



# FRIENDS OF THE DELAWARE CANAL CANAL NEWS

## Almost Back to Normal (Using the Canal definition of "normal")

Things are looking pretty good just about everywhere along the Canal. The finishing touches are being put on the last of the towpath and prism repair projects, and the stop gate reconstruction projects are being completed with dramatic flair. A crowd gathered at the Rocky Falls stop gate, behind Mueller's Store in Williams Township, to see the mammoth white oak gates being dropped into place by a crane. There have been no changes in the State's prediction that all the FEMA/PEMA-funded projects would be completed no later than mid-summer.

Now to the conditions that fall under the Canal definition of "normal."

*Grass growth* – The earth that was disturbed during the flood repair work was seeded with grass. In some sections, the grass is growing beautifully – so well that the diminished number of Park maintenance staff members hasn't been able to keep up with it. Their first priority has been to deal with the sections where the fast-growing rye grass in the mix threatens to smother the low-growing, warm weather grasses that will be key to holding the towpath in place.

The cutbacks caused by the State's budget crisis mean fewer workers to accomplish more work, and organized outside help can't be offered. The Park staff is mowing, just not as quickly as they or visitors desire. Individual efforts to deal with grass and vegetation are welcome.

*And on to New Hope* – In April, the Park staff installed the pump in the Delaware River that, in the absence of water flowing from the north, fills the Canal stretch between Centre Bridge and Lock 11 in New Hope. The pump was put into operation with the intent of having a full canal for the operation of the mule-drawn canal boat ride in New Hope. The Canal was filling nicely, but somewhat slowly, when the water level hit its half-full mark. Then Park Manager Rick Dalton received several phone calls, all from owners of properties along Mechanic Street who had water in their basements. This turn of events was especially maddening since the State has undertaken



*A watered canal is a scenic canal. Locks 23/24 at the Theodore Roosevelt Recreation Area.*



*The installation of the stop gate at Rocky Falls created a stir. Photo by Carole Mebus.*

several different "fixes" of a leak south of the Mechanic Street. With no choice but to stop water from infiltrating basements, Dalton drained the section. (During the process, it was wonderful to see Lock 11 filled with water!) The new leak is now being investigated with a likely theory being that the canal water escaped through an on-site hole in the canal wall and followed the channels created by the decaying roots of a large, adjacent tree that was cut down by its owner. To get some water back in New Hope, a board dam was erected at the Ingham Creek Aqueduct, and the section between Centre Bridge and the aqueduct is watered. We hope for quick fix for the new leak so that all of New Hope can be watered again.

*South in Levittown* – An old culvert in the berm bank collapsed in the spring causing the water to drain from the Canal. The Park staff has repaired the problem, and water is again flowing southward.

*Water flow from New Hope to Bristol* – Blossoms and berries appeared about two weeks early this year, and the dryness of summer has arrived early, too. With little rain, the Delaware River level has dropped. When

water is not flowing from Easton, the southern end of the Canal is supplied with water solely from the river inlet behind Odette's in New Hope and incoming streams. Drops in the Canal water level can be expected when the River level falls below the level of the inlet, so the sooner water flows southward from Easton the better! Just the right amount of rain helps, too.

All in all the Canal is looking fine – and so much better than it did just months ago. It's easy to forget how far we've come since the first flood in 2004.

When dealing with the Delaware Canal, two sayings come in handy. "This too shall pass," and "Patience is a virtue." But as Friends, we know that we have to work to make things pass and that being overly patient does not help matters.

Enjoy the Canal as it gets better and better – with your support.



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### Mission

The Friends of the Delaware Canal is an independent, non-profit organization working to restore, preserve, and improve the Delaware Canal and its surroundings. Our primary goals are to ensure that the Canal is fully-watered from Easton to Bristol and the towpath trail is useable over its entire length. We embrace this mission in order to sustain a unique link to our heritage, protect beautiful and diverse natural areas, provide recreational and educational opportunities, and enable the Canal to serve as a community and economic asset.

## Park Manager's Report

By the time you read this all the flood repairs should be completed. It has been a long hard road, but we are nearly at the end. It's been two and a half years since the repairs began and almost six years since the first flood. We will start putting water back in as soon as the projects are complete. I believe that we will have a Canal that will endure flooding with less damage than we experienced previously. I do not want to test this theory anytime in the near future.

