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2017 MEETINGS

2017 MEETING DATES

March 12

April 9

May 7

June 11

July 9

August 13

September 10

October 8

November 12

December 3

We're very fortunate to have many fine speakers lined up for our meetings this year. On March 12 **Mark Lawlor** will do a presentation on the new information in Sam Freedman's letter. **Mike Ciosek** will give his report on the chalybeate spring digs on April 9. He gave this talk to the **Archaeological Society of Delaware**. On May 7 **Scott Palmer** will present "Vignettes of Marshallton" with many historical photos of Marshallton. At our June 11 meeting **Tom Gears** and **Ray Harrington** will show "The Lost Motion Pictures of Brandywine Springs", Edison films which are the oldest existing motion pictures filmed in Delaware. **Eileen Boyle** will do her annual horticultural talk on September 10. On October 8 **Bob Wilhelm** will tell us about the history of the Marshall Family manufacturing business and NVF. All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in The Cedars Methodist Church. Mark your calendar now!

FREEDMAN BOOKLET PUBLISHED

Mark Lawlor's booklet "Brandywine Springs — The Freedman Family Story" is now available. It features a letter written by Sam Freedman whose family ran many concessions in the amusement park. Sam essentially grew up in the park, and the letter describes many details about the park and some of the interesting characters who worked there. The booklet is available in stores that sell Mark's original book (Brandywine Springs Amusement Park—Echoes of the Past 1886-1923) or through his web site www.brandywinespringsbook.com.

ARCHAEOLOGY

2017 dates for our archaeological digs are **April 8, May 6, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 7, November 11**. Meet in the parking lot at 9:00 a.m. or come down at your convenience. If you're staying for the day, bring lunch. We'll supply drinks. We'll be picking up where we left off last fall and will be looking for the hillside spring near the chalybeate. Fingers crossed for good weather!

ANNUAL PICNIC SEPTEMBER 30

We have the Rudy Williams Pavilion reserved for Saturday, September 30, 2017, for our annual picnic. Always a good time and lots of good food. If you have any ideas to make the day special, contact **Sandi** at (302) 994-0436.



We've known for a long time that an eagle (or eagles) hang out in Brandywine Springs. **Mark Lawlor** recently was able to capture a photo of an eagle in a tree in the park.

"I have reached that age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me." ~ Unknown

RENEWAL TIME!
TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. A RENEWAL FORM IS ENCLOSED. PLEASE RETURN BY MARCH 31, 2017.
THANKS!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!
ROBERT K. LETTS
RUSSELL FOX
JEANNETTE GRZYBOWSKI

THIS & THAT.... We've received our 2017 work permit from NCC Special Services. Get a copy from **Sandi** if you plan to do any work in the park... Freelance writer **Ken Mammarella** authored an article about Delaware Ruins & Remnants in the January 22, 2017, News Journal. Brandywine Springs Park was one of the featured locations. A large color photo of the exhibit hall foundations appeared on the front page of the Sunday Life section. Also included was a 1995 color photo of volunteers at the Katzenjammer dig... The January 7 showing of the Edison films "The Lost Motion Pictures of Brandywine Springs" (part of the **Historic Red Clay Valley** Winter Lecture Series) was extremely popular — so much so that two additional DVD showings had to be scheduled! **Tom Gears** and **Ray Harrington** will be showing the films at our **June 11** meeting. A DVD is in the works, and we'll let you know when it's available for sale.... **Mike Ciosek** gave a report on our chalybeate springs digs at the November 16, 2016, meeting of the **Archaeological Society of Delaware**... At our December 14, 2016, meeting sitting officers were reelected to their respective offices, and **Richard Gillis** and **Scott Palmer** were reelected to the Board... Not much currently going on with the museum renovation. Work should be resuming now that the holidays are over... We have a new 6-foot display case for the museum. **Sarah Dougherty** found it on Craig's List. After negotiations, **Mike Ciosek** purchased it for \$50 and donated it to the museum. Thanks, Mike! **Ed Lipka** helped Mike pick up the case. Unbeknownst to them, the top glass shelf was not securely attached to the case. Lifting it into the truck, the shelf fell off, landed on Ed's foot, and chipped a bone in his toe. Thanks, Ed, for service above and beyond the call of duty!... Our Christmas party was a success with lots of good food and many door prizes donated by **Bonnie Ardis**, **Irene Lipka**, **Ed Lipka**, and **Lonzy Seymour**. Thanks, folks!... **New Castle County Special Services Department** has been clearing land in the park with a brush hog. Thanks, guys! A couple new foundations have poked through and will be investigated. **Mark Lawlor** has been working on trails... Under the direction of **Mike Ciosek**, **Wilmington & Western Railroad** volunteers have been conducting archaeological digs at the site of the Faulkland Station and have uncovered the foundation of a wall. Work will continue.... *Questions, comments, suggestions, contact Sandi at MikeCiosek@comcast.net or (302) 994-0536.*

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