



## ClearWater Helps Arrange Tour of I-99 Site Group sees acid rock drainage problem up close

By **Tracey Doms**  
Volunteer Contributor

Sometimes you just have to see for yourself.

Representatives of area watershed organizations were able to visit the site of the Interstate 99 acid rock drainage problem on October 28, thanks to the efforts of ClearWater Conservancy. As part of the DEP Central Penn Watershed Team quarterly meeting that evening, ClearWater helped arrange a tour of the I-99 site in an effort to help the Department of Environmental Protection communicate with the public about the problems there and possible solutions.

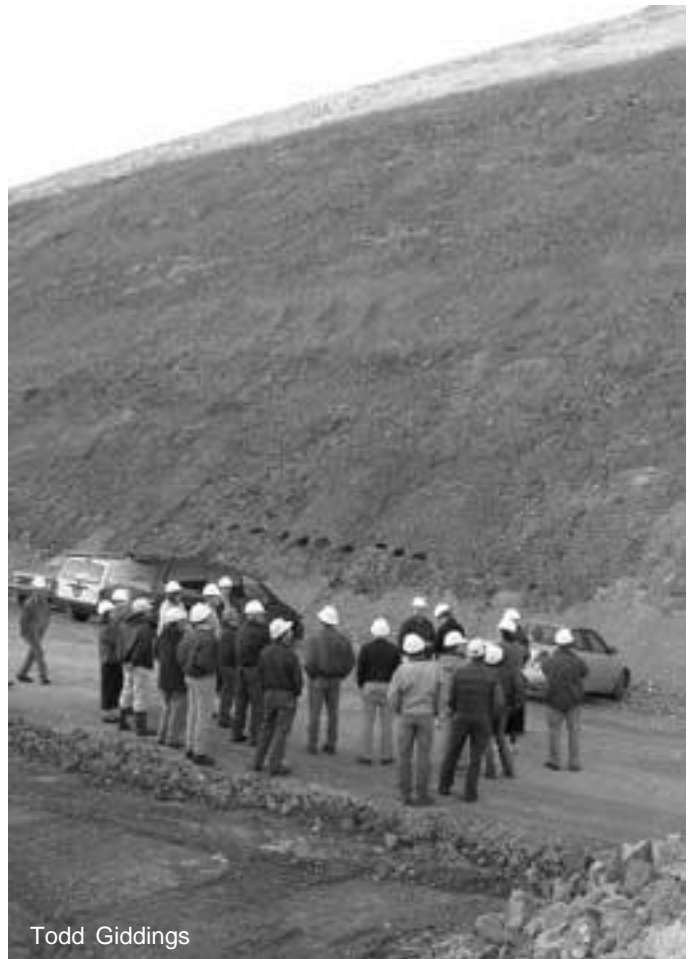
About 25 people attended, representing organizations including ClearWater, Beech Creek Watershed Association, Penns Valley Conservation Association and groups of water-monitoring volunteers. Participants gathered at the Patton Township municipal building for a brief discussion before carpooling to the I-99 construction site at Skytop, driving into an active construction area and then onto a piece of completed (but unopened) highway. Wearing hard hats, the group examined rocks, asked questions and listened to explanations of how pyritic rock unearthed during construction is causing acidic water run-off, and what the DEP and the PA Department of Transportation are planning to do to mitigate damage.

Following are some of the questions the group posed, along with answers provided by Randy Farmerie, DEP geologist, and John Sengle, DEP water quality specialist, and paraphrased for publication here.

**Q.** Which of this is the pyritic rock?

**A.** After it's been exposed to the atmosphere for a while, you can see that the pyritic rock is stained red. Also, PennDOT hydroseeded this area after construction. See the places where nothing is growing? That's where the pyrite is. On a day when the sun hits this area, you can smell the rock formation; it smells like sulfur.

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Todd Giddings

*Tour participants dwarfed by the 140' deep cut, from which the pyritic rock was taken.*

# Mark Your Calendar!

## Monthly Meetings

ClearWater Board of Directors  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7:30 – 9 am**

Spring Creek Watershed Community  
Coordinating Committee  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7 – 9 am, Patton Twp.**

Land Conservation & Stewardship  
Committee  
**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7:30 – 9 am**

ClearWater Development Committee  
**1<sup>st</sup> Mondays, 4:30 – 6 pm**

Spring Creek Watershed Commission  
**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, odd mos., 5:30 – 8 pm**

## Special Opportunities

**November 21, 2 – 4 pm**  
Pampered Chef Open House to benefit  
ClearWater Conservancy. Or order  
online at [www.pamperedchef.biz/valscorner](http://www.pamperedchef.biz/valscorner) up to December 9.