We are still in the design phase of some other Canal improvement projects. These include the replacement of the Yardley Aqueduct, a tunnel through the railroad embankment just south of Morrisville, tunnels under the northern Route 13 crossing, and a safer way around the southern Route 13 crossing.

The State budget hasn't gotten any better, and it doesn't look like it will in the near future. Please bear with us during these times. The Park has about half the staff available as we've had in the past. I've received numerous questions about the grass mowing. We just can't get to it as often as we have in the past. Our first priority is to keep the surface of the towpath mowed. The slopes of the Canal will be done as we can get to them.

Once again I want to thank all of our neighbors along the Canal who have permitted the contractors' access to the Canal for repairs. Without you the work would have been more difficult, if not impossible.

As always, thanks to all the members of the Friends for your continued support of the Canal.

*Rick Dalton*

## Canal Adoption Rate Rises

Five more Canal Tenders have stepped forward, and now 39% of the Canal's 58.9-mile length has been adopted.

The latest Canal Tenders are:

**The Upper Black Eddy Historic Preservation Society under the leadership of Peter Rosswaag** –

Indian Rock Inn to Berm Lane, Upper Black Eddy

**Daniel Schwager** –

Virginia Forrest Recreation Area to Centre Bridge

**The Central Bucks Bicycle Club under the leadership of Nora Schenk** –

Stoney Run Aqueduct to Mt. Eyre Road, Washington Crossing

**Joyce and Klaus Senss** –

Mile Marker 10 to Palmer Street Bridge, Morrisville

**Louise Wile and Mike Schwartz**

Palmer Street Bridge to Bridge Street, Morrisville

Thanks for volunteering to watch over the Canal!

To fill in the significant gaps along the Canal, Tenders are needed from

- Bristol north to Morrisville
- Bowman's Hill north to Rabbit Run Bridge, New Hope
- Virginia Forrest Recreation Area north to Lock 13 in Point Pleasant
- Lock 17 (Treasure Island) north to Berm Lane, Upper Black Eddy
- Indian Rock Inn to Mueller's Store, Kintnersville-Riegelsville
- Wy-Hit-Tuk Park to Easton

Please consider adopting any part of the remaining sections. To find out more about what is involved in becoming a Canal Tender, please visit [www.fodc.org/canaltenders.html](http://www.fodc.org/canaltenders.html), call 215-862-2021, or e-mail [friends@fodc.org](mailto:friends@fodc.org).

If you would like to find out more about serving on a Friends of the Delaware Canal committee, please call Board President Jack Donohue at 215-297-8319 or e-mail [jackdonohue1@comcast.net](mailto:jackdonohue1@comcast.net).

# Calendar of Events

## Rediscover the Delaware Canal

### Friday, July 23, 10:30 a.m. The Grand Re-Opening Celebration

At the Forks of the Delaware Recreation Area, 200 South Delaware Drive, Easton. (The fish ladder site.)

It's time for our long-promised celebration! Come cheer for the return of the towpath and the watered Canal. The Friends, State Park representatives, our legislators, local officials, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor staff, and 350 bicy-



cyclists, who will be passing through on their Rails to Trails Conservancy Greenway Sojourn, will gather at the guard lock in Easton where the Delaware Canal begins and the Canal's water is supplied by the Lehigh River.

There will be congratulations to share, ribbons to cut, and wishes for a trouble-free future to be made. And, of course, there will be snacks, souvenirs, and, perhaps, a surprise or two.

If you would like to take advantage of the Canal's newly watered state, paddle your canoe or kayak to the ceremony. There is a boat launch to the south at Wy-Hit-Tuk Park. It would be great to have bicyclists on the towpath and boaters in the water all at once. – quite the Canal spectacle.

Please join us in Easton to officially launch the Canal into a new era.

### Sunday, July 25, 2 p.m. The Green Oasis Walk

Meet at the Falls Township Community Park, 9125 Millcreek Road, Levittown. Use the main entrance, then follow the roadway to its end at the pavilion near the Wheatshaf Road entrance. A map with a "to and from" direction feature is available at [www.fallstwp.com/?page\\_id=258](http://www.fallstwp.com/?page_id=258).

