



LANCASTER  
CONSERVANCY

THE 13TH ANNUAL

# DINE ON HARVEST MOON

DINNER & AUCTION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022

LANCASTER COUNTY  
CONVENTION CENTER

**DINE ON HARVEST MOON**

# **LIVE AUCTION**

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**YOUR UNIQUE BIDDER NUMBER IS ON THE BACK  
OF YOUR PROGRAM—RAISE IT HIGH AND RAISE IT  
OFTEN TO SAVE NATURE!**

## **1. HANDCRAFTED WALNUT BENCH BY DAVE MYER**

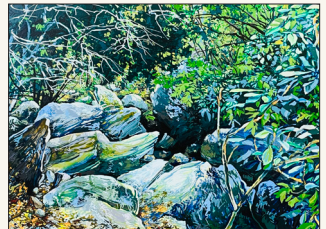
Long-time volunteer and staff member, Dave Myer, has transformed walnut wood from a fallen tree at the Conservancy's Climbers Run Nature Center into a beautiful one-of-a-kind 5-foot bench.

## **2. EAGLE'S NEST HIKE & NATURALIST EXPERIENCE**

Board Member Julie Jones and Rick Zook invite you and up to eight friends to observe an active eagle's nest in the Hellam Hills area. They will lead you up a steep wooded hillside near their home (by foot or by vehicle) to peer down into the nest while the experienced eagle parents care for their young. We will keep a respectful distance, but the nest is easily seen with binoculars while we enjoy the peaceful forest, also home to pileated woodpeckers and many other birds. Relax after your adventure at the hosts' home overlooking the Susquehanna by a fire with food and beverages. You will be invited to return later in the season to see how quickly the babies grow. This is an experience you will remember forever!

## **3. TUCQUAN GLEN PAINTING BY ROBERT BITTS**

Robert Bitts' vision of nature in Lancaster County is stunning and hangs in the homes of some of Lancaster's best collectors. Represented by Lancaster Galleries, Robert painted this Tucquan Glen scene almost a decade ago. It has adorned our offices for years and tonight it seeks a new home.



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#### 4. SUNSET HAPPY HOUR & WINE TASTING FOR 12 AT PHIL AND STEVE'S RIVER COTTAGE

Fine wine, Susquehanna sunsets over Lancaster County, and Phil and Steve's river cottage are all worth buying, but combining them together invites the buyer to a guaranteed good time. Expect some fun as we test your wine taste buds and play some drinking games. Can you tell the difference between a \$150 bottle and a \$20 bottle of cabernet? Wine, the Susquehanna sunsets, and company are legendary.

#### 5. SUSQUEHANNA NATIONAL AREA HERITAGE BOAT TRIP TOUR

Gather a group of friends together for a one-of-a-kind tour on the Chief Uncas! This electric-powered boat, recently acquired by the Susquehanna National Heritage Area, promises a relaxing, enjoyable ride on the Susquehanna River for up to 8 guests, with special guest naturalists Sarah Gotwols and Keith Williams. Sarah and Keith will provide a natural history tour around the Conejohela Flats, a world class gathering place for shorebirds. Drinks and appetizers will be provided. *Date and time will be agreed upon between the buyer and Susquehanna National Heritage Area.*

#### 6. VACATION HOME

Comb the beaches of Avalon NJ while hosting family and friends at this beach block getaway. You're invited to relax and kick your flip flops off in this artistically appointed home that sleeps 8. Located on 72nd Street across from a bird sanctuary, this part of Cape May County is known for its bird watching and monarch migrations. You have your choice of a weeklong stay in 2023 or 2024 during the months of May, September, or October.

#### 7. DINNER OF THE DECADE: REINVENTED TO BE MORE SPECTACULAR

Tim Arpin and the Gilded Lily are partnering with the Hamilton Club to host a spectacular dinner for up to 20 in the Crystal Room at the Club. This formal dinner will take place in September of 2023. The Gilded Lily dinners have only the finest décor, wines and food imaginable as this special room is transformed into a total sensory experience.

## 8. NATIVE PLANT GARDEN ASSESSMENT & INSTALLATION

**Want to transform your property with a native landscape?** Work with Conservancy experts to get your very own garden make-over. The Conservancy team will provide an assessment of your gardens and plants including a set of recommendations. Then we will work with you to transform a small garden with a goal of reducing stormwater runoff, while providing habitat and food for wildlife.

This auction item includes an assessment; native plants, shrubs, and trees; a native landscape reference guide and book, along with some tools to help you tackle your home projects.

*(Note: the transformed garden space shouldn't exceed 15' x 15'. The Conservancy will provide all native plants from existing stock along with shared labor for transforming the space).*

## 9. RESTOCK YOUR WINE CELLAR: CALIFORNIA VS. THE WORLD?!

**Two wheelbarrows, each with 48 bottles of wine that have been donated by the Board and donors, moved from the raffle to the live auction this year.** One lot will be exclusively California wines and the other wines from around the world. Bidders will be able to choose their preferred wheelbarrow. Wine values range from \$20 a bottle to \$150 a bottle.

## 10. EARTH DAY PROGRESSIVE DINNER ON LANCASTER AVENUE

**This incredible evening is back for round two! Join the neighbors on Lancaster Avenue for the second Progressive Dinner and a one-of-a-kind evening.**

Appetizers, drinks, dinner, and dessert will each be hosted in a different home, making this a unique and fun downtown dining experience! Phil and Steve and Mike and Sandy will open their beautiful church homes at 238 and 240, along with Jeff and Kathleen at 231 and Hilda and Wes at 227. This progressive dinner is scheduled for April 22, 2023, and only 40 tickets will be sold. Check your calendar now and be prepared for a night to remember—we can't think of a better party on Earth Day!

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**Cindy and I attended last year. This event is a MUST DO! The fellowship was very comfortable and real, food was remarkable and bottom line—a truly enjoyable UNIQUE evening start to end. And a great value purchase that was worth every penny. —MIKE BRUBAKER**



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# THIS EVENING'S RAFFLE

TICKETS  
\$20 each,  
3 for \$50, or  
7 for \$100  
(cash preferred)

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the registration table.

*The winning number will be announced after the meal.*

- 1 **Kayak the Conestoga River:** Follow the course of history and see a side of Lancaster County that most don't. Join the Conestoga River Club on a kayaking adventure for 10 down the Conestoga River.
- 2 **Hike for 10 with a Naturalist into Tucquan Glen & Pyfer Nature Preserve:** We are excited to offer a rugged 4-mile hike that combines a section of the scenic long-distance Conestoga Trail between Clark and Tucquan Glen & Pyfer Nature Preserves with the trail being restored along Tucquan Creek.
- 3 **Liquidlogic Kayak and Gear:** Explore local waterways the Conservancy helps protect from the comfort of a new Liquidlogic kayak. You'll be ready to see nature from the water with paddle and life vest included!
- 4 **Climbers Run Nature Center for a Day:** Enjoy our Climbers Run Nature Center and use the Russo Barn for up to 40 of your favorite friends or family members. Think family reunion, youth group or work retreat. Date and time is based on availability. Conservancy rules and restrictions will apply.
- 5 **Spirits Collection:** Looking for a well-crafted spirit to enjoy with the changing leaves? This is the perfect package for you. Donated by several well loved local distilleries and providers, this selection of spirits is perfect in a cocktail or over ice.
- 6 **Susquehanna Riverlands Explorer Package:** Get ready to explore the landscape of the mighty Susquehanna! This item includes a Mountain Smith 45 liter backpack, a sleeping mat, a portable grill kit, and a certificate for a stand up paddle board class with Susquehanna SUP, along with some gear from your favorite land trust!

TAKE A CHANCE AND SPOIL YOURSELF FOR A WORTHY CAUSE.  
CHEERS AND GOOD LUCK!

TONIGHT'S SPECIAL APPEAL

# RESTORATION & REDEMPTION

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**OUR EARTH IS BRIMMING** with unique plants, animals, fungi, and organisms that create a complex web of life. As humans, we sometimes forget that we are not separate from this vast array of living things, but in truth, inextricably linked to each and every other species on this beautiful planet we share. But there is a hard fact we must face. That vibrant web of life we are a part of is in peril. Why? Because of us. Human activity is degrading and destroying the habitats and ecosystems of our planet – tearing apart the very interconnected webs in which we exist.

*The Conservancy works to rebuild our severed relationship with nature and heal our natural lands, restoring these special places within our community into thriving biodiverse ecosystems.*



*American Toad* PHOTO BY CAMMY REED

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## WETLANDS & WATERWAYS

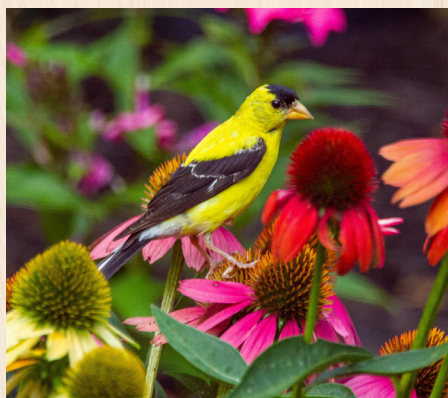
The importance of our wetlands cannot be overstated—from the diverse variety of species that rely on them to the critical role they play storing fresh water and carbon. And yet, many wetlands have been filled in and their streams diverted into eroding high banked ditches, erasing valuable habitat and natural water filtering infrastructure that alleviates destructive flooding.

The Conservancy is restoring wetlands at Wizard Ranch, rebuilding streamside habitat at Fishing Creek and Climbers Run, and playing a key role in protecting numerous miles of waterways across our landscape. When we protect land, we protect water, and we save these resource and wildlife rich habitats.



## MEADOWS

Our meadows are important habitat for numerous birds, animals, and insect species. Deep roots grow slowly over generations, holding healthy carbon rich soil in place. Today, the Conservancy is restoring meadows and grasslands at places like Clark Nature Preserve, Safe Harbor, and Wizard Ranch. These sweeping open spaces are filled with native flowers and plants that will foster the bees and insects that help pollinate the food we grow and eat.



*Goldfinch* PHOTO BY JOSHUA COTTEN

## FORESTS

The stars of our forests, our trees, are celebrated for their ability to prevent floods and erosion, to clean the air we breathe and the water we drink, and to store carbon that would otherwise be released into our rapidly warming atmosphere. Many of our local forests have been fragmented, broken by human activity into ever smaller sections, impacting their health and leaving them overrun with nonnative invasive species and no longer able to play their leading role as an ecosystem in our landscape. The Conservancy plants thousands of native trees annually and works with volunteers and landowners to improve forest health among the few remaining tracts of woodlands left in Lancaster and York Counties.



*Planting trees at Fishing Creek Nature Preserve*  
PHOTO BY NICK GOULD

**WHAT MOTIVATES AND DRIVES US** is the deep belief that it is both possible and imperative to restore our land, our air, and our waterways before it's too late. Humans, armed with knowledge and resources, can and must do our part to help nature and repair the damage we've done as a species.

**Tonight, with our special appeal, we ask you to raise your paddle and support the Conservancy's work to restore our natural lands.** Your generosity becomes the helping hands that bring life back to our forests, wetlands, and meadows and the voice that gives rise to a future where humans, birds, bees, trees, fish, wildflowers, and all living things in nature coexist and prosper together.

*Thank you,*

Phil Wenger, *President*

Sara Lamichane, *Board Chair*



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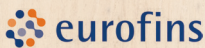
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