**December 27 – January 2**  
“For the Love of Art & Chocolate” First  
Night Preview (partial preview), shop  
windows of several Allen Street mer-  
chants.

**January 16, 2 – 4 pm**  
“For the Love of Art & Chocolate” Full  
Art Preview Exhibition, Art Alliance, 818  
Pike Street, Lemont.

**January 21, 7 – 10 pm**  
“For the Love of Art & Chocolate”,  
Ramada Inn and Conference Center,  
\$25. Tickets are now available.

**June 1, 2005**  
Submission deadline for ClearWater’s  
2006 Calendar featuring works of art  
based on Millbrook Marsh. Call 237-  
0400.

## Wishing For...

Vacuum Cleaner, Bird Seed  
3' x 5' American Flag

## VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Art and Eleanor Tyson are true gifts to  
ClearWater. Each week, these  
Retired Senior Volunteer Program  
volunteers cheerfully pitch in at the  
office, doing whatever it takes to keep  
the staff working on projects instead of  
administrative details.

For their consistent dedication, the  
ClearWater Executive Committee  
bestowed on the Tysons the honored  
distinction of Volunteers of the Year!



*Art and Eleanor Tyson... ClearWater’s  
Volunteers of the Year!*

## Our thanks to...

Your 2004 Executive Committee: Presi-  
dent **Brian McCullough**, Vice President  
**Chris Finton**, Vice President **Ed  
Dunkelberger**, Secretary **Carolyn  
Mahan**, and Treasurer **Max Gill**. It’s  
been a great year!

This year’s “retiring” Directors: **Ellie  
Beaver**, **Neil Korostoff**, **Carolyn Mahan**,  
**Bob McKinstry**, **Heidi Nicholas**, **Shana  
Tritsch**, and **Ed Dunkelberger**. Each has  
offered to volunteer in a variety of  
capacities. Thanks for all that you have  
done and will continue to do.

**Dayton & Sheri Coles** for pledging  
\$10,000 and to **Barbara Palmer** for  
pledging \$10,000 over the next two years  
to be used to match new memberships in  
our 25th Anniversary Membership Drive!

**Barbara Fisher**, **Steve Scott**, **Judy Kelly**,  
**Carolyn Mahan**, and **Kelleann Foster** for  
planning and assisting with the 2004

Annual Meeting & Dinner. Special thanks  
to the silent auction donors & buyers!

**Darlene Weener**, **Kelleann Foster**, and  
**Holly Fritchman** for leading this year’s  
“For the Love of Art & Chocolate” benefit.

**Bryce Boyer** for fixing the Millbrook  
Marsh Nature Center Boardwalk following  
Hurricane Ivan’s heavy rains and floods.

**Elizabeth & Henry Kirchner** for becoming  
Life Members of ClearWater Conservancy!

**Bob Donaldson** for arranging ClearWater’s  
tour of the I-99 Acid Rock Drainage sites.  
Also to **Randy Farmerie** and **John Sengle**  
of DEP for their geologic insights.

**Christopher Shannon**, **Bill Brickley**, and  
**Steve Yetsko** for photographing, produc-  
ing, and promoting ClearWater’s new 2005  
Calendar. Special thanks to calendar  
sponsors **TheBasketeer.com**, **Cafe 210**

**West, Central Pennsylvania Eye Associ-  
ates**, **Hilton Garden Inn**, **M&T Bank**,  
**Nittany Bank**, **PennTerra Engineering**,  
**Rayback, Blarick, & Green, Inc.**  
**Attorneys**, **Sweetland Engineering &  
Associates, Inc.**, and **theprinters.com**.

Our United Way Day of Caring crew and  
our State High community service volun-  
teer who helped to plant, weed, and  
winterize our rain garden and native  
meadow: **Zachary Nelson**, **John Gee**, **John  
Price**, **Brian & Tyler Anderson**, and  
**Stephanie Chamberlin**.

