



FRIENDS OF CHERRY VALLEY NEWS

- living close to nature -

Spring 2022



SPRING FLING is back!

Sunday, May 15, 2022

11 am to 4 pm

Headquarters of the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge

2138 Croasdale Road, Stroudsburg PA

FREE ADMISSION

Gather with friends for a day of fun for everyone

Archery

Bird house building

Seed planting

Music by Brit and Kenny

Nature Games

Animal tracks

Plant sale

Refreshments

Bird Blitz: e-mail poconoavian@hotmail.com for details

Questions: friendsofcherryvalley@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS

From Stroudsburg and Rt. 80 – follow signs for Rt. 191 South, continue 0.9 miles, then turn left on to Cherry Valley Road; continue 1 mile to 2138 Croasdale Road on right.

From West and South – take Saylorsburg exit off Rt. 33 North, turn left on to Cherry Valley Road; continue 7 miles, turn left on to Rt. 191; continue half mile, bear right on to Cherry Valley Road; continue 1 mile to 2138 Croasdale Road on right.

Riparian Buffer Workshop

On April 2, Monroe County Conservation District's Watershed Specialist, David Hooker, held a true "workshop" at the Refuge Headquarters, as part of the 2022 Master Watershed Steward program. After a classroom session about riparian buffers, participants planted trees and shrubs along the Cherry Creek.



David Hooker of Monroe County Conservation District and two volunteers – his wife Suzanne, and 3-month-old son Ben in the baby carrier. Suzanne was seen hard at work carrying trees to planting sites. Ben, however, was sleeping on the job! Photo by Dick Ludwig

Plantings included the following trees grown in 1- or 2-gallon containers, up to 7 feet tall:

American Sycamore, Black Willow, Box Elder, River Birch, Swamp White Oak, Swamp Chestnut Oak, Tulip Poplar.

Live stakes were planted of:

Buttonbush, Pussy Willow, Red Osier Dogwood, Silky Dogwood, Silky Willow.

In all, David and his group of volunteers planted 53 trees and 160 live stakes.



Some of the many volunteers who helped to plant trees and live stakes along the banks of the Cherry Creek

David Hooker wrote the following:

The primary purpose for the workshop was to teach Monroe County landowners about the dangers of nonpoint source pollution and what we can do to prevent it. Coupling the presentation with a riparian buffer planting helped to illustrate the natural ecosystem services that we can capitalize on to protect our waterways. Riparian buffers are a great line of defense against nonpoint source pollution, and also serve as natural streambank "armor," preventing streambank erosion, thus preventing sediment pollution to our streams.

One of the main highlights is the reintroduction of native tree and shrub species to that reach of Cherry Creek. Some of the tree species (River Birch, American Sycamore, Tulip Poplar) are considered pioneer species because of their rapid growth rate. This is important because they will get shade over that stretch quickly to help reduce thermal impacts to the stream. The primary purpose of the tree shelters (the green tubes seen around the trees in the photo) is to protect the saplings from animal browse, both from deer and surprisingly meadow voles, which are called the beavers of tree nurseries. Deer will browse off the tender new growth and voles will girdle the trees at the root flare.

From Jared Green Wildlife Refuge Specialist



Visitors who have not been to the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters tract since before the start of the covid-19 pandemic will be in for a real surprise. Refuge staff and volunteers have used the time when there was no visitor programming to make much-needed updates to the building and surrounding grounds.

You will first notice the new accessible ramp and stairs to the outdoor restroom, which should provide easier access to this restroom for all visitors. Upon entering the building (which visitors have now started to do, as we have just started offering some in-person outreach programming), visitors will hopefully be impressed by the new carpeting in the main meeting/exhibit space, as well as a completely re-vamped serving and kitchen area, complete with new floors, lighting, countertops, and cabinets.

Building improvements continue, with refuge staff and volunteers currently working on converting the indoor restrooms located in the second-floor meeting/exhibit space to handicap-accessible. The restroom conversions will hopefully be finished by the start of summer so in the meantime, please excuse the construction in that corner of the building. We hope our visitors will have the opportunity to see all these changes soon at one of our next in-person outreach events.

FRIENDS OF CHERRY VALLEY Membership Application — Valid for one year from submission

Membership \$15.00

Donation _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

- I would like to help with litter clean-up
- I would like to help with membership
- I would like to help fight invasive species

- I would like to write an article for the newsletter
 - I would like to volunteer for other activities
- Please specify _____

Mail this slip and your check payable to FOCV, to P.O. Box 1047, Stroudsburg, PA 18360-1047

Membership and donations are tax-deductible

Many thanks to all who continued to support us with membership and donations in spite of the pandemic shutdown. Feel free to use this slip or visit our website to utilize Paypal. Thank you sincerely for your support.

