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Land Preservation Update

Since 1989, D&R Greenway has preserved 323 properties totaling 22,110 acres.
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A Full Circle Legacy of Preserved Land

Bridgewater’s open space grew in 2023 through the purchase of a property from the David Stempien estate to expand a preserve created in 2019. The story of preservation is one worth telling.

David Stempien was a good friend to the community. When 36 acres of land, formerly owned by John Wemple, was threatened by development into 15 homes, Dave and his neighbors went door-to-door to raise funds for preservation. D&R Greenway worked with Dave and his neighbors, former World War II hero Lt. Colonel T. Robert Vaucher and Brendan Burns, and Bridgewater Township, to turn that dream into a reality.

When Dave passed away too soon, his sisters Mary Jean Stempien and Kathryn Ann Harknett inherited the Stempien family home where the three siblings grew up. They made a choice to sell the land for preservation rather than see

it developed. By doing so, they turned tragedy into legacy.

“The 5 acres were first carved out in 1946 when they were sold to John and Fendi Stein by Dorothy Wemple,” said Mary Jean Stempien. Her parents, Stan and Jeannette Stempien, bought the property from the Steins in 1968. Putting this land back together with the former Wemple property brings the land full circle.

“Both families have been very good stewards of the land,” says Mary Jean, referring to neighbors Wemple and Stempien. “It is a beautiful piece of land and gives you—the community—good access to the spring ... and the carriage path. Kathryn and I could not be happier about this outcome, and our parents and David would be very proud.”

“The Vaucher Family and I are thrilled to see The Vaucher Revolutionary Preserve at Steele’s

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Gap extended to include the Stempien property,” says Donna Lazartic, longtime partner of Bob Vaucher. “John Wemple, Bob, Stan, Jeannette and David are gathered joyfully around Heaven’s kitchen table rejoicing that 250 years are
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Bringing together a community to preserve land! Members of the Bridgewater Township Committee with partners from D&R Greenway and Crossroads of the American Revolution, funding partners and neighbors in 2020. David Stempien is to the right behind the easel, and in front right is Lt. Col. T. Robert Vaucher at 100-years-old with Brendan Burn’s daughter.

Full Circle

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preserved and will be remembered by generations to come!”

The property has historical significance as it lies directly on the Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail. The trail is the route that General George Washington and French General Rochambeau took in 1781 as they moved their troops to fight the British Army in Yorktown, Virginia. The effort and cooperation between the two sides led to a victory at Yorktown and secured American independence.

Mayor Matthew Moench said, upon preservation of the property, “This partnership ensures that future generations will have the privilege to cherish and honor this historically momentous area. Bridgewater remains steadfast in our commitment to



WWII hero, pilot Lt. Col. Thomas Robert Vaucher.



Stan, Jeannette and David Stempien enjoy a spring day on their land that is now permanently preserved.

preserving the essence of our community—its historical significance and the natural wonders that surround us.”

“This is a win-win for everybody involved,” said Council President Michael Kirsh.

This September, the Bridgewater Township Council unanimously approved a resolution to execute an agreement between the township and D&R Greenway Land Trust. The partnership agreement supports the creation of public access on the newly preserved Stempien land that connects to the Washington-Rochambeau Trail on the adjacent preserved property.

The new nature trail, parking lot, and signage will soon be constructed to provide access to The Vaucher Revolutionary Preserve at Steele’s Gap. The trail will foreshadow the nation’s 250th anniversary in 2026.

“It has been said that for all good

“Before we finish any discussion about giving back to future generations, let’s make sure there is something left for us to give back...”

—Pete Carril, Jr., Trustee,
D&R Greenway Land Trust

things to happen, the ability to dream while having patience is a necessary requirement. The recent addition of the Stempien Property certainly demonstrated those requirements,” notes Allen Kurdyla of Bridgewater’s Town Council. He continues, “Dave Stempien’s property provides the long-awaited gateway for the adjacent Wemple property. Bringing these properties into the Bridgewater Township Open Space Inventory took longer than anticipated, however the day has come, and the properties will provide an excellent opportunity for all to discuss the history of the site dating back to the American Revolution, in addition to enjoying the sights and sounds of nature.