**Tracey Dooms** for writing great feature  
stories for *ClearWater News*.

To the **Centre County Community  
Foundation** and its anonymous **XYZ Fund**  
for granting \$5,000 to ClearWater’s Land  
Protection Program in 2005.

**Pat Morse** and **Diane Kerly** for helping to  
prepare ClearWater’s 2005 Budget.

The **ClearWater members** who responded  
generously to our special summer appeal.

# A Note from your President

My two-year term serving as ClearWater's President is fast drawing to a close. I can't believe how quickly the time has passed.

ClearWater's greatest asset has always been the remarkable loyalty, diversity, and talent of its members and staff. We will soon be tapping this pool of talent and experience to form the organization's new leadership team. A new slate of executive officers will be elected following our annual membership meeting in November. We will soon also be welcoming several new members to our Board of Directors. The new officers and Board will chart ClearWater's path as we move into the future.



The past two years brought many challenges as we have had to adjust to a decrease in state 'Growing Greener' grant funds that sustained our staff and programs for so many years. As I think we all know, however, such challenges are the stuff of life and often serve to bring out the best in people and organizations. I've found this to be particularly true at ClearWater.

I want to express my gratitude to each of you... staff members, Board members, committee members, and volunteers... who willingly sacrificed precious hours out of busy days to take active roles in the leadership and direction of the organization. I also want to extend my best wishes and thanks to those of you who supported ClearWater financially through membership dollars and contributions. Working together, I'm confident that as we move into the future, ClearWater will continue to be at the forefront of our collective efforts to protect the land, water, and natural beauty of our region.

Brian

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## *ClearWater* **Newsbriefs...**

### **2005 CLEARWATER CONSERVANCY CALENDARS AVAILABLE**

Beautiful scenes of Centre County, interesting facts about conservation, information about ClearWater's projects... they are all included in ClearWater's first ever Calendar, now on sale for just \$10.

Christopher Shannon, a senior at State College Area High School, spent the past year photographing the Centre County landscape. Christopher then developed this calendar as his graduation project and as a way to support ClearWater Conservancy.

Caleendars may be purchased by calling the office at 237-0400 or by contacting [brooks@clearwaterconservancy.org](mailto:brooks@clearwaterconservancy.org).

Our calendars make great stocking stuffers and can be purchased by businesses as a fun holiday give-away. By sharing these beautiful calendars, you also help to share ClearWater's natural resource conservation mission with potential new supporters in our community!

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### **CLEARWATER RECEIVES \$200,000 GROWING GREENER GRANT, PARTNERS WITH USGS**

On behalf of Governor Edward G. Rendell, Environmental Protection Secretary Kathleen A. McGinty announced on November 4 that DEP has awarded a total of \$5.5 million in Growing Greener grants.

ClearWater's latest Growing Greener grant award continues a partnership with the United States Geological Survey on a proposal for the USGS to develop a "dynamically-linked model that is capable of simulating surface water and ground-water interactions within the Spring Creek Basin". This "couple" allows traditionally separate surface water and ground-water models to operate in tandem, which will provide a more complete and detailed representation of hydrologic conditions within the watershed.

As a result, individuals such as elected officials, engineers, planners, and scientists will have access to better information to guide decisions regarding water use within the basin.

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# Interstate 99 Acid Rock Drainage Tour

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**Q.** *Why didn't PennDOT know pyritic rock would be unearthed here?*

**A.** The fact that there was pyritic material here was not a shock to anybody. What was a surprise was *how much* of it there was. Also, this is whisker pyrite, meaning it has very fine teeth and thus a greater surface area that makes it more susceptible to leaching.

**Q.** *Didn't this crystalline form show up in tests done ahead of time?*

**A.** No. The only way to see the whisker structure is with an electron microscope, and that type of testing was not done regularly.

**Q.** *What is the pH of the water here?*

**A.** We saw pH of 2.4 to 2.7 coming off of Skytop. The acidity is caused by the reaction of pyrite with oxygen and water.

**Q.** *What's under the black*



Bob Donaldson

*Walt Ebaugh, local hydrogeologist and past ClearWater president, explains the basic geology of the sandstone ridges and the limestone valleys.*

*plastic and sandbags?*

**A.** That's an area of crushed pyritic rock. All of it will eventually be moved.

**Q.** *How do you plan to eliminate the acid rock drainage problem?*

**A.** Piles of gray lime will be brought in and mixed with the pyritic rock to raise the pH. Then the material will be moved to another location. We're talking about moving 1 million to 2 million cubic yards of material.

