership contributions to the Conservancy. Many thanks, gentlemen!

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### **Area Legislator Receives Award**

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Pennsylvania State Rep. Russ Fairchild was presented the Frederick L. Zimmermann Award of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) on November 13 for leadership in promoting the water resource values of the Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay Watersheds and for fostering interstate legislative cooperation. Among recent accomplishments, Rep. Fairchild: (1) formed the Susquehanna Caucus in the Pennsylvania General Assembly; (2) initiated the first basin-wide Susquehanna legislative summit; (3) sponsored important flood stage mapping legislation; and (4) participated actively as a member of the Chesapeake Bay Commission.

SRBC presents the Zimmermann award periodically to recognize elected officials who demonstrate excellence in water resources management. The award was established in 1996 to honor Mr. Zimmerman - a Brooklyn, NY native - who initiated the Susquehanna River Basin Compact and advocated interstate compacts as a vital tool for managing water resources. Rep. Fairchild is only the second elected official to receive the award. The first award went to Congressman Sherwood Boehlert of New York in 1996.

- *Susquehanna Guardian*, Winter 98/99

(Rep. Fairchild represents all of Union County and parts of Snyder County.)

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### **June Hoyle and Roger Curran Join Travis and McDiffett at the Helm**

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At the annual dinner in May there will be new officers for the Conservancy. June Hoyle, charter member of the Conservancy board and its first vice-president, will become president and Roger Curran will become its president elect. They will join Sue Travis and Wayne McDiffett, treasurer and secretary respectively, who are continuing in their posts. Other board members who have renewed for a three year term include Warren Abrahamson, Jim Apple, and current president Betsy Quant.

In an era when people find it increasingly difficult to commit to leadership positions in the non-profit sector, we can all appreciate the commitment of these individuals to our organization. The board is an active volunteer group with each person finding the time to contribute his or her particular area of expertise and contacts. Although the Conservancy is supported by a part-time paid coordinator and a part-time secretarial/administrative assistant, the Conservancy is very dependent on volunteers for specific tasks and projects and for service on the board.

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### **Conservancy Quilt Debuts**

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A queen-sized quilt, designed and donated by Mary Koons, will debut at the Lewisburg Arts Festival on Saturday, April 11th. This fine quilt will be raffled with all proceeds going to the benefit of Linn Conservancy. Look for our stand which will probably be in the Soldiers' Park on North Water Street. We also plan to display the quilt at our

annual dinner, and at Mifflinburg Buggy Days, the West End Fair, Milton's harvest festival, and Mifflinburg's Christkindl event. Be sure to see this quilt which will feature Conservancy themes and images such as inhabitants of Montandon Marsh, and birds and wildflowers seen along Conservancy-maintained trails. A mailing with details of the raffle and quilt tickets will go out to all members at a later date.

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### Conservancy Member Honored for Environmental Education

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The Pennsylvania Forestry Association's Municipal Tree Restoration Program presented its 1998 Urban and Community Forestry Award for Volunteer Excellence to Dorothy Zimmerman. Dotti was responsible for writing the grant proposals and for supervising the extensive project involving the planting of trees, flowers and bulbs; improving the habitat of the school property; making a greenway to run along Limestone Run and building a bridge, a pavilion and park furniture. In commenting on the award, Dotti was generous in her praise of the Milton School District and the community for their enthusiasm and hard work. And the efforts were very considerable. On the tree planting phase alone, for example, she reported the following: "We had 68 adults for 683 hours, 500 elementary kids during school time for a total of 1,285 hours, and 38 elementary children and Scouts out of school time for 149 hours." Dotti has been an active member of the Conservancy's public awareness committee and she and her husband, Terry, have been strong supporters of our efforts since 1989.

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### Conservancy Trail Inspires Hiker

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The Linn Conservancy maintains four trails for the public's enjoyment and study of nature. Among these trails is one on Shamokin Mountain, four miles south of Lewisburg on Stein Lane. This trail winds through a very nice example of an upland mixed deciduous woodland. Even though this woodland has felt the ax of earlier generations, the resiliency of nature has produced a vigorous forest of 70 to 100' tall oaks, maples, and tulip trees. A stroll through this forest offers hikers a peaceful escape from the hustle of everyday life with opportunities to reacquaint one's senses with the natural world. One Linn Conservancy member, attorney Pete Macky of Lewisburg, shares his feelings and thoughts during a winter stroll on the Shamokin Mountain Trail in his poem "In the Wild Wood."