“This purchase was the result of a joint vision by our Township Open Space Committee and Mayor, working with D&R Greenway. Above all, every



David Stempien celebrates land preservation, his friend’s heroism, and the significance of this land to the story of America.

one of us had the opportunity to work with David Stempien. His vision for Open Space was second to none. I offer sincere thanks to the Stempien family for honoring Dave’s vision for the property. Without them, this would have never been completed.”

Mary Jean Stempien acknowledges the partners that made this happen, “For their encouragement and support, I would like to acknowledge Bridgewater Council President Michael Kirsh, Councilman Timothy Ring, Councilman Allen Kurdyla, Open Space Committee Chair James Weideli, and Linda Mead, President and CEO of D&R Greenway Land Trust.

“It takes vision, commitment, and persistence to preserve land,” says Linda Mead. “This story inspires me to keep going...to preserve more land and to tell the stories of those whose commitment makes a lasting difference. Now that’s a legacy worth celebrating!”

“Great nature programs and email alerts!! Wish I still lived in New Jersey so I could attend!”

—Yvonne Vaucher, daughter of Lt. Col. T. Robert Vaucher, in response to D&R Greenway’s e-news.

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New McPhee book on a Forest, a Land Trust and Returning Home

Notable literary journalist John McPhee and his first wife, iconic Princeton portrait photographer Pryde Brown, had four talented daughters together. During the pandemic in March 2020, their daughter, writer Martha McPhee, decamped to the family farm. As she cared for her mother during her journey with dementia, Martha found the healing power of land in the family's forest.

Enchanted by walks in the woods she never really knew, Martha explored the land with D&R Greenway's Director of Land Stewardship Tina Notas. Martha learned about invasive plants, the dreaded emerald ash tree borer that was killing her trees, and how to repair the forest with native plants.

An author of novels, including *Bright Angel Time*, Martha is the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts grant and a fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. Her book, *Gorgeous Lies*, was a finalist for the National Book Award. She teaches at Hofstra University.

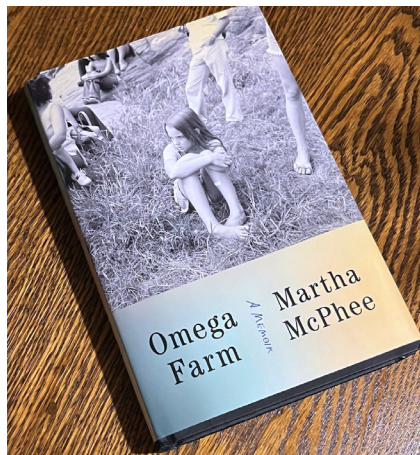
Martha's latest work, *Omega Farm: A Memoir*, tells the story of conservation from the perspective of a landowner. It is woven with personal reflections. Her novel has the power to awaken interest in preserving land among landowners all over the country.

Winter is a great time to curl up with a good book. Here is an excerpt from *Omega Farm: A Memoir* to inspire you to discover this book for yourself:

...Part of the arrangement with D&R Greenway is that they send a land steward on a regular basis to inspect

"I have donated to D&R Greenway Land Trust for a long time because I see a direct link between my (and others') donations and the appearance of new open spaces to explore. I delight in the natural world and my partner and I get outside regularly to stay fit as we age. D&R Greenway helps to protect properties that are great for walks!"

—Karen Linder, Taplin Circle donor



the land, make sure that the habitat is being maintained so that the preserved land can thrive and "to assure that the property will be retained forever in its natural and undisturbed condition."...

The most recent land steward was a young woman named Tina with a degree in forest ecology and a deep understanding of the role of invasive species. I'd never taken a property walk with an environmentalist. I knew of these visits, had been sent the reports, had even been the contact person, along with Sarah, for the reports, questions, concerns, arrangements about visits. But I hadn't focused on it before: I hadn't lived here. But I was now, and Tina called in the late summer to schedule the visit to inspect the land.