**Q.** *When will the detrimental rock be trucked out?*

**A.** PennDOT wants to be moving material by the middle of next year.

**Q.** *Will the material be moved to PennDOT property or privately owned property?*

**A.** It's going to be either property owned by a willing property owner or property that PennDOT already owns. They're looking at one site the department already owns and one on which PennDOT has a temporary agreement for purchase.

**Q.** *Are there any other options?*

**A.** In mid-November we'll probably start a test of injecting material here to stabilize this rock



Todd Giddings

*Tour participants study orange-colored runoff from a bedrock formation before it enters the treatment facilities just downstream.*

formation, which hasn't been crushed yet. We're also considering covering it. If we can keep the rock dry, acid rock drainage won't be a problem.

**Q.** *What is the status of the material that was trucked from the I-99 site into the Centre Region before the acid rock drainage was discovered?*

**A.** We took borings at all those sites and found no sign of pyritic material, except for a small amount under the new Blue Course Drive highway. We have instituted groundwater monitoring there.

**Q.** *How many water-monitoring sites are you operating at I-99?*

**A.** We have about 30 surface-monitoring spots and 45 groundwater-monitoring spots. Some of them are visible as the yellow pipes sticking up out of the ground. We're also sampling about 130 home wells in the neighborhood.

**Q.** To how many homeowners are you providing bottled water?

**A.** Eight.

**Q.** What are you tracking at the monitoring sites?

**A.** Iron and sulfate are the major minerals. You can see some of the effects of acid rock drainage below that pile there, where the trickle of water flowing away is an orangeish color.

**Q.** How will you make sure this doesn't happen again?

**A.** For starters, the Bureau of Mines is offering PennDOT and DEP a short course in how to recognize this type of rock ahead of time.



*ClearWater Conservancy continues to participate in I-99 Partner meetings as an interested community organization to ensure that the advice of local technical experts is sought and taken into consideration throughout this process and to assist the state Departments of Transportation and Environmental Protection in communicating effectively with the impacted community.*

*To learn more about the I-99 Acid Rock Drainage situation, please visit the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's website at <http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/fieldops/nc/nc.htm> and PennDOT's website at <http://www.dot.state.pa.us/penn-dot/districts/district2.nsf/District+2+Homepage?readform>.*

## TELL ME MORE ABOUT... Conservation Easements

A conservation easement is a legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust that permanently limits uses of the land in order to protect its conservation values. It allows you to continue to own and use your land and to sell it or pass it on to heirs.

When you donate a conservation easement to a land trust such as ClearWater Conservancy, you permanently give up some of the rights associated with the land. For example, you might give up the right to build additional residences, while retaining the right to grow crops. Future owners also will be bound by the easement's terms, and the land trust is responsible for making sure the easement's terms are followed.

Conservation easements are flexible land protection tools. An easement on property containing rare wildlife habitat might prohibit any development, for example, while one on a farm might allow continued farming and the building of additional agricultural structures. An easement can allow appropriate development and even permit some commercial use of the land. It may apply to just a portion of the property, and need not require public access. In short, an easement must protect the land's conservation values, but it can also be fashioned to meet the financial and personal needs of the landowner.

A conservation easement donation that meets federal tax code requirements -- in essence, that provides public benefit by permanently protecting important conservation resources -- can qualify as a tax-deductible charitable donation. For income tax purposes, the value of the donation is the difference between the land's value with the easement and its value without the easement.

Placing an easement on your property may also result in property tax savings.

Perhaps most important, a conservation easement can be essential for passing land on to the next generation. By removing the land's development potential, the easement lowers its market value, which in turn lowers estate tax. Whether the easement is donated during life or by will, it can make a critical difference in the heirs' ability to keep the land intact.

*Excerpted from Conservation Options for Private Landowners, a publication of the Land Trust Alliance. LTA is the national organization of land trusts, working to ensure that land trusts have the information, skills, and resources they need to save land through voluntary land conservation. For more information visit [www.lta.org](http://www.lta.org).*

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The model is intended for state-wide application with particular use in regions with karst limestone geology.

