Friends of Auburn Heights Preserve

2012 Year in Review

Educational Programs

Open House Tours Introduced
Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit The Way We Worked
Launch of Little Tikes Literacy Program

Events

Record-Setting Easter Egg Hunt
Seven Stupendous Steamin’ Days
First Wedding Reception – with Steam Train Rides
Debut of Auburn Heights Invitational

Preservation

University of Delaware S.W.A.T. Team Project
Rauch & Lang electric Car Returns to Service
Auburn Valley Trail Opening
Completion of Model 78 Restoration
The Year’s Highlights

What a difference a year makes! We kicked off 2012 with a frenzy of activity surrounding the University of Delaware Museum Studies S.W.A.T. project, and the energy and momentum continued. We proudly celebrate a year of expanded programming and tour options, continued progress on major restoration projects, successful fundraising events, plus continued enthusiastic support from the backbone of our young organization — you, the volunteers, donors, and supporters who constitute the Friends of Auburn Heights Preserve.

While the year was not without its challenges, principally financial due to higher than expected costs on the Model 78 restoration, our progress is evident in the introduction of so many new programs, events and endeavors, including support for the state’s important land conservation initiatives, which included the debut of new trails (fit for steam cars!) in Yorklyn. Thanks to your generous contributions — whether in the form of money, time, energy or enthusiasm — we are pleased to share the following abbreviated list of achievements for 2012:

♦ Volunteers logged more than 12,000 hours, including the Museum Studies S.W.A.T. team, which inventoried over 1,400 objects, and the members of Boy Scout Troop 50 who rebuilt the Auburn Heights bridge;
♦ Four representatives from F.A.H.P. made a whirlwind January visit to Jay Leno’s Big Dog Garage, as shared in the winter 2012 Herald;
♦ The Second Annual Auburn Heights Easter Egg Hunt brought record attendance, with 901 visitors arriving in the span of one hour;
♦ Following a three-year mechanical restoration project, the 1916 Rauch & Lang electric car returned triumphantly to service;
♦ Our first full-time Education Coordinator and part-time Volunteer Coordinator — Jesse Gagnon and Jenn Green — joined the F.A.H.P. staff, introducing 12 new children’s programs (both on- and off-site) and recruiting 12 new volunteers;
♦ Thanks to the Delaware Humanities Forum, the Smithsonian traveling exhibit The Way We Worked made its Delaware debut at Marshall Steam Museum;
♦ The inaugural Auburn Heights Invitational (featuring 24 extraordinary historic autos) and the first Steam Team Raffle collectively generated nearly $25,000 in support of F.A.H.P.’s operations;
♦ The Boxler family’s phenomenal support resulted in record revenue from the Invitational event, earning more than $10,000 for the Joseph Boxler Education Fund, which supports our youth programming; and
♦ The masterfully restored Model 78 returned to the museum at year’s end!

Through our collections, tours and innovative programs, we strive to give everyone who walks onto the Auburn Heights property a rich historical perspective on the region’s influential mill history, the lasting impact of steam technology and a glimpse of life at the dawn of the automotive age. Gifts to the Friends of Auburn Heights Preserve from individuals, businesses and foundations support our mission to educate, inspire and entertain the more than 4,000 visitors who came to the site last year — and we acknowledge here, with gratitude, these contributions.

F.A.H.P. Financial Overview

FAHP closed 2012 with a strong response to our Annual Fund campaign, which helped us cover the above-plan costs for restoration of the museum’s 1913 Model 78. We are pleased to report that we completed the year with a projected 3% surplus of revenue over spending.

The financials for 2012 will be finalized and posted on our website by March 1, and a summary will be shared at the Annual Meeting.
2012 Honor Roll of Donors

We thank our dedicated contributors, whose generous donations allow us to share the extraordinary Marshall collections with an ever-expanding audience and an ever-growing array of programs and activities sure to inspire and delight young and old alike. The following lists recognize gifts received January 1 to December 31, 2012.

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F.A.H.P. gratefully acknowledges the following individuals for their cumulative gifts of $100 or more to general operations, special projects and programs.

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More than 100 volunteers dedicated their time and expertise to Auburn Heights in 2012. From those who assist with daily operations and events to our mechanical volunteers, they propel the organization forward. While they are too numerous to list here, we thank them all for their loyal service and support.