*The trees stand sentinel straight  
on the slopes of the wild woods.  
the slanting sun suffuses the  
western sky with a honey glow.*

*The snow lies deep in shadows  
on the slopes of the wild woods.  
The cornstalks rustle in the breeze  
along the ridge where sumac grows.*

*Noises are muted among the trees  
on the slopes of the wild woods.  
Oak leaves rattle and buds twitter  
while towering trees creak and groan.*

*Snow crunches underfoot on the trail  
as it slopes in the wild woods.  
Winter's crystal teeth line the stream,  
and dark eyes watch and wait.*

*The soaring trees hold up heaven's roof  
on the slopes of the wild woods.  
Winter's palette is muted and the  
music is quiet in the cathedral woods.*

Pete Macky January 1998

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## Educators Help Prepare Montandon Marsh Video Some Slides Still Needed

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Several teachers from Milton and Lewisburg as well as the environmental educator at R.B. Winter State Park are helping the Conservancy shape an educational video on the Montandon Marsh. The final production will be completed by John Walter at the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit. The project is being funded by an Edna M. Sheary Trust grant. Information on the Marsh gathered from a number of sources is being used but relies heavily on a public presentation made by Bucknell biology professor Warren Abrahamson in Montandon at the time of the purchase. Photography for the project comes largely from Dr. Abrahamson, Selinsgrove botanist John Clark, and Lewisburg High School biology teacher Geoff Goodenow.

Certain subjects are still needed for the video. They are as follows: slides or color photos of Williamsport boulder field, the "Ice Age," duck hunters, foresters, migration of geese, birds building nests, birds with young, one animal devouring another, birds in grasses, sedges, plants and animals together, person eating cereal, bird nests and shelters, migration, Least Bittern, Virginia Rail, Vesper Sparrow, bogs, sand, mosses, wild cranberry, mountain holly, choke cherries, wild raisin, highbush blueberry, reindeer moss, hairy cap moss, British soldiers, spice bush, spice bush butterfly, monarch butterfly, monarch caterpillar, muskrat, fox, bats, TVs, four-wheel drive vehicles on dunes, hunters, people dumping, West Chillisquaque Township building, and Montandon village. Along with this new video, other material on freshwater wetlands will be made available to area schoolteachers in grades 3 - 5. Requests for further information about this project or to loan slides or photos should be directed to Jeannette Lasansky at the Conservancy, 524-8666 or [conserve@ptd.net](mailto:conserve@ptd.net).

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## New Members Help Linn Conservancy Meet Its Goals

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New individual and family members since the winter *Linn Log* are:

Fred & Elena Bibs  
Natasha Cooper  
John & Joan Fernsler  
Henry Herbst  
Glenn & Mary Miller  
Lamont & Cynthia Smith  
Bernard Taylor & Ann DeKlerk

New business members are:

Anni's Bed and Breakfast  
Mifflinburg Telegraph

### ***Briefs:***

Thanks to Conservancy members who gave an additional gifts with their membership: John C. Snook, Bea Spielman, Dorris J. Keen, Duane Haggy, Mary and Doug Candland, Jo Reilly, Bill Bastian, and Roger & Nancy Curran. Thanks also to life members Tom Rippon, Jessie Soars, and Faye & Carl Oberheim for additional financial support at the beginning of 1999. Also a thank you to Dr. Wayne Manning and to Margaret Mathias for their very generous end-of-year gifts. Such gifts make the Conservancy better able to do its work.

Thanks to Beth G. Coleman and Richard Gehret for gifts to the Conservancy in memory of former board director and secretary Richard Brown.

Thanks to the following families and groups that helped maintain the Koons Trail in Mifflinburg last year: Rick & Viv Bailey, the Huntingtons, the Southertons, the New Berlin 4-H, and the Lyle Hobarts. We look forward to working with these families in 1999.

Thanks to all who have sent in volunteer sheets and others who have called or e-mailed the Conservancy: Rolf & Annick Helbig, Andy Mack, Bill Bastian, David Goehring, Peggy Lauver, Quica Ostrander, Pam & Rik Paulsen, Marge & Tom Duck, Kim Dauberman, Pete Macky, Tom Rippon, Ed Culver, and Natalie Burrows. We will try to

match your interests and our needs over the coming months. Thanks also to members with pickup trucks who volunteered themselves and their vehicles.