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## MILLBROOK MARSH TO BE FEATURED IN 2006 CALENDAR

Due to the overwhelming success of our inaugural effort, we are anxious to get started on the next ClearWater Calendar. The theme for 2006 will be the Millbrook Marsh.

ClearWater is accepting submissions of high quality photographs of art inspired by the Millbrook Marsh from now until June 1, 2006.

Pencil drawings, pen & ink, watercolors, oils, acrylics, photographs, pastels... any and all media will be accepted. The thirteen winning photographs will be chosen by a panel of local artists who have previously participated in our "For the Love of Art & Chocolate" art auction. For more information call 237-0400 or contact

[jennifer@clearwaterconservancy.org](mailto:jennifer@clearwaterconservancy.org).



Christopher Shannon

*Shingletown Gap is featured in the month of January as part of ClearWater Conservancy's 2005 Calendar.*

## FAREWELL LYNN

A cloud hung over ClearWater as Lynn Fosbender prepared in August to move back to her native Chicago, and staff and volunteers faced the prospect of losing a valuable and dedicated Land Conservation Coordinator and friend. We miss her greatly but wish her our best as she begins a new chapter in her life in the midwest.

With Lynn's departure, however, the Land Conservation and Stewardship Committee, under the new leadership of volunteer chair Carolyn Mahan, has taken the reigns of several in-progress conservation easement transactions. Kudos especially to committee members Jerry Wettstone, Kathy Derge-Gipe, and Bill Hilshey for strengthening their volunteer commitments to their respective easement projects. All are welcome to join this fun and productive committee, which meets each month on the fourth Thursday, from 7:30 - 9 am at the ClearWater office.

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## DON HAMER CONSERVATION CHALLENGE UPDATE

Several ClearWater supporters have smartly taken advantage of the opportunity to double the value of their contributions to the Don Hamer Land Conservation Fund. This fund is dedicated for conserving habitats and landscapes with the highest priority natural resource value and will allow ClearWater to move quickly on conservation opportunities that meet our criteria for protection.



Jennifer Shuey

*Lynn, with a painting of Millbrook Marsh to remember her time at ClearWater.*

The Don Hamer Conservation Challenge is a five-year, \$25,000 initiative to raise monies to be used solely to support the land trust activities of ClearWater. Don will match \$5,000 in contributions in the first year of his challenge up to the date of ClearWater's anniversary, July 7, 2005.

Don't miss this great opportunity! To leverage your conservation dollars 2 to 1, please call 237-0400 for more information or simply send in your pledge. Forms can be found at <http://www.clearwaterconservancy.org/member.htm#Don%20Hamer%20Fund>.

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## HOLIDAY APPEAL CRUCIAL TO CLEARWATER FUNDING

For all that nature gives us, won't you please give something back?

This Thanksgiving, as you reflect on your abundance of blessings, remember ClearWater generously with a tax-deductible year-end contribution.

Thank you for your continued support as we look to an exciting new year.

## CLEARWATER NEWS GOING DIGITAL

Over the next year, we are planning to transition most of our *ClearWater News* subscriptions to a digital version that will be sent to members via email. This change will allow us to save money on postage and printing while saving paper and a few trees!

We realize that some of our members will prefer to receive issues of *ClearWater News* by mail, and we will happily honor that request. But if you are able, please consider keeping up with all your ClearWater news over the internet.

If you have not yet provided us with an email address, please contact [brooks@clearwaterconservancy.org](mailto:brooks@clearwaterconservancy.org).

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## NEW 25TH ANNIVERSARY MEMBERSHIP GOAL

25 new members each month of 2005 and 2006. What an awesome challenge!

But to become a sustainable organization that is not dependent on the ups and downs of grant cycles and the changing priorities of major foundations, that is the number of local dues-paying members ClearWater would like to add over the next two years.

Three of our strongest financial supporters believe in the value of conservation and agree that our membership goal is a goal worth achieving. To motivate others in our community to join ClearWater in this campaign, Dayton & Sheri Coles and Barbara Palmer have collectively offered \$10,000 in 2005 AND in 2006 to match the 25 new members per month. That's a bonus \$20,000 for ClearWater for meeting our membership goal!