In the 1940's and 50's, as parts of Lower Bucks County were being transformed from bountiful fields of asparagus and cauliflower into the kingdom of US Steel, the Delaware Canal managed to hold much of its ground. It was altered, piped, and sometimes mutilated, but it remained with the help of strong advocates. Today, for much of its length, it is a green ribbon - a plant and wildlife-filled oasis - running through land that has been highly developed and sometimes industrialized.

Join us for a 4-mile round trip walk along the Canal towpath through the green oasis. Enjoy the ducks, turtles, and herons, and learn about the influences of US Steel, community connections, culvert pipes, and the East Coast Greenway. We'll do some plant identification, too. Come experience one of the Delaware Canal's special qualities – its diversity.

### Friday, August 6, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Lighting Up the Night To Celebrate the Canal's Return

At the mural plaza next to the Locktender's House, 145 South Main Street, New Hope.



The Friday night fireworks that glitter the sky over New Hope will have a special meaning on August 6 as we gather for a summer evening party to toast the revitalization of the Canal. Meet your friends amidst William Selesnick's evocative murals of Delaware Canal scenes and enjoy tempting hors d'oeuvres and spirited beverages as well as live acoustic jazz, guitar, and vocals performed by Phyllis Chapell. We'll raise our glasses to toast all the work that has been done to bring the Canal back from flood devastation.

As darkness falls, we'll walk southward along the sidewalk and towpath to Odette's where we'll have a glorious view of Wells Falls, the Canal inlet, AND the booming, sparkling New Hope fireworks that will fill the sky and reflect off the River's waters.

A donation of \$30 per person is requested. Please make your reservations by July 30<sup>th</sup> by calling 215-862-2021 or e-mailing [friends@fodc.org](mailto:friends@fodc.org). Free parking will be available in the parking lot at Odette's, 274 South River Road. Only party participants will be permitted to park in this area, so please let the "gate keeper" know that you're party bound.

### Sunday, August 15, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunset Cruise on the Delaware River Aboard the River Otter

Departing from Keller's Landing, 1469 River Road, Upper Black Eddy.



This is one of the times when having a full-color newsletter would be such an advantage. If we did, you could see a photo of the stunning sunset that left us in awe on last year's cruise. This year we will try for a repeat, but without the rain that poured down at boarding time.

Join us for a relaxing Sunday evening cruise as we travel up river and down aboard the *River Otter*, a 52-foot-long, fully-equipped pontoon boat operated by the Bucks County Riverboat Company. The scenery will be spectacular, and there will be desserts – from virtuous fresh fruit to decadent dark chocolate delights – and prosecco, wine, and other light beverages.

A donation of \$45.00 per person is requested. Reservations are required by August 9<sup>th</sup> and can be made by calling 215-862-2021 or e-mailing [friends@fodc.org](mailto:friends@fodc.org). The *River Otter* can only hold 50 people, so please reserve early. Boarding will begin at 6 p.m. on the evening of the cruise; departure will be at 6:30 sharp.

Don't miss the boat!

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### Saturday, August 21, 8:30 p.m. Nature at Night Walk

Meet at the parking lot of the Giving Pond Recreation Area, 1125 River Road, Upper Black Eddy. The entrance is about one mile north of the Uhlerstown-Frenchtown Bridge.

It's always enlightening to see what comes out when the sun goes down, but this Night Walk could provide a special opportunity. Beavers are living at the Giving Pond, and they are nocturnal creatures. So instead of seeing only their dams or the trees that they've gnawed, we may see a real beaver or two. As well as beavers, we'll be looking for iridescent eyes and swooping wings and listening for shrieks and buzzes.



State Park Educator Sarah Berg will our guide for this family-friendly, one-mile walk along the Giving Pond trails. Once a stone quarry, the Giving Pond Recreation Area was acquired by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and designated as part of the Delaware Canal State Park. After becoming part of the Park, the quarry was allowed to fill with water and now is an outstanding wildlife habitat and great place to canoe, kayak, and fish.

Please bring a flashlight to the Nature at Night Walk, but be prepared not to use it. Beavers are shy.

### Tuesday, September 14 , 7:30 p.m. General Meeting: Tales of the Towpath

The presentation will be held in the Lower Hall of the Point Pleasant Baptist Church, 35 River Road, Point Pleasant.

The Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor is dedicated to sharing the stories of the historical, natural, and cultural resources found along its 165-mile length from Wilkes Barre to Bristol. One of its latest efforts is the publication of a new book Tales of the Towpath – Adventures Along the Lehigh & Delaware Canals. Geared to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade set, but fun and informative for canallers of all ages, *Tales* is “a story about growth and change: the industrialization of the United States; a family struggling to prosper in a new land; the maturing of an inquisitive young boy who meets new friends and enjoys exciting adventures that shape his life.”

Presenting their own tales of creating this book will be author Dennis Scholl and illustrator Dennis Gerhart. The author is a member of the D&L staff and also is responsible for developing a “travelling trunk” program that is being used by a growing number of school districts. The trunk includes a variety of pieces, from a conch shell horn to period costumes, which enable students to better understand canals and canal life. It is accompanied by an activity book, and teacher training is available.

Friends' member Dennis Gerhart is a designer, planner, and canal illustrator extraordinaire. His work has appeared in *Canal News*, the series of interpretive signs at Lock 11, and several site specific signs. Dennis has an artistic gift for showing how things work and easily finds the humorous side of a situation.

Come and find new ways to discover the Canal. Dennis Scholl will share some of his travelling trunk secrets, and you may just go home with one of Dennis Gerhart's famous mules.

Copies of Tales of the Towpath will be on sale for \$16.00. The two Dennises will be happy the autograph them.

## Canal Walk 2010

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

No skipping around flood repair work, no odd detours, no unusual drop off points. This year the Friends' annual Canal Walk is back to normal after six long years. **We'll be walking all 58.9 miles of the Canal – from the Forks of the Delaware in Easton to Riverfront Park in Bristol!**

So get your legs in shape, pull out your most cushy hiking socks, and join us for one or all of this year's walks. We'll have the renewed Canal in its autumn splendor to enjoy. And if you are among those who walk all 58.9 miles, you'll get a very special reward.

The full Canal Walk 2010 itinerary will appear in the fall issue of *Canal News* and on-line at [www.fodc.org](http://www.fodc.org).



*No stern schoolmasters are required when it comes to learning about the Delaware Canal. Illustration from Tales of the Towpath.*

## ~ SAVE THE DATE ~

### FACES AND PLACES

A CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS ALONG THE DELAWARE CANAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2010

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *Faces and Places* will move north this year to explore the abundance of art and history found along the Delaware Canal in Tincum Township. We'll depart from the Tincum Barn, a Bucks County treasure in its own right, and travel to the three featured stops on the narrated trolley tour.

- In Erwinna, a bustling town during canal days, Dorsey Reading will open his studio, which contains his works in progress as well as his incomparable collection of Paul Evans and Phillip Lloyd Powell furniture, sculpture, and accessories.
- Uhlerstown is the "best preserved Canal hamlet in America." A walk through the village is a walk back to the time when hundreds of mule-drawn boats passed through the town's lock. It was also home to Frederick Harer, the artist and frame maker who created custom, hand-carved frames for the most famous of the Bucks County artists.
- Steven Snyder's *Cedar Maze* is an amazing world of its own. His sculpture garden and studio reflect his creativity, skill, and respect for native stone. It has been featured in *Country Living* magazine and HGTV's *Our Place*.

When the tour concludes, we'll return to the Tincum Barn for a gala celebration with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, music, and merriment.

Last year's event was completely sold out, so make sure that you reserve your place early. You will be receiving an invitation in the mail, but if you would like to be among the first, you may make reservations online at [www.fodc.org/facesandplaces.html](http://www.fodc.org/facesandplaces.html) or by calling 215-862-2021. Special sponsorship and patron opportunities are available also.



*All aboard!*

## Learn All About It

In 1995 the Friends, in partnership with the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, embarked on a long-term initiative to design and install signs along the Delaware Canal. Some signs would be "interpretive" telling the many stories of the waterway, and some would be "directional" giving basic, where, what, when, and how instructions.

