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York County

Summer 2015

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The FARM & NATURAL LANDS TRUST has preserved over 9,000 acres to date.

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It's hard to believe that back in 2009, a "one-time" fundraiser for FNLTr organized and executed by members of the Leadership York Leadership Training Program class would continue on. Here we are years later, many of those members of the LTP class now serve on the FNLTr Board of Directors, and on May 29th we had our largest ever turnout for the seventh installment of the FNLTr Clay Shoot. Well over 100 shooters and volunteers enjoyed perfect weather at Central Penn Sporting Clays and we're already looking forward to the 8th Annual FNLTr Clay Shoot on Friday, May 20, 2016!

The day started with a fantastic lunch donated by our friends at White Rose Bar & Grill, then shooters worked their way through an interesting course providing both challenge and laughs. Shooters also ventured up the Wobble Stand (think a pyramid platform deck) shooting from different angles.

Following the shoot, guns went away for beverages from ACE Distributing and top shooters received their earned awards from Signal Machine Company. Added prizes were donated by our friends at: Central Penn Sporting Clays, Shanks Mare Outfitters, Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area, York County Heritage Trust, and York Revolution. ***Big thanks to all of our sponsors for their support and see you next year!***



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25TH FNLT ANNUAL MEETING AT HISTORIC CENTRAL MARKET YORK



Photos by Rochelle Black

The 2015 Farm and Natural Lands Trust Annual meeting on May 7 celebrated the 25th anniversary of our organization. The gathering was hosted by Central Market, and Central Market COO Cindy Steele welcomed the FNLT members.

FNLT Board President Dave Davidson reviewed the accomplishments of the past year and Executive Director Sean Kenny gave a preview of things to come. It was noted that FNLT will soon reach the 10,000 acre mark of properties preserved, with a total of well over 100 distinct properties in the program.

June Lloyd gave an overview of the rise and fall (literally) of the market sheds that stood in York's square from colonial times until they were torn down in the middle of the night on June 30, 1887. The grand Central Market House, designed by York's leading architects, opened the following year, and it has been protecting shoppers and vendors from the elements ever since.

Guests enjoyed delicious food and refreshing drink provided by Mezzogiorno, Allegro Vineyards and Winery and Mudhook Brewing Company – all Central Market vendors.



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THOUGHTS ON SCHAUB'S QUARTER

Terry and Carolyn Schaub lived in Jarrettsville, MD when their daughter Erin was born. Soon after, Terry was eager for more land and Carolyn dreamed of an old house to refurbish. So when a 25 acre farm on Kilgore Road in Peach Bottom Township was advertised for sale, they acted quickly and moved in on January 19, 1983, the coldest day that winter.

As a young Erin slept in the warmest room directly over the furnace, Terry and Carolyn were sleeping in the back west-facing room where a cold wind blew over them through the window frame, making them wonder what they gotten into.

The house was livable but throughout that year plumbers, electricians and handymen came and went, while Terry and his father did a long list of improvements including insulation, vapor barrier and sheet rock laying on the old house. Outside, the surplus of deer wreaked havoc with the fences and landscape, which was a problem as the Schaub's were horse boarders. Fence lines were repaired and pastures regrown, along with the flower and vegetable gardens.

Through the years and between working hours, their priorities were improving the farm while enjoying the family life they sought. Terry and Carolyn took Erin (plus the dog and cats that followed) for walks which included walking in the stream (and carrying the cats back home). Later on Erin joined the Kennard-Dale track and cross country teams, they mapped a practice course through the property. Other fond memories include purchasing Christmas trees next door at the preserved Kilgore farm.

Now just the two of them, Terry and Carolyn enjoy mornings gazing across the pond, admiring the many geese and horses with the changing vista of the seasons.



Carolyn states, "After 32 years, we decided to place our little farm in preservation with Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County because it is beautiful just as it is. Our neighbor's farm is in preservation with York County Agricultural Preservation Board, and we increase the footprint of land to remain untouched by development and friendly to the many streams of the area. Our farm was cut out of a farm that was originally a 101 acre crop and dairy farm, and we're pleased to work with FNLTL to make sure it won't be cut up again."

BRENNEMAN FARM PRESERVED

Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County would like to thank and welcome Nelson and Judy Brenneman to our family of conservation easements after their preservation of 74 acres that lies in both Codorus and North Codorus Townships.

If you looked up York County Farm in the encyclopedia (or maybe Google nowadays!), the Brenneman farm is what you might see. The 74 acres contains great soils along rolling topography, small steep wooded ground, traditional farm barns and house, plus a small unnamed tributary to the South Branch Codorus Creek flows a stone throw away. Nelson and Judy's daughter and son-in-law reside in the two-story colonial style farmhouse and enjoy fresh produce from their large garden. They've recently seen bald eagles soaring around the property.

The Brennemans work the land through a tillable rotation of corn, wheat, soybeans and hay. Over 60% of the soils are designated as Prime Farmland or Farmland of Statewide Importance. Some of the crops are used to feed the 40-50 head of heifers (steers and bulls) also housed on site. The land was purchased in the 70s to allow expansion of the heifer operation. They experienced some hardship by means of arson of the old barn but rebuilt the barn in the 90s in a more secure location away from the road.



Farming and preservation run in the veins of this family, the Brennemans own additional farmland already preserved through the York County Agricultural Preservation Board. Nelson feels agricultural land preservation is important to our future generations as a vital, healthy food source. He believes we should be relying on our own food source where chemicals and other additives are regulated instead of importing food grown under less restrictive conditions. As a township supervisor for North Codorus, he sees preservation as being a better option for the township; more houses cause more problems for the township and generate problems with water run-off. He wishes more people would consider preservation to protect the valuable resource we have in agriculture.

In addition to the family, this property is in great company as the area is rich with preservation. In close proximity are large holdings of preserved land by both Farm & Natural Lands Trust and the York County Ag Preservation Board. Thank you Nelson and Judy, we welcome your family to our family!





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10/11/15: York County Thoroughbred 10K



10/29/15: 7th Annual Downtown Hoedown



FNLT GARDEN TOUR OF MILLBOURNE

It was six years to the day since the last FNLT Garden Tour at Millbourne. For this installation, much like the last, May 16th provided a beaut of a day (though a tad hot) to venture out into this unique FNLT preserved property.

We started with a VIP session where guests enjoyed guided commentary from volunteers who gave history of the property, along with insight into the unique plants, trees and waterways throughout the landscape. To top it off, White Rose Bar & Grill provided a mighty fine assortment of appetizers and desserts, complimented by beer by ACE Distributing.

Overall, the day saw well over 300 attendees and volunteers working their way through the amazing maze of truly special gardens. Storms came through, providing much needed rainfall, just as the last feet stepped off the property. *Many thanks to our great volunteers, and of course the landowners for allowing FNLT supporters to enjoy a nice stroll through the gardens in support of our organization.*



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