Look at it this way... if each of our members finds just one additional new

member over the course of two years, we will meet our goal and double our membership. Please help us by inviting a friend or colleague to join us in our conservation mission. Pass along this newsletter and take the opportunity to share our successes with others. Invite someone you know to come to one of our upcoming events.

Each new member who joins in 2005 and 2006 will also be entered into a drawing for a fabulous bonus surprise. And if they tell us you convinced them to join, your name gets entered too! More details on this fun incentive will be available soon.

You, our already committed members, are our best representatives to the rest of the community. You have more influence than you know. Go ahead, give it a try. Find a new member today!

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## CLEARWATER HONORED BY LOCAL REALTORS

On November 17, ClearWater Conservancy was honored by the Centre County Association of REALTORS with a check for \$1,000. The 2004 Community Service Presentation was a way for the Association to honor ClearWater and support future conservation initiatives.



Larry Walker

*Community Services Chair Jenn Shufron presents a check to Jennifer Shuey.*



## CANDIDATES' NIGHT A GREAT SUCCESS

Over 50 people came out to Patton Township municipal building on Thursday, October 21 to hear candidates for state representative for the 77th and 171st districts address the state of the local environment. The candidates' forum also aired on C-NET several times prior to Election Day.

**Jon Eich, Representative Lynn Herman, and Thomas Martin**, all candidates for the 77th District state legislative seat, responded to questions ranging from treatment options for the Skytop/I-99 acid runoff to converting to non-polluting transportation technologies.

**Representative Kerry Benninghoff** and challenger **Rich Rogers**, both running for state representative for the 171st District, also responded to similar questions, each giving his perspective of how communities within the Spring Creek Watershed may benefit from programs like Growing Greener and land conservation easements.

Also, written statements from **Representative Mike Hanna** and his challenger for the 76th district seat, **John Krupa**, were read.

The candidates' forum was organized by a subcommittee of the Spring Creek Watershed Community, led by Bob Eberhart and Ann Donovan, with assistance from Kristen Saacke Blunk, Dave Gilbert, and Bob Carline. Special thanks are due to Bob Carline for his outstanding role as moderator for this event.

# Annual Meeting Pays Tribute to the Legacy of George Beatty

By Jennifer Shuey

New faces, new places, and a whole new atmosphere combined this year to make the 2004 ClearWater Conservancy Annual Dinner and Meeting a great success!

Held on November 16 at the State College Elks Club, the Annual Meeting was opened to the public for the first time in recent memory. Nearly 150 members and friends of ClearWater enjoyed an evening topped off by a special treat, a presentation of the late George Beatty's *Pennsylvania Wildflower Symphony*.

After reminiscing about George and his wife Alice, two instrumental leaders in the early days of ClearWater, audience members were spellbound by George's beautiful wildflower photographs set to an arrangement of classical music. George's close friend Steve Scott worked very hard to prepare and perfectly execute George's complex multi-media show.



*Linnea borealis*, George Beatty's favorite flower.

Leading up to the presentation, members socialized, enjoyed a delicious dinner, and opened their wallets to bid on a wide array of donated prizes. The silent auction was a great new complement to the evening—raising an additional \$1,800 for ClearWater's programs and mission.

To open the business meeting, outgoing President Brian McCullough introduced and thanked the Board of Directors for their leadership in 2004. Special acknowledgment was given to the seven

Directors that are stepping down at the end of the year including Carolyn Mahan, Ed Dunkelberger, Ellie Beaver, Heidi Nicholas, Neil Korostoff, Shana Tritsch, and Bob McKinstry.

Standing for election to the Board of Directors were Jean Aron, Bonnie Marshall, and Marylu Murkin. Each comes to ClearWater with an understanding of what makes this community special and a commitment to the conservation of our natural re-

sources. According to Jean's nomination statement, "We believe we reap the benefits of a community in proportion to what we contribute. One should always strive for improvement, to leave our little corner of the world better than we found it."

We are confident that these three strong women will complement our current high-quality Board of Directors and contribute generously of their time and talent in governing this organization. We welcome all three of them, and wish them the best as they begin this new adventure.

