



THE ARCHWAY

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ANNUAL PICNIC SEPTEMBER 29, 2018



Here are some happy, well fed folks at our picnic. It was a beautiful day. **Bob McGhee** did hot dogs, hamburgers, and his delicious fried chicken for the 17th consecutive year. Lots of salads and desserts were contributed by attendees. The candy contest, donated by **Paul & Joyce Harris**, was won by **Angela Evans**. Thanks to all who made it a success! This year's picnic will be **September 28**.

COUNCIL OAK STAGE

At the September meeting **Mark Lawlor** presented his ideas for a stage near the Council Oak site. **Kendall Sommers**, New Castle County Parks Planner, was at the meeting and said the County likes the idea, and she felt it could be a "gateway" to the park. Mark's vision is for the stage to be a venue for music and arts. As his parents were patrons of the arts, he proposes to use his inheritance from them to build the stage as kind of a tribute to them. He presented a drawing of his concept. The floor would be less than 3 feet above ground, would be about 45 feet wide, with steps on one side and a handicapped ramp on the other, another set of steps in the center, with railings around the stage. There would be no electrical service. The stage would be available on a first come, first served basis. If something major were planned, it could be reserved much like the pavilions. FOBS would have no responsibility for funding, scheduling, maintenance, liability, safety, etc. We voted for the County to proceed with design plans. When the design is completed, Kendall will come back to show us and we'll discuss it further. The design phase probably will take several months. No estimate yet on when the project would begin.

ARCHAEOLOGY

2019 dig dates have been scheduled, but we haven't yet decided on our next project. If you have suggestions, contact **Mike** at (302) 994-0536 or **Ed** at (302) 454-8423. Dates are: **April 13, May 4, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 7, October 12, and November 2**. Meet in the Brandywine Springs parking lot at 9:00 a.m. or come down at your convenience. Bring work gloves and a lunch. We'll have beverages. We'll be working until about 3:00 p.m.

THOMAS C. MARSHALL, JR.

February 20, 1924 — February 12, 2019

Sadly we report the passing of **Tom Marshall** at the age of 94. Tom was well known in Delaware as a philanthropist, historian, and community leader and was widely respected among antique car collectors all over North America as one of the world's foremost authorities on Stanley Steamers. He was also the



founder of the **Wilmington & Western Railroad**. Tom spent his first 84 years living in Yorklyn, DE at Auburn Heights, the grand Victorian mansion built by his grandparents in 1897. In 2008 he and his wife, **Ruth**, moved and donated the estate to the State of Delaware to become the centerpiece of Auburn Valley State Park. At that time he also donated his collection of antique cars (including the world's largest collection of operating Stanley Steamer cars), trains, and other collectibles to the Friends of Auburn Heights Preserve. Tom also was a benefactor of FOBS and an honorary member of our group. This fine gentleman will be missed by everyone who ever met him.

2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE!
Please return the enclosed renewal form by April 15

IN MEMORIAM

RUBY HAYDEN

December 12, 2018

Sincere condolences to the
Hayden Family

DICK MC CRACKEN

January 5, 2019

Sincere condolences to
Doris and family

MARY ALICE COLMAN

February 11, 2019

Sincere condolences to
Pam & Mike Richards

This & That... Mike Ciosek will present the Brandywine Springs Amusement Park talk at the annual meeting of the Friends of

White Clay Creek State Park on March 18... **Joyce Harris** has updated the FOBS memorial plaque in the newly renovated **Red Clay Valley Visitors Center**... **David Ludlow** has retired as the Executive Director of the **Wilmington & Western Railroad**. The Railroad has thrived under David's leadership including recovering from two major floods. His successor is Alex Horneman. We wish David much happiness and Alex much success... **Bonnie Ardis** has been elected to another term on our Board of Directors, and all other officers were reelected... Sorry to hear **Mary Alice Colman** passed away. She would have turned 100 years old this summer. She'd been living in Australia with good friend **Pam Richards**... FOBS received quite a few donations in memory of **Ruby Hayden**. We thank her family for offering that option... We've received our annual work

Welcome New Member!

JASON LILLER

permit from the County. If you plan to do any work in the park on your own, get a copy from **Sandi**... Some of **Tom Marshall's** most memorable recollections have been compiled in a 298-page book, **How It Was: Selections from Tom Marshall's Weekly News** with 120 color and black and white images. To get a copy, go to the web site AuburnHeights.org or call the Auburn Heights office at (302) 239-2385. Hard back is \$45, soft cover is \$25, with FAHP members receiving a discounted price... Questions, comments, or suggestions, contact **Sandi** at MikeCiosek@comcast.net or (302) 994-0536.

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2019 MEETINGS - 7:00 p.m.
THE CEDARS METHODIST CHURCH
Maple & Harrison Avenues, The Cedars
March 10 - "Get Acquainted Night"
April 14 - "White Clay State Park - Explore & Enjoy" - David Koppeser, President of Friends of White Clay Creek - An overview of the park history and the various activities and resources the park has to offer
May 5
June 9 - Horticultural talk by Eileen Boyle
July 14
August 11
September 8
October 13
November 10
December 8

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