



THE ARCHWAY

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Just a note to let you know Friends of Brandywine Springs still exists. Like other organizations and businesses, we've scaled back in this pandemic. No meetings have been held. The Visitors Center has been closed because Wilmington & Western Railroad has not been operating on a regular schedule. Archaeological digs were held in compliance with COVID-19 restrictions. Hopefully, before too long, things will return to normal and we all can get back to life as we know it. Here's an attempt to keep you informed.



MEETINGS: Our first meeting of 2021 is tentatively scheduled for March 14, 7:00 p.m., in The Cedars Methodist Church. A sincere thank you to Pastor Bill Taylor and the congregation of The Cedars Methodist Church for waiving the hall rental fee for 2021. We paid for 2020 hall rentals and never used them, so the Church is not charging us for 2021.

2021 OFFICERS: As previously announced, Mike and Sandi Ciosek will not be returning as President and Secretary for health reasons. Vice President Ed Lipka has stepped in as acting President and will run for election. Diane Franklin has agreed to continue as Treasurer. The group is in very capable hands! We need a Vice President, Secretary, and two members of the Board of Directors. Plans are to ask for volunteers at the March 14 meeting with nominations and election at the tentatively scheduled April 11 meeting. If you would like to volunteer as Vice President, Secretary, or a Board member, contact Ed at edlipka@verizon.net or (302) 454-8423. Transitional assistance will be provided.

ARCHAEOLOGY: Dig dates will be scheduled in the near future. Mark Lawlor is now heading up the archaeology team. If you are not on the archaeology team list and would like to be added, contact Mark at mllawlor@verizon.net or (302) 994-8929.

LANDSCAPING: Mark Lawlor has announced that \$400 worth of new plants were installed at Lake Washington by FOBS volunteers in June. They are all native, deer resistant pollinators and include Viburnums, Marsh Marigolds, Bee Balm, Purple Iris, Harlequin Blue Flag, Carex Grass, Swamp Milkweed, Goldenrod, Onoclea Ferns, and Lobelia Scarlet Cardinal Flower. The lake will look magnificent. Thanks to the volunteers for their hard work!

ARCHWAY COUNTED CROSS STITCH: Angela Evans has designed a beautiful counted cross stitch pattern of the Entrance Archway. If you're a counted cross stitch enthusiast, she'd be happy to share the pattern with you. Contact Angela at (302) 633-0354 or angy.e8811@comcast.net.

ADIRONDACK CHAIRS: Mark Lawlor has built several Adirondack chairs and placed them at various locations in the park. Try them out, sit down, and enjoy the nature and wildlife in the park.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! Maggie & Allen Alexander, Anthony (Bucky) Bacchetta, Marilyn Bartley, Victoria Franz, Richard & Pamela Long, John Plummer, John J. Samluk, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Talkowski. We look forward to getting to know you all!

IN MEMORIAM: Sadly we lost several members during 2020. Our most sincere condolences to their families: Doris McCracken, April 17; Louise Hearn, June 30; Jean Schoenbeck, August 14; Doris Terranova, August 20.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: With the start of the new year, it's time to renew your membership in FOBS! A renewal form is attached. Please return it by May 29, 2021. I will be sending an updated membership list.

IN CLOSING, Mike and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your help, hard work, support, and dedication for all of these years. It's been a pleasure to know and work with all of you. You have helped to make FOBS the successful organization that we are. I have heard FOBS described as the epitome of what a "Friends" group should be, and all of you can be proud of your contributions. We're not going away and look forward to seeing you in the pandemic-free future. You can always contact us. Stay safe!

Sincerely, Sandi