Volunteers are important at all levels of the organization, and ClearWater traditionally recognizes a few stellar volunteers at the Annual Meeting. Among this year's award recipients were the staff of the Pennsylvania Office of the US Fish & Wildlife Service here in State College. The Board of Directors and many of our members who have worked with their staff over the years feel fortunate to have such a dedicated group of professionals who truly care about the environment and who demonstrate that attitude every day. On behalf of Dave Putnam, Adam Smith, Cindy Tibbot, Mark Roberts, and Ed Perry, Cathy Patnode accepted a certificate of appreciation from ClearWater.

Art and Eleanor Tyson were

honored by ClearWater as 2004's Volunteers of the Year. They were unable to attend to accept their praise, but in a show of the dedication that led to their consideration for this award, the Tyson's stopped by the office in the afternoon to fold and assemble the programs for the evening's festivities. They were both quite tickled to find out about the award.

To wrap up the year's special recognition, the first annual Spring Creek Heritage Award recipient was announced to the gathered members and friends. This is a new award that is intended to be presented jointly each year by ClearWater Conservancy and the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited at Spring Creek Day.

The inaugural recipient of this special award was George Harvey in recognition of a lifetime of teaching fishing skills and creating awareness of the outstanding values of Spring Creek. We look forward to continuing this new tradition in George's name to other worthy individuals.



Photo of George Harvey, used by permission of Daniel L. Shields.

## Silent Auction Acknowledgements

**Thank you to the many individuals and businesses that donated items and services to this year's silent auction.**

Tickets to choice of 2005 PSU home football games	Max Gill
Case of Selected New York Wines	Pat Morse
Rustic Bird House	David & Shirley Pryde
Gift Basket of Local Products	Stone Soup Market
Pocket Beads	Stone Soup Market
Homemade Salsa	Shana Tritsch
Blue Pottery	Lynn Fosbender
Dinner for Four at Zola's	Ellie Beaver
One-Week Stay at his Cottage in Ontario	Walt Ebaugh
Afternoon at the White Deer Rod & Gun Club	Bob Donaldson
Beaded Necklace and Bracelet	Leslie Finton
Four-course Ethnic Dinner for Four, with Wine at the home of Susan and Jose Campos	Jose Campos
A Selection of Pampered Chef Items	Valerie Watson
Hand-made Crocheted Angel	Parepa Bierly
Hand-made Crocheted Snowflakes	Julie Nelson
Glider Ride	Joe Bishop
Tickets to 2004 PSU vs. Michigan State football game	The Committee to Elect Jon Eich
\$50 Gift Certificate to the Corner Room/Allen Street Grill	Joe Banks
Promethea Moth Print, signed by Coby	Beatty Estate
Small bust of Linneaus	Beatty Estate
<i>Atlas of the Flora of Pennsylvania</i>	Beatty Estate
\$100 Rapid Transit Sports Gift Certificate	Mac Rayback
Stone Oil Lamp	Dique Stone Products
Decorative Ceramic Tile	Pots by de Perrot
Greatest Ever Chocolate Cookbook	Jennifer Shuey

**Thanks also to the bidders and all of the auction winners. This event successfully raised over \$1,800 for ClearWater's land protection, watershed stewardship, and environmental outreach programs!**

To donate an item or service for inclusion in next year's silent auction, please contact Brooks at 237-0400 or [brooks@clearwaterconservancy.org](mailto:brooks@clearwaterconservancy.org).



# For the Love of Art & Chocolate

Friday, January 21, 2005

7 - 10 pm

Ramada Inn and Conference Center

Another wonderful silent nature art auction will be part of ClearWater's Sixth Annual "For the Love of Art & Chocolate." Last year 37 artists donated 50 pieces of beauty and inspiration for the auction; this year we already have pledges from 16 new artists as well as the enthusiasm and commitment from many of the returning artists from previous years. Our goal is to have work from 50 different artists.

You will have a chance to preview the artwork in-person on two different occasions this year. In addition to the yearly preview show the Sunday before the Chocolate and Art Party, we will have some of the art on display in the windows of several downtown State College merchants during First Night. You will find the art on display in the shops on Allen Street the week of December 27 - January 2.

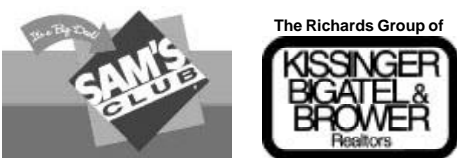
The full preview show will be held Sunday, January 16, 2005, from 2 - 4 pm at the Art Alliance, 818 Pike Street in Lemont. For our web-savvy supporters, we will also post the art catalogue at [www.clearwaterconservancy.org](http://www.clearwaterconservancy.org) as soon as it is ready in early January.