From Debra Schuler FOCV President

Greetings Friends and Neighbors!

It's spring and we have been super excited to be planning our Spring Fling to be held on May 15 from 11 am to 4 pm! Back in March we started planning this year's events and monthly board meetings with our fingers crossed to be able to meet in person!! We have heard so many stories on how people have been out and enjoying the refuge properties, and we are glad that so many have found the refuge to be a safe place for enjoying nature. However, we will be thankful to be able to enjoy the Headquarters property with our friends and neighbors!

As we showed you in the last newsletter, there have been wonderful updates to the clubhouse! It's been transformed into a fantastic meeting place, and we can't wait to host our events there, including our Annual Members Dinner Meeting, on August 14! Our volunteers have been busy working behind the scenes! New tables and chairs were purchased, and all the chairs needed assembly!



Our dedicated volunteers recently cut and drilled the wood for the 50 birdhouse kits for our youngsters to make at the Spring Fling. Other folks have volunteered with plantings at HQ and the Blakeslee property, as well as assisting USFWS employees on other refuge property projects! We can't thank everyone enough for their time and efforts!!

We are always looking for people to volunteer their talents with us, so please reach out to myself or Obie Oberdick (obie2@ptd.net) and we'll add you to our volunteer list. We are still looking for someone to assist with the website – I just can't get that figured out..... So – I look forward to seeing everyone on May 15 – Rain or Shine!!!
Debra

In Memoriam Ivy Lehne Lusskin



Ivy grew up in Stormville in Cherry Valley, attended the Bell School, then moved away from the area. She passed away in January 2022, at age 96, and we received a generous memorial donation from her sister, Iris Lehne Watts, age 98, sent by Iris's daughter, Ellen Fricchione. She wrote "Iris wants to remember her sister, Ivy, by this donation. They have great memories of a beautiful valley." Ivy wrote a poem for our Fall 2010 newsletter, which we reprint here in her memory:

*Cherry Valley is a treasure to be kept.
A Wildlife Refuge will remain, will contain the green fields
Where, for centuries, farmers planted corn, kept cattle, mowed hay,
Found arrowheads the Indians left,
Sent their children to a one-room school.
The sun will rise over Blue Mountain,
Cross the meadows and ponds
To set beyond Godfrey's Ridge.
The moon will shine on Cherry Creek
Flowing quietly to the east.
Flocks of birds will mark the seasons,
The bog turtle sun itself,
Animals inhabit the hillsides.
In October, Blue Mountain will still draw up
A brilliant quilt of many-colored leaves
Across its sculptured slopes,
And wait for snow.*



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*Our mission is to conserve and enhance the natural and cultural resources,
Rural character and scenic beauty of the Cherry Valley area.*

Save the dates:

Sunday, May 15

Spring Fling

Sunday, August 14

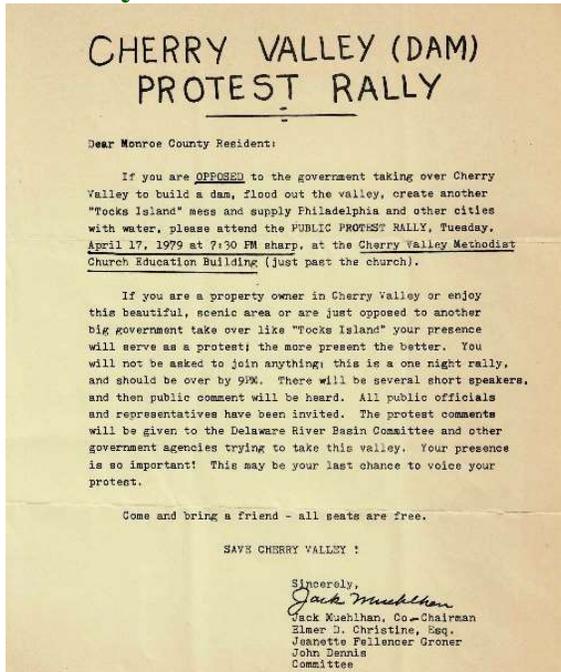
Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, September 11

Fall Festival

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History from 1979



My memory is that 300 to 400 people attended. Congressman Joe McDade attended and several other congressmen and senators. History tells us that they got the message!

On sale at Spring Fling



New T-Shirt Design

Children's Large	\$10
Adults Small to XL	\$10
Adults XXL	\$12

"The Case of the Missing Monarch"

Book by Mary Ann Moore, signed by the author

For each book sold, Mary Ann Moore is generously donating \$5 to the Friends of Cherry Valley.

Board Meetings

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm at Refuge Headquarters:

June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12

Thank you, Jack Muehlan! He writes:

The federal government was considering a dam to create a lake and flood Cherry Valley. At short notice I organized a protest rally.