

Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park

newsletter

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➤ 2024 Events Calendar ◀

- **Cape Henlopen Trail Days:** *USUALLY* Second Saturday Monthly
(**THIS MONTH'S MEET** ▶ November 9th 8:45 AM at Main Beach Parking Lot)
- **Hawk Watch:** Every day September 1 to November 30 (Hawk Watch Pavilion Lot)
- **Holiday Boutique & Book Fair:** November 16th 9 AM to 2 PM at the CHSP Officers Club

PLEASE NOTE: Park Entrance Fees are in Effect March 1 to November 30

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOCHSP Holiday Boutique and Book Fair

Our annual Holiday Boutique and Book Fair is just around the corner, and **WE NEED HELP!**

- Able bodies are needed for Set-Up, Thursday Nov. 14th 9 AM to Noon.
- Loads of help is needed for Item Receiving, Arranging & Pricing, Friday Nov. 15th 8 AM to 3 PM.
- Event Day, Saturday Nov. 16th, usually lasts 8 AM to 3 PM, but folks can volunteer for as much or as little time as possible.

Please email me at pollywhite@friendsofcapehenlopen.org or call 302-858-6127 & leave a message

Get into the Holiday Spirit Early while Raising Funds for the Park!

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FOCHSP Trail Days October 12, 2024

The FOCHSP October '24 Trail Days cleanup, had 16 volunteers in attendance working for a total of 30 hours. We met at the Gordon's Pond parking lot on a beautiful morning and split into three groups that worked on the parking lot, the entrance to the park and the beginning section of the Gordon's Pond Trail. We did a lot of pruning, loping, weed whacking, and sweeping, as well as the usual trash pick-up that yielded about 20 pounds of trash.



FOCHSP Bird Seed Sale Pickup October 19, 2024

Thanks so much for our member's support of this annual celebration of nature. Big shout-out to Polly White for stepping up and stepping in to get things done as well as the 10 movers, pickers and loaders. Their help provided about 40 hour of volunteer time.



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Monarch Butterfly Garden News

Here are some lovely pictures of a male monarch visitor we saw recently. There have been others on previous days, but these are the best pictures so far. It lingered for quite some time and visited several of the seaside goldenrod plants.

Photos by Jo-Anne Wazlowski



PARK PUZZLE by Carl Frey

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9 <i>Knives Out</i> actor de Armas	5 Knee patch by a hopeless sewer
10 What you may see at a Cape Henlopen sunset	6 Formal set of instructions for a routine task (abbrev.)
12 They may get red in winter	7 Senator's negative vote
13 Wildebeest	11 Home of the Wildcats

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*Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park
present*

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND BOOK FAIR

**November 16, 2024
9am-2pm**

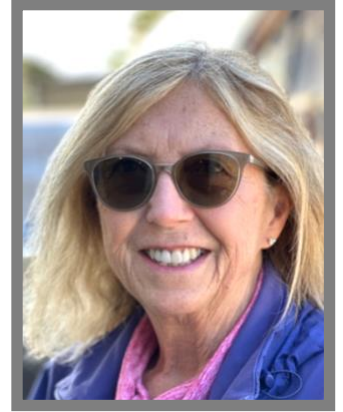
*at the Officers Club
at Cape Henlopen State Park*

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Get to Know Our Members – Pam Miller

Pam Miller was raised in Manassas, Virginia. After the usual early adulthood challenges and rewards she and her new husband, David, moved to Vermont where they stayed for 40 years. While there, Pam taught classroom and instrumental music at a K through 8th grade school. One year their son ran the Dewey Beach Triathlon and invited them down to watch the race. The Millers fell in love with the area, especially CHSP. They've always loved the ocean so after retirement, with their children pursuing their careers in various states across the country, and after spending 40 **COLD** but beautiful winters in Vermont they decided to relocate to a milder climate by a beach. Pam and David moved to coastal Delaware in 2016. On moving to Sussex County, they just so happened to relocate into a community with quite a few park enthusiasts.



One such neighbor, John Bracco, then the Friends president, suggested they check out the organization. They've been volunteering ever since. Pam has participated in many Trail Days, helped plant the garden surrounding the pond at the Seaside Nature Center, donated items for the Holiday Boutique, and most recently helped with the bird seed pickup. In fact, the Millers bring bags and pick up trash each time they walk the beaches. One of Pam's favorite memories of the park so far was successfully protesting its natural beauty from being over developed by building a restaurant at the main beach. She was thrilled when it was announced at the meeting that the project was put on hold. Since the Millers live on the Junction Breakwater Trail, access to the park is extremely convenient and visit the park regularly. David is a marathoner, and Pam a cyclist, so they often can be seen on the trails. In the winter they love to walk The Point, picking up sea glass, shells and trash. In the summer they spend their days either at Herring Point, or near the Hawk's Watch relaxing on the beach. It's difficult for Pam to choose a favorite spot at the park, but The Point which is so unique and beautiful seems to take that prize.

Notice of Upcoming Call for FOCHSP Board of Directors Candidates

Have you ever thought about helping guide the direction and activities of FOCHSP? Now is the time to consider how you can significantly contribute in assisting the Park leadership with keeping Cape Henlopen State Park the gem of Delaware. As you may know the FOCHSP is governed by a Board of Directors (BOD) dedicated to promoting the enjoyment, enhancement, preservation, maintenance, and improved safety of Cape Henlopen State Park. There will be at least one director position opening for a two-year term starting in the spring of 2025. A call for candidates will be announced in December at which time you can submit your candidacy. Voting by the membership will take place in March 2025.

Please consider being a part of the Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park Board of Directors

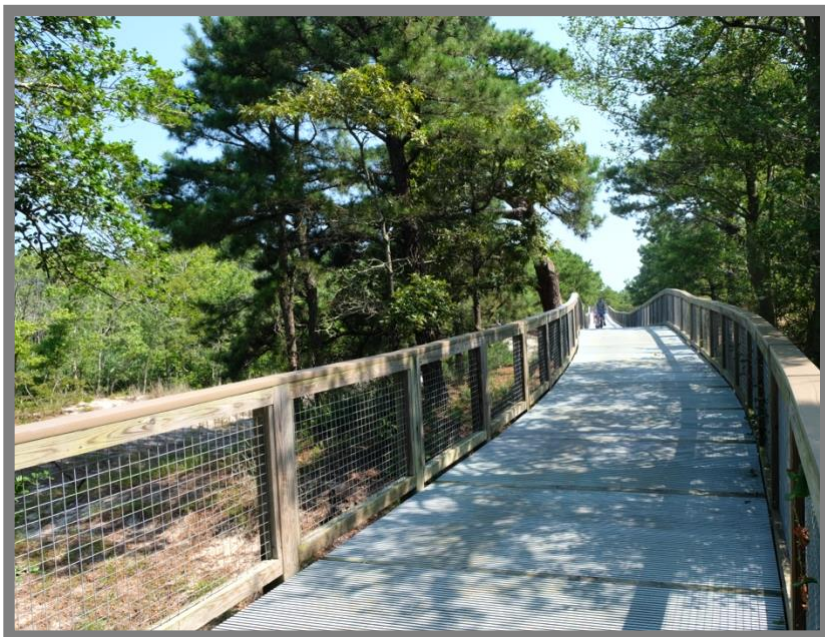
FOCHSP Grants Committee News

Tree For Every Delawarean Initiative (TEDI) Grant

In August, the FOCHSP Grants Committee submitted a TEDI grant proposal to Delaware Department of Natural Resource and Environmental Control for \$22,225 to plant 127 trees. The selection process was extremely competitive due to the high number of requests and limited budget. In mid-October FOCHSP was notified by the TEDI grant review panel that we were awarded the full funding for our request. The trees will be planted in the spring of 2025 at the Biden Environmental Training Center (27 trees) and Holland Glade Reforestation/Mitigation site (100 trees) within Cape Henlopen State Park. The Grants Committee spent a lot of time putting together this outstanding proposal. A huge thanks to them for their commitment in developing this successful proposal. We will now begin the next steps of ordering trees and planning for this spring planting event. The planting event will require a small army of tree planters from the FOCHSP and others. During the first quarter of 2025 watch for more information and a request for volunteers for this undertaking.

2024 FOCHSP Educational Funds Review

The Thatcher Education Fund and Youth Education Support (YES) Grant programs provide financial assistance to Delaware schools, as well as youth groups that need help bringing their students to Cape Henlopen State Park for staff-run environmental education programs. In 2024, the Friends provided \$13,177 to sixteen school groups through our Thatcher Educational Fund and \$650 to one youth organization through our YES Grant.



Park Puzzle Answers

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