Of course, our art auction is not the only reason to come out on January 21. Many come to enjoy the chocolate extravaganza, featuring a decadent assortment of chocolate desserts and wrapped candies from local restaurants, caterers, and chocolate companies.

Indulge your sweet tooth and then dance away the calories to the sounds of Jazza-Ma-Phone, back for the third year by popular demand.

Ticket to this fun-filled event are only \$25. Please call Brooks at 237-0400 or contact [brooks@clearwaterconservancy.org](mailto:brooks@clearwaterconservancy.org) to reserve yours today! Tickets may be purchased at the door, but advance ticket-holders walk right in!

Special thanks to our major sponsors:



## Open House November 21, 2004

2 - 4 pm at the ClearWater office  
2555 North Atherton Street, State College

Pamper yourself and others with Pampered Chef products and raise funds for the ClearWater Conservancy at the same time! ClearWater receives 10 - 15% of the products sold.

Come to our Open House for a live product display and to pick up catalogues. Get a jump on your holiday shopping, pick up great tips and ideas for your holiday entertaining, and enjoy delicious treats made from Pampered Chef's signature recipes.

Or shop from your seat, not your feet by phone, email, or internet. Our consultant is Valerie J. Watson, and she can be reached at (814) 357-8130, at [watsonvj@hotmail.com](mailto:watsonvj@hotmail.com), or at her website... [www.pamperedchef.biz/valscorner](http://www.pamperedchef.biz/valscorner).

And for every show scheduled, we earn an additional \$3. Please help spread the word to make this fundraiser a big success!



## A NOTE FROM JENNIFER

*Hello friends...*

Did you know I started oil painting classes this past spring with one of my favorite local artists Jennifer Kane? I'm having so much fun expanding my horizons, and in the process I'm also making good on last year's promise to contribute my own work of nature-inspired art to ClearWater's famous annual "For the Love of Art & Chocolate".

I have also been learning that many of our local artists share a deep passion for the beauty that surrounds us... our rolling landscapes, our fields and forests, and our streams and wildflowers in every season. These artists draw on nature's beauty and shape it for others to discover more deeply the natural wonders all around us, each and every day.

ClearWater Conservancy protects our land and water resources so that future generations may be inspired in much the same way. Please come out to enjoy the works of art generously donated by many talented individuals (and also by me!) on January 21. Bid on your favorites, and take home a local masterpiece. Get to know the artists, visit the Art Alliance, and support their work in this community all year long.

Happy holidays to all of you, and sincere thanks for all of your support throughout the year.

## Volunteers Needed

Someone to scan photos and organize our digital photo library.

A graphic designer to lay out 4 - 5 interpretive panels for our office demonstration project, "Conservation Techniques for Watershed-Wise Backyards & Businesses".

Volunteers to prepare and mail ClearWater's Holiday Cards.

People interested in helping with "For the Love of Art & Chocolate"... soliciting chocolate donations, preparing the art catalogue, setting up the preview show or the main event, etc.

Volunteers to plan activities for our 25th Anniversary. Creativity a must!

**Contact Brooks at 237-0400 or [brooks@clearwaterconservancy.org](mailto:brooks@clearwaterconservancy.org) to find out more or to sign up!**

## SCENES FROM SPRING CREEK DAY



Jennifer Shuey

*ClearWater joined forces with the Benner Township Fall Festival the next weekend, but moved from Buffalo Run Community Park to high ground at the Bellefonte Airport.*

*Artist-in-action Holly Fritchman paints a scene from Spring Creek Canyon to auction at our upcoming For the Love of Art & Chocolate.*

*Flood waters from Hurricane Ivan overtopped Spring Creek and reached all the way to the Stackhouse porch at Fisherman's Paradise the day before Spring Creek Day. We sadly made the decision to cancel.*

*Sunday turned out to be a heart-achingly beautiful sunny autumn day, but the waters were still high through most of the week.*



Jennifer Shuey



Jennifer Shuey

*Chris Finton and daughters Sarah and Hannah enjoy decorating butterfly-shaped cookies. The girls also entered our coloring exhibition sponsored by RE/MAX Centre Realty.*

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