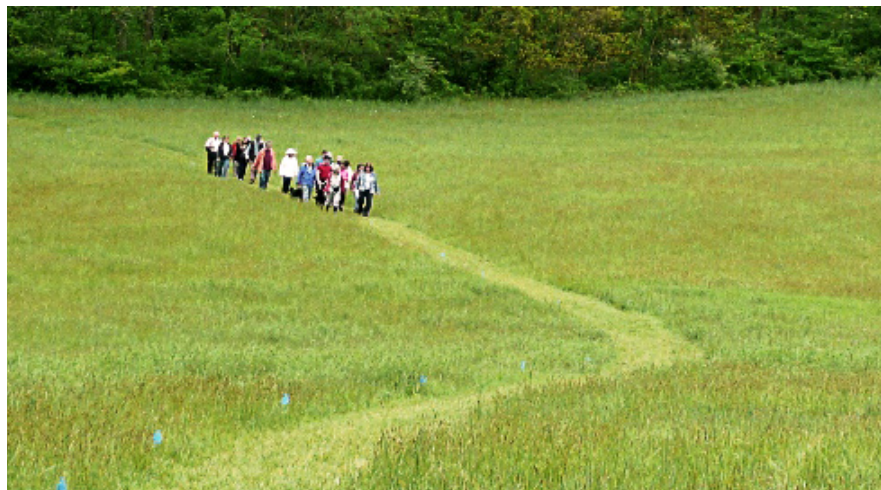
She arrived dressed in long pants and a long shirt made of a fabric that repelled not only insects but also thorns.

She wore gloves, an orange hat (hunting season had started), and in a holster at her hip she carried a pair of clippers like a gun. She had long dark hair and a round pretty face, dark brown eyes...

She also showed me what was beautiful about the forest, the variety of native plants and trees that needed tending. We had flowering dogwood, spicebush, blackhaw viburnum, bitternut and mockernut and shagbark hickories, so many tulip poplars, white and red oak, maple. She scratched at the bark of a spice tree and invited me to smell it—warm and fragrant as a sweet spice...

I liked Tina. She knew what she was talking about, but she also ignited my curiosity, made me want to learn more. She could see the forest. She wasn't just looking at green and brown, which was how I saw it, large planes of color. Her sight was accurate, precise, teased out, educated, and I wanted to see better. She was also earnest, genuine. There was nothing jaded or cynical, as there was with Duke. Listening to her, I felt like something could be done for the forest. Sure, it would be hard work, but work was all it was. I had the sudden desire to buy myself a holster and an expensive pair of sharp Swiss clippers. ...

As the story traverses' relationships with plants and people, Martha and her family grow a new understanding about the woodlands. In the acknowledgements, Martha McPhee includes, "Thank you to ... Tina, and D&R Greenway Land Trust for teaching me the beauty of forests." 🌿



Pryde's Point Trail leads through a field into the magical forest.

Give A Gift To Yourself or Someone You Love

Here's a preview of some of the artwork you can purchase for yourself, or give as a gift, with proceeds benefitting D&R Greenway Land Trust.

Our galleries are showcasing artistic masterpieces by very generous artists who have joined with us to support our mission.

As you warm up by the fire and dream about the outdoors, you can enjoy an inspiring piece of art that will remind you of the natural world all year long.

This is the first time many of these unique pieces have been shown and can be seen together.

Artwork for sale at our Johnson Education Center

One Preservation Place, Princeton. Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday, through Valentines Day



"Summer Night Garden" by Liz Cutler

Liz Cutler

Retired Princeton Day School teacher and leader of the Sustainability Club, Liz Cutler follows the flower pressers' ethos; read more about it at www.lizcutlerpressedflowers.com. Liz collects botanical items that she makes into unique pieces of art.

This exhibit is in memory of her son, Isaac, who loved Greenway Meadows park, protected by D&R Greenway with partners in 2001. Isaac often attended educational talks at the Johnson Education Center with Liz. The art pieces on display have never been shown before.