Since the Delaware Canal State Park had only primitive, brown wooden park regulation signs at the time, and the Friends and the Park were considered "ready to go," the D&L Heritage Corridor chose the Canal to be the recipient of prototype signs. These signs demonstrated the viability of the design standards that were being developed for the entire the 165-mile-long Corridor. The first three-panel kiosk and wayside signs were installed at high traffic areas along the towpath in 1997. Each described an aspect of the basic Delaware Canal story, and all the signs were alike.

By 2000, the Friends were ready to get beyond the basics and started to develop "site specific" signs. These interpretive signs tell the unique stories of places along the Canal – the Nockamixon Cliffs, the Durham iron furnace, lumbering at Lumberville, Leedom's coal yard in Yardley .... Many of this type of sign are already in place.

This spring two new "site specific" signs were installed as a result of another Friends/ D&L Corridor partnership.

One is a kiosk that stands along the towpath just south of Odette's in New Hope. One panel is entitled, "Turn Left for New York City" and illustrates how canal boats used the outlet and river cable ferry to transfer from the Delaware Canal to the Delaware and Raritan Canal in New Jersey. "Water Needed" explains how the southern end of the Canal has always lacked water and what measures were taken to alleviate the problem.



*Two passing bicyclists stopped to look at the new kiosk near Odette's in New Hope.*

The third panel, "The Place to Be," describes the evolution of the 1784 River House tavern and general store into the fabled Odette's restaurant and cabaret. A highlight is the photo of proprietor Odette Myrtill, clad in a leopard print dress, serving actor Maurice Chevalier in 1966.

A smaller wayside sign has been erected in Erwinna. "A Small Country Village" tells how Erwinna could have developed explosively had just one letter regarding a duPont enterprise been sent. The sign also shows what Erwinna was like during canal days.

Directional signs have been fabricated using a federal grant secured by the D&L Heritage Corridor. One of the batch can be viewed at the Locktender's House in New Hope. A contribution made to the Friends paid for the installation of a new directory sign that is situated at the Main Street corner of the garden. It guides visitors to the Canal towpath, the Locktender's House, and the Friends' offices. When the Canal Boat Ride is back, a business panel will be added for it. Nearly all the directory signs are in the barn at State Park headquarters awaiting installation. The D&L expects to accomplish this feat this season.

With most of the Delaware Canal looking spiffy, eyes have turned to the oldest interpretive signs that have been in place for 13 years. Nearly all of them look shabby, and schemes are being spun to accomplish their replacement.

So, the saga of signs along the Delaware Canal continues with plans being made both for new site specific signs and for replacement s for the old, which still have good stories to tell.

## Bag After Bag

Canal Clean-Up Day was especially effective this spring. **Twenty-five** Area Coordinators managed **246** volunteers who worked a total of **735 hours!**

**Many, many thanks** to everyone, especially the first-time coordinators and volunteers and the Delaware Canal State Park staff, who collected all the bags and tires and disposed of them.



Tanner Heath, Milo Vegas, and Odin Vegas scoured the towpath banks in Point Pleasant.



Steven Spatz and daughters triumphed over trash south of the Levittown Center.

Of special note —

- Ron Scheese surpassed his twentieth anniversary as an Area Coordinator. He and his fellow Morrisville coordinator, Ginny McNeil again set the record for most trash collected. Among their volunteers were members of Local 269, the electrical contractors union; Boy Scout Troop 46; Cub Scout Pack 3; a contingent from Morrisville First; representatives from the Bucks County Housing Network; and the Trofe family, who from their canoe hauled out wood and spruced up the berm bank.
- South of New Hope, members of the environmental club from Solebury School worked diligently from Odette's to the bridge by the Thompson-Neely House. They and the other volunteers in the section left the area spotless.
- Not only did Boy Scout Troop 127, led by Ralph Riegel, clean up from Easton to Riegelsville, but they also camped overnight at Wy-Hit-Tuk Park.
- The twelve volunteers from Traditions in Washington Crossing, under the guidance of Richard Vinet, formed an enterprising group. They cleaned 3.3 miles, identified invasive species, and also have signed up to be Canal Tenders.

And thanks, too, to Marianne Fluehr and Brett Webber who served as the event coordinators this year. It was a good day!

