# **Demarest Nature News**

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**This** year is coming to a close and with that some changes are coming.

After 2016 I will no longer be the President of the Demarest Nature Center. I have enjoyed being President for the past three years. Before that I served as the Vice President in 2012 and before that as a board member.

During the time I have served I have helped see through the new Management Agreement with the town of Demarest, the DEP and the Demarest Nature Center. I have also helped usher in our new updated website, which you can see at www.demarestnaturecenter.org.

The board of the Demarest Nature Center asks you to please think about the Demarest Nature Center when allocating your year end donations, especially if you live in Demarest. The funds will be used in the Demarest Nature Center and help expand educational programs as well as help us

maintain the trails and grounds. It will also help a local resource thrive. You can donate directly by sending a check or money order made out to the Demarest Nature Center PO Box 41 Demarest, NJ 07627 or by going to our website to the donate now button. We are a non profit organization.

Remember when you attend Breakfast in the Woods or the Oktoberfest that the Demarest Nature Center is the group that arranges these events.

We are always looking for volunteers as well. Feel free to email us at info@demarestnaturecenter.org.

I thank you for allowing me to serve and my heart and soul will always remain rooted in nature.

Sincerely

Cynthia Soroka-Dunn President

## **Spruced Up**

Have you noticed the improvements to the Columbus Road entrance to the Demarest Nature Center? Old, rotting stumps made of telephone pole segments have been removed and replaced with handsome stones. One stone has Demarest Nature Center painted on it. The work was paid for by Charlotte and Mike Clarke, long-time members of the nature center who came to us and offered to take on the project. Thank you, Clarkes!





Your membership dollars allow us to continue to give back to the community and preserve and protect DNC's 60 acres of meadows, forests and wetlands.

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#### > JANUARY 12th REORGANIZATION MEETING

The public is invited to the annual Reorganization Meeting of the Demarest Nature Center Association on Thursday at 7:30pm at the Borough Hall Meeting Room. There will be a brief report on 2016 activities, a financial report, and the election of trustees. All are welcome.

**Your Membership** supports the educational programs in the Demarest Public Schools exploring nature, the environment, and local history, our yearly scholarship to a deserving high school senior, various free programs for the community and the maintenance of the miles of trails throughout the 60+ acres of the Demarest Nature Center. This could not of happened without your continued support. *OUR THANKS TO:* 

#### TRAIL BLAZERS -

Peter Coy, William & Susan Feil, Klaus Kretschmer, Theodore Manens, Jeff Shelton, Gary Shoolis, Christopher Berenbroick,

#### **TRAIL STEWARD -**

David Aboudi, Cynthia Allen, Mike & Charlotte Clarke, Steven & Diane Conti, Amita Desai, Susan & Lawrence Frank, Melinda J. Iannuzzi, Paggy Kabakow, Beverly & Michael Kazickas, Theodore & Marianne Martens, Riley-Stern Family, Judy - Howie Simon, Arthur Sinensky & Debbie Oremland,

#### **HIKERS-**

Matt & Nicole Astill, Deborah Senese, Edward & Olga Greenwald, Jutta Greweldinger, Karen Maloof, Fredrick & Edna Ortega, Michael & Viola Nemeth, Vallejo Family, Richard Bower, Elleen & Robert Corrado, Naomi Epstein, D.J Felton, Fred & Donna Giannetti, Fred Goldstein, Todd Harrison, Michael Hubschman, Rosemary Hunt, Sebastian Ionita, Ellen LeDuc, David & Jamie Mc Lain, Suzanne Ornstein, Judy A Rosenthal, Richard & Clair Van Buren,

#### TRAIL WALKER -

Jenifer & Brandon Bobe, Baruch Haviv, Juan Hernandez, Andrew Hurewitz, John Kim, Rajiv Krishnamurathy, Reuben Lee, A Morell, Laurie Moses, Mark & Kimberly Nagelhout, Alex Parlamis, Carloyn Frank Santonicola, Arlene Spark, Joan Steinel, Aram Varteresian,

#### RANGERS

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### **Oktoberfest 2016**

**The Demarest** Nature Center Association would like to put out a very big thank-you to everyone who contributed their time and energy in making The Craft Show at Oktoberfest 2016 a great success. Even with moving to our rain date, we had a great turnout of both crafters and shoppers at this year's event. The money raised will be used to fund the Demarest school programs we sponsor, our yearly scholarship to a deserving high school senior, various free programs for the community and the maintenance of the miles of trails throughout the nature center year around. We apologize if we've left anyone off this list.

**Our Thanks** to Mayor Ray Cywinski, Borough Clerk