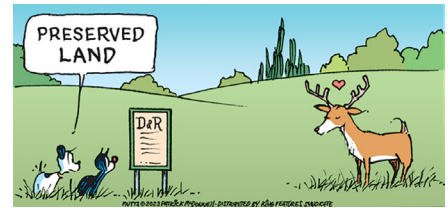
James Fiorentino

You'll find both small and large pieces of art, and reasonably priced Giclée prints, by this award-winning artist whose watercolors are privately commissioned. His art has been seen on TV and in galleries and museums world-wide.

New art not shown before in Princeton will feature a polar bear, snow leopard, osprey, snowy owl, coyote, pumpkin scene with barn owl, and tiger—perfect for PU Alums!



"On the Edge - Polar Bear" by James Fiorentino



MUTTS comic panel from June 2023

Patrick McDonnell

Patrick McDonnell started the MUTTS comic strip in 1994. It's now published in over 700 newspapers in 20 countries. Specially selected remarked and signed cartoon prints that share the message of protecting land and animals make great holiday gifts for your own someone special. Patrick's signed books are available for purchase including *MUTTS Go Green* and *Heart to Heart* in partnership with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and his new Marvel book.



"Nosing In" by Deb Brockway

Deb Brockway

Deb Brockway is a long-time volunteer trail builder on D&R Greenway preserves, and throughout the region with njtrails.org. She uses her quilting talent to inspire people to get outdoors on a trail! A special exhibit of her one-of-a-kind landscape quilts offers an opportunity for you to feel like you're on a trail everyday when you take one home for your own wall.

Liz Cutler Artist Talk and Dessert Reception

January 18, 2024 (Weather Date January 25)
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Artist Talk begins at 7:00 p.m.
Johnson Education Center, One Preservation Place, Princeton, NJ

Come see Liz Cutler's pressed flower art and hear about her inspiration and meditative creation process. Liz and some friends are baking homemade desserts to go with tea and hot chocolate. Come in from the cold to share cozy conversation.

Enjoy the art of all of our artists. Art will be for sale to benefit D&R Greenway's land preservation mission.



Artwork for sale at our Discovery Center at Point Breeze

101 East Park Street, Bordentown. Hours: 12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday



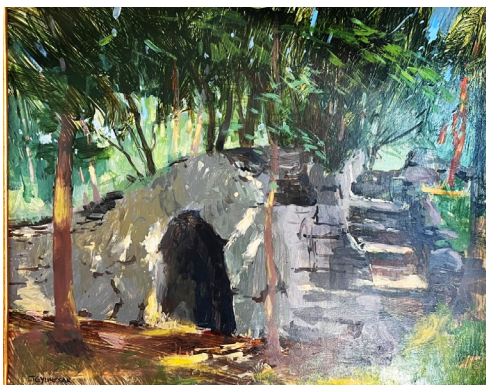
“Hammond Rock Garden” by Kate Graves

Kate Graves

“Something I love about watercolor is that the process is portable and encourages careful observation. Given the opportunity to choose a site to paint at Point Breeze, the Grotto beckoned to me.”



“Bordentown Bluffs” by Al Barker



“Rock Grotto at Point Breeze” by Joseph Gyurcsak

Joseph Gyurcsak

“My paintings express a sense of light, atmosphere and mood; they transcend the techniques that were employed to create and breathe the very light and atmosphere they were painted in.”



“Orchard at Point Breeze” by Nancy Robinson-Long

Al Barker

“I am relieved that Point Breeze did not fall into the hands of a developer and bulldozers. Historic preservation here in Bordentown and all over the Delaware River region is a vital part of conserving natural landscapes and animal and waterfowl habitats.”

Nancy Robinson-Long

“Upon my exploration of the Point Breeze property I was moved by the spiritual connection to the land. I was literally drawn to the Orchard. The sound of the wind through various trees and changing aromas as I wandered the velvet shadowed grounds... I am so very grateful to share my experiences with you and thank you for saving this Jewel!”



