

Heritage Conservancy raises \$70,000 at outdoor dinner

Heritage Conservancy held its 10th annual Farm to Table Dinner Aug. 4, at the Conservancy's Russell-Mandel Preserve in Buckingham Township. More than 250 guests helped to raise \$70,000 toward the conservancy's mission of preserving and protecting our natural and historic heritage. That is the largest amount raised at any previous Farm to Table dinner. The Russell-Mandel Preserve is a 55-acre property that contains agricultural fields, woodlands and a tributary leading to Pidcock Creek. From the road from the agricultural fields is the remain-



A long tent sheltered farm-to-table participants from sun and rain during the Aug. 4 Heritage Conservancy event.

ing property, which contains an early 1800s farmhouse, a cottage, and a barn. In 1990, Robert L. Russell and William Mandel donated their property to Heritage Conservancy. They decided their farm to the Conservancy and reserved life rights to enjoy the rest of their days on the property. A mission appeal during the evening focused on connecting the next generation of environmental stewards with nature. Students in 4th grade at Keystone Elementary School in Bristol will now have the opportunity to get out on the Delaware River aboard

the Steamboat SPLASH floating classroom. Jeffrey Marshall, president of Heritage Conservancy, emphasized the community support in the conservancy's mission. "Heritage Conservancy as an organization is a reflection of this community. You appreciate our open spaces and historic places, and you've entrusted us to make sure that those places are protected in perpetuity. Heritage Conservancy exists for you and because of you." Table Presenting Sponsors were Fox Rothschild LLP and Zaveta Custom Homes.

Frenchtown welcomes visitors for September events

Frenchtown invites visitors and locals to enjoy the last few weeks of summer and the first few weeks of fall along the Delaware River. Throughout September, the town will be alive with a variety of entertainment and activities ranging from a Community Campout to a new exhibit at ArtYard. Here are a few highlights of happenings around town and beyond. **Lovers of poetry and prose** are invited to The Book Garden for First Friday Open Mic at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 7; The Evening Reads Book Club will discuss Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, "Less," at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11; contact@bookgarden.biz or 908-996-2022. **Find new-to-you treasures** at the Frenchtown United Methodist Church's annual rummage sale Sept. 6 to 8. The church is on Third Street. Susan Blubaugh's show of new oil paintings – some feature Frenchtown locations – runs until Oct. 15 at SFA Gallery, with a

mix of small plein-air studies and larger studio compositions. The opening reception is 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8. Local history enthusiast Rick Epstein will offer his walking tours on weekends and by appointment. Details can be found on Facebook at Frenchtown Walking Tours, or call or text 908-200-0480 or email RickEpstein@yahoo.com. Secret Garden Montessori hosts an open house from 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 15. Secret Garden offers half, full and extended day care programs for children from infancy through age 6 rooted in authentic Montessori philosophy. Contact Jessika Goodale at 908-628-9639. ArtYard launches its fall lineup of events with The Unlikely Whole, an exhibit featuring the works of Mariel Capanna, Amie Cunat, Osamu Kobayashi, Kenny Rivero and Rudy Shepherd. Using methods of fragmentation,

repetition and translation, these artists both reimagine and challenge viewers' conception of the whole. The show is curated by Lucinda Warchol. The opening is 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15. Visit artyard.org to learn more and check out the upcoming poetry, music and more. The second annual Frenchtown Community Campout at Borough Park is Saturday, Sept. 22. Set-up starts at 4 p.m. and there will be a movie and smore's by the fire. A \$25 donation per site to support the park is requested; contact cscutt@frenchtownborough.com to reserve your space. Frenchtown's neighbors upriver will host the annual Milford Ave. Celebration from noon to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22. Visit milfordave.com. For the latest happenings, visit lovefrenchtown.org and follow Love Frenchtown on Facebook and Instagram.

Conservation Conversation focuses on horses

Take a trail ride to the Hunterdon Land Trust's Dvoor Farm for its next Conservation Conversation on equine recreation at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12. Titled "Horse Sense," the program encourages everyone to share their thoughts on a variety of horse-related topics, such as great places to horseback ride in Hunterdon County. The program will be held in the farm's wagon house, 111 Mine St., Flemington.

Conservation Conversations are peer-to-peer learning opportunities – not lectures. Everyone is encouraged to participate in an active discussion on a variety of thought-provoking topics while meeting others who share their interests. This event is free, but register in advance by emailing judy@hunterdonlandtrust.org or calling 908-237-4582. Refreshments will be served.

HealthLink Dental Clinic sets anniversary celebration

HealthLink Dental Clinic will hold its Anniversary Cocktail Party Fundraiser at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Twining Hall (Trevose), and this year there is much to celebrate. Since opening its doors 17 years ago, HealthLink has provided more than 25,000 free dental appointments to neighbors in need. At the end of July that number officially reached 26,117. The clinic, located at 1775 Street Road in Southampton, provides so much care through the generosity of the local community. Clinic leadership will formally honor three sources of generosity at the event on Sept. 26. Lorina Marshall-Blake and the Independence Blue Cross Foundation will be honored with the

Eugene Jackson Humanitarian Award in recognition of their exceptional contributions to not only HealthLink Dental Clinic but to improving the overall health of the entire Philadelphia region. In 2018, HealthLink will present the first ever Barbara Hartnett Volunteer Award named in memory of Barbara T. Hartnett, former member of the clinic's Board of Directors and avid advocate of health care for all. The inaugural award will be presented to Dr. Robert Singer in recognition of his contributions to the clinic and its patients since 2001. Finally, Manor College's Dental Hygiene Program will receive the new Community Partner Award for greatly contributing to the success of the clinic and in-

still strong community values in its students. The Anniversary Cocktail Party is open to the public and costs \$50 per person. Registration includes hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and soda, as well as musical entertainment. Register at healthlinkdental.org/anniversary. Current HealthLink Dental Clinic supporters also include: Abington Hospital – Jefferson Health, Encore Rides, Manor College, and Act II Custom Picture Framing. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. For information, visit online or contact Raquel Braemer, CFRE, development director, at 267-699-0122 or rbraemer@healthlinkdental.org.

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St. Mary Medical Center appoints community traffic safety liaison

St. Mary Medical Center and PennDOT have partnered to improve the safety of Bucks County roads and highways. Through a grant provided by PennDOT, St. Mary recently hired a new Community Traffic Safety Liaison Shane Ryan. Ryan will enhance St. Mary's trauma prevention program by bringing more community engagement and education programs to the Bucks County region. Ryan also will help first responders through enforcement programs. "Through the trauma prevention program at St. Mary and PennDOT, we are working to ensure safer roads, ways, and it's not only about cars and drivers," said St. Mary Medical Center's Trauma Services Director Meg Ashton. "We're trying to make everyone safer through car seat safety checks, bicycle helmet education, pedestrian safety outreach, law enforcement programs and more."

Ryan will assist St. Mary's trauma prevention program team by overseeing many of the hospital's evidence-based safety programs, such as CarFit, which helps seniors drive safely by identifying how well their vehicle fits them. Ryan also will oversee the monthly car seat safety checks and enforcement opportunities with local law enforcement. "As important as our inspection and enforcement programs are to help everyone stay safe, education and community outreach have an outsized role in what we are doing in Bucks County," Ryan said. "Community involvement and education are critical components of what we are trying to accomplish and will seek to partner with other community organizations to provide educational opportunities about pedestrian safety and the dangers of speeding, aggressive, distracted and impaired driving."

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