### And the Winners Are —

Louise Wile and Mike Schwartz of Morrisville have won this year's *Strangest Thing Found on Canal Clean-Up Day* contest. They discovered a "NO TURN ON RED" traffic sign partially buried in the bottom of the Canal near Bridge Street. It took a lot of effort to get it out, and Louise and Mike had to use their "special tool," but they did succeed. "I'm amazed that we managed to do it without falling in," quipped Louise. For their sign extraction efforts, they have won Friends of the Delaware Canal caps and mugs.

## A First-Rate Launch

The Delaware Canal Flora and Fauna Atlas went live on our website, [www.fodc.org](http://www.fodc.org) in April, and one of the first photos submitted was of the American bald eagle that was nesting on a river island next to the Canal near Kintnersville. What better way to generate interest than the hope of a glimpse of an eaglet.

The eaglet has since hatched, but photographer Carole Mebus did get a shot of the baby's wing

before it flew the nest. This was no small feat since the nest was so far from land and the mother elusive.

To see the eagle, many other birds, butterflies, plants, and even the nasty land planarian, visit the Flora and Fauna Atlas. And please submit your own photos for inclusion. The Atlas is meant to be a collection of images taken by visitors. Photos are especially needed of critters and plants living in the central and southern sections of the Canal.

A new section has been added to the Photo Gallery. At the request of Canal Tenders, invasive species are being cataloged for ready reference by those who want to help control them.

The number of people visiting the Friends' website has reached new records ever since the Flora and Fauna Atlas was added. Please make those totals even larger with your own visits. You'll be rewarded with some great – and unusual – photos.

The Atlas project was made possible through a grant from the Bucks County Conference and Visitors Bureau.



*The sweet scent of Japanese honeysuckle belies its all-entangling, invasive nature. Find photos of this and other invasive species at [www.fodc.org](http://www.fodc.org). Photo by Carole Mebus.*

## We're Out and About

You'll find the Friends at

**The New Hope Farmer's Market –**

Thursday, September 16

*On the lawn in front of the New Hope-Solebury High School on West Bridge Street.*

**Yardley Harvest Day –**

Saturday, September 25

*In the Old Library by Lake Afton on West Afton Avenue.*

Come by and chat, pick up some freebies, learn the latest news about the Canal, and buy some books, t-shirts, canal critter puppets, hats, and other great canal items.

You'll also see us along the towpath this summer with brochures, maps, and high hopes of gaining new members.

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River Road Business Alliance, Erwinna –  
Solebury Township Historical Society  
Stephan's Design Center, New Hope  
Univest National Bank & Trust Co.  
The UPS Store, New Hope

## What's It Worth?

The Delaware Canal State Park isn't just another pretty place; it has economic value.

Last year, the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation commissioned a study of the economic impact of State Parks. The draft report, prepared by the Department of Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management at Penn State University, uses visitation data compiled by individual parks and spending averages from 2008 to generate estimates for the economic significance of visitor spending. The Money Generation Model 2 (MGM2) adopted by the National Park Service was used to calculate the estimates.

The draft report finds that Delaware Canal State Park visitors (both local and non-local) spent an estimated \$4,966,000 on their trips to the park in 2008. This spending resulted in \$8,360,000 in sales, contributing to 103 jobs with \$3,075,000 in labor income, and \$4,887,000 in value added.

Overall, in 2008, the PA State Park system, with its 117 parks, added \$7.62 to the state and local economies for each \$1 of taxpayer investment.

## Welcome, New Friends

Elizabeth Augspach  
Helen D. Chaitman  
Sarah B. Hicks  
Linda Kenyon  
Nan Kirstein  
Ben & Carolyn Meadows  
Lynn Vogel & Josh Gradwohl

# A New Roof for the Mural Plaza

The cedar shake overhang that protects the Canal murals next to the Locktender's House in New Hope was replaced this spring by the DeFrehn Corporation of Newtown. Jeff DeFrehn very kindly agreed to do the work at no cost and sent a crew that whipped out the job in a day. An act of generosity accomplished by fast, efficient workers.



*So many workers on such a small roof.*

## Planning Ahead

The Friends are in the process of restructuring the organization's Planning Giving efforts. An outline is being finalized that sets forth several ways in which donors can help to ensure the future of the Delaware Canal and the Friends. The most simple method is to include a bequest to the Friends in your will.

If you would like your legacy to reflect your love and concern for the Canal, the Friends are ready to help.

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