“King Napoleon Bonaparte Stone Bridge” by Joseph Gyurcsak

Common Ground Feeds Neighbors in Need

Land and clean water are common ingredients needed to sustain life; D&R Greenway protects both. We use our resources to support our neighbors.

St. Michaels Farm Sharing Garden

More than a ton—2,417 lbs.—of organically grown produce was donated to the Aunt Chubby’s Project in Hopewell in 2023.

A fallow field at our St. Michaels Farm Preserve has been transformed to include a fenced garden area and well water on our 415-acre preserve. Individual community gardens are provided for residents, who plant and care for their garden plots. Nearby is a large Sharing Garden that has supported the local community for the past three years.

“I can’t say enough how appreciative I am for what you do for Hopewell. I know we’re just a small pocket of your efforts regionally, but the positive impact on our little Borough cannot be overstated. Anything that I or the Borough can do to help with your work, you know where to find me.”

— Ryan Kennedy, newly elected mayor of Hopewell Borough

“Mercer County has been home to our families since the late 1800’s, and D&R Greenway Land Trust is one of the leading organizations focused on keeping this region vibrant and beautiful for generations to come. Preserved land is critical to our health and to the health of our planet, and we are grateful for D&R Greenway’s tireless efforts to make sure the Garden State remains green.”

— Jeremy Perlman, CBIZ Borden Perlman, Business Partner in Preservation

“The garden has been such a blessing to us, thank you! We are so excited by what you and your volunteers have been able to grow on the land you donated for the Sharing Garden—it’s astounding!”

— Lyn Farrugia, Founder, Aunt Chubby’s Project



Volunteers, with Lois Kotkoskie in front, harvest the Sharing Garden at St. Michaels Farm Preserve.



Bloomberg Corporate Volunteers spend a day volunteering at St. Michaels Sharing Garden.

“Bloomberg is proud to support D&R Greenway’s mission of land preservation and stewardship in central New Jersey for the last 23 years. D&R Greenway’s local work lends to our shared goals of environmental protection and combatting climate change. Bloomberg volunteers are inspired by working alongside D&R Greenway to maintain trails and open spaces like Cedar Ridge and St. Michaels Farm Preserve.”

—Bloomberg, Business Partner in Preservation

Organic Produce Donated from Point Breeze Garden

Our Historic Garden at Point Breeze donated 481 lbs. of organically grown produce through a consortium of churches in Bordentown in 2023.

Next to the former gardener's house, now our Discovery Center at Point Breeze, a garden has come to life again with heritage vegetables and herbs. During the 1820s and '30s, when Joseph Napoleon Bonaparte lived at Point Breeze, his gardener grew food for sumptuous feasts that fed visiting politicians and scientists of the day. In 2022, we established a garden on one of the original plots, growing historic crops, including Joseph's favorites— asparagus and artichokes. In 2023, we added a Three Sisters Garden to recognize the Lenapehokink (Land of the Lenape). All produce is donated locally.

In 2023 we had the benefit of the greenhouse at Hillside Farm, on 800 acres donated to D&R Greenway by the family of Betty Wold Johnson. This is where we started plants prior to transplanting into our two gardens. We are grateful to all our volunteers who were essential to supporting our staff in this work.

Our precious resource—land—is the common ground that enables people to benefit from healthy foods during difficult times. Please let us know if you can join us as a garden volunteer in 2024—we need your help! 🌱

“We’ve been in awe of D&R Greenway’s incredible land preservation and work for many years. And, we’re especially thankful for its focus on Bordentown City, enabling our little, history-filled town to preserve and maintain our precious open space. There is no better example than D&R Greenway joining with the City of Bordentown and the State of NJ to purchase the 60-acre Point Breeze property from Divine Word Missionaries to protect its natural beauty; its human history from the Lenape People to Joseph Bonaparte and beyond; and, its ecological importance as part of the Abbott Marshlands. Thank you, D&R Greenway. We look forward to working with you to continue this existential work.”

—Marsha & Joel Dowshen, Bordentown residents



Final season harvest at the Point Breeze garden includes kale, cabbage, cheese pumpkins, native corn, herbs and parsnips.



Rutgers Master Gardeners, with docent Vicki Gaudier (r), study the Gardener's Cabinet—with watercolor depictions of plants grown during the Bonaparte era—on a tour of the Discovery Center at Point Breeze. Group tours are available by appointment; contact us at 609-924-4646.



Heritage crops from Bonaparte's time include this Listada di Gandia eggplant.



First Year at Point Breeze Grows New Friends

A gardener's house is an apt place to grow new friends along with heritage crops.

Once the nucleus of the Joseph Napoleon Bonaparte estate where food was grown for the exiled King and his visitors, today our new *Discovery Center at Point Breeze*, inside the former gardener's house, grows a community fascinated to learn about layers of history and the land.

The Discovery Center is located on the land of the First People, known as the Lenapehokink. This spelling is explained by Adam 'Waterbear' DePaul, member of the PA Lenape Nation and storykeeper, "English words derived from Lenape often change the 'nk' suffix to 'ing' because it is pronounced closely to that—but 'nk' is how we spell it."

Open for Visitors

Two flags in front of the Discovery Center symbolize these two significant histories of the land, that of the Lenape and of King Bonaparte. When the flags are flying, the building is open to welcome visitors.

First opened to the public on May 20, 2023, in our first year we hosted educational talks on history, archeology and Lenape culture. We celebrated our first Indigenous Peoples Day. We led a nighttime exploratory walk with Conserve Wildlife biologists to listen for bats with an acoustic detector. Participants were lucky to witness a flying squirrel! We partnered with Bordentown Arts on a full moon night to welcome friends to our Harvest Moon Ball, with cool jazz and improv theater.



Volunteer Karen Mason, supporter Els Ginman, and D&R Greenway trustee Bill Martin celebrate the opening of the Discovery Center. Photo by Philip S. Getty

"As a child fascinated by stories about Joseph Bonaparte's life in Bordentown and the Lenape who lived along the Delaware River, I knew I was lucky to live in a beautiful, historic area. Thanks to D&R Greenway Land Trust, the City of Bordentown and the State of New Jersey, the beautiful Point Breeze property, so rich in history and nature resources, has been preserved and will remain open space for all to enjoy. It is a pleasure to play a small part in introducing this wonderful place to others by volunteering at the Garden House at Point Breeze."

—Betsy Yocom, Discovery Center volunteer docent



Uma Cinnamon sharing a Native American Blessing at Point Breeze. Photo by Mary M. Michaels

Lenape Storytelling with Barbara 'Bluejay' Michalski

January 28, 2024

2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Discovery Center at Point Breeze, 101 East Park Street, Bordentown, NJ

Wintertime is when indigenous peoples gather to tell stories. Bluejay advised D&R Greenway on messaging for the Discovery Center. She is Chief, Keeper of Culture, Storyteller and Public Speaker for the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania. Her intention is "to educate the public on the Lenape Nation, stressing how we should take care of Mother Earth and letting them know we are still here!" Join us to hear stories about the First People of Point Breeze.

"Wow! What an amazing first year. I am looking forward to sharing more about our culture at the Discovery Center in January—wintertime is our time for storytelling."

—Barbara 'Bluejay' Michalski, advisor, Lenape heritage and culture



Discovery Center at Point Breeze

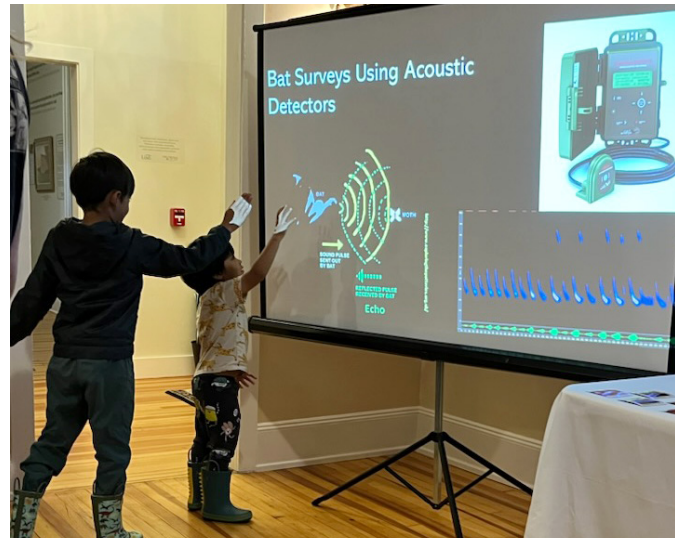
Announcing New Visitor Hours

The Discovery Center is open weekly on Saturdays and Sundays, from Noon–4 p.m. Special group tours can be arranged by appointment.

Holiday Hours

Closed Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.
Open December 23, 26, 27, and 30 from Noon–4:00 p.m.

Bring an ornament for our Community Tree to symbolize history and the natural world!



Excited attendees joined us at Point Breeze for a nighttime bat talk and walk with biologists from Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ. After learning about types of bats seen in NJ, they headed out with flashlights on a Discovery Tour!

A recent *Princeton Living* magazine featured our connection with people of Lenape descent during November—Native American Month, and D&R Greenway president and CEO Linda Mead was quoted in the magazine saying, “Our intent is to honor the Native American heritage of this site and share cultural stories and traditions. We choose to honor all who have Lenape heritage and invite others to join us. This enriches all of us as we learn from each other and respect views and cultures that are complementary to D&R Greenway’s mission to preserve and care for land in honor of all the creatures of the Earth.”

Docents share stories about birds, plants, sturgeon, history, and preservation. Decoys by award-winning carver Bob White are displayed in a case alongside a medal commemorating Bordentown’s sister city, Mortefontaine in France. Thanks to the generosity of the Mailliard family, an 1819 painting of Joseph Bonaparte is on exhibit alongside the story of his devoted Secretary Louis Mailliard.

Bikers and walkers stop by, along with visitors from other states, drawn by this Bordentown, New Jersey treasure. People who have lived in the community all their lives are finally able to come inside, thrilled that the property is

preserved, and enthralled with tales of adventure and nature. Kayakers in our educational program, which launches from Bordentown Beach and teaches about the Delaware River watershed, are oriented at the Discovery Center. Point Breeze has become a happening place!

We are grateful to our volunteer docents, gardeners, SPLASH educators and partners for sharing their time and talents to create a community of people who care about this special place. If you would like to volunteer, inside or outside at the Discovery Center, contact us at info@drgreenway.org or call 609-924-4646. Your help and support are needed as we continue to grow community! 🌱



Our partner SPLASH (Student Appreciation for Learning Aquatic Science and History) assists our educational programs on the Delaware River, with D&R Greenway Kayak Program Manager Lisa Bruno. In 2023, we hosted five trips for local residents and a trip for FUTURO high school students with the Latin American Legal and Educational Defense Fund. Our goal is to provide a fun learning experience that inspires new ambassadors to become future stewards of the Delaware River watershed.

We Celebrated Under the Full Moon at the Harvest Moon and Masquerade Balls!

Guests were treated to the beauty of a rising full moon in September at our Harvest Moon Ball at Point Breeze, and again in October at our Masquerade Ball at Hillside Farm.

Guests arrived in style. They enjoyed cool jazz, good friends and delicious food at both events! Special thanks to Toscano's restaurant from Bordentown and Bordentown Arts for their donations to the Point Breeze event.

We are grateful for our partnership with the Garden State Watercolor Society and their donation of landscape art of Hillside Farm, created plein air at the Masquerade Ball.



D&R Greenway Trustee James Fiorentino with Jess Fiorentino, enjoying Masquerade Ball festivities under a bright full moon.



Zina Umyr, Garden State Watercolor Society artist, adds a special touch to a Round Robin painting of Hillside Farm at the Masquerade Ball.



(l) D&R Greenway President & CEO Linda Mead with Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space (FoHVOS) retiring Executive Director Lisa Wolff at the Masquerade Ball.



D&R Greenway trustees (l) Diana Moore and Jim Lynch with April Sette, New Jersey Buzz and (r) CJ Mugavero of Artful Deposit Gallery, enjoying a moonlit evening at the Harvest Moon Ball.

"In the dozen plus years I've been involved with D&R Greenway, I have witnessed one accomplishment after the other that makes me think we've done all we can. And then the next thing happens, and I'm more excited than ever to be a part of this organization. I can't wait to see what's next!"

—Peter J. Dawson, Chair,
D&R Greenway Land Trust



Photos by Mary M. Michaels and Philip S. Getty



(l) D&R Greenway Board Chair Peter Dawson greets historic car owner Jim Andrews as he arrives at Hillside Farm in his 1938 Buick convertible.

A New Year's Resolution for 2024

Join D&R Greenway's Volunteer Team

YOU would be a great addition to our team! Our small and mighty staff does yeoman's work to care for land and inspire a conservation ethic. They are great to work with and welcome your help!

Whether you can give to a good cause a couple hours or a couple days a month, you can make an important contribution by sharing your time and talents.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Become a docent at the Discovery Center at Point Breeze—Do you like to greet people and tell stories? We need docents on Saturdays and Sundays. You will learn about the rich history of the land, including the Lenape and the Bonaparte era, and its natural features including birds, trees and waterways.

Care for our trails—Do you enjoy hiking through forests and meadows? See special places and get to know the plants and animals that live there while you walk with clippers and help maintain our nearly 50 miles of trails.

Share your love of gardening—Do you dream about the hope of spring that comes with seeding plants and watching them grow? In Bordentown and Hopewell, volunteers help us plant, weed and harvest our vegetable gardens. Grow food to feed the hungry.

Host special events and Help Us Say Thank You—Do you like writing notes, creating beautiful food platters and hosting parties with friends? Create a welcoming atmosphere at our talks and receptions in Princeton, Hopewell and Bordentown. Join a group of volunteers to write notes and assist mailings. Come to the party!

The Good News—It's meaningful and fulfilling work with like-minded friends!

To learn more, contact Sharon at 609-924-4646 or send an email to info@drgreenway.org. We hope to hear from YOU!

“When we plan our projects, we choose a trustworthy organization to receive our donations. We look for an organization that is reliable, dedicated, and persistent in their work to help make a difference. D&R Greenway caught our eye, as we admired their message, and the fact that they are so local. We are happy to contribute to their work.”

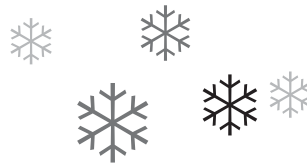
— Three Helping Hands



Three Helping Hands with D&R Greenway trustee Bill Martin's daughter Allie and her friends Alexandra and Emily. Together, they make a difference by donating funds that they raise through special projects. This summer, they created and sold bracelets and donated \$104 to help D&R Greenway preserve and care for land!



The Wood Spirit comes from 15th century Europe. Tree spirits were thought to be the most powerful of all spirits, good and wise. Wise travelers assured their safety by carving wood spirit images on walking sticks. Before men would venture into the forest to hunt, they would knock on a tree to awaken the sleeping spirit to protect them. This is the origin of the saying ‘Knock on Wood!’ This Wood Spirit was carved by Jane Walkingstick of Lenape heritage, and is on display at the Discovery Center at Point Breeze.



Our Team of Land Preservation and Land Stewards sends holiday wishes and looks forward to your volunteer help in 2024! (l to r) Dan Kapner; Rick Lear, Senior Director of Land Protection and Planning; Carley Lebowitz; Rich Allen; and Tina Notas, Director of Land Stewardship. (not shown: Dave Smithers)

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D&R Greenway Land Trust is a regional 501(c)(3) nonprofit land conservancy dedicated to preserving and caring for land and inspiring a conservation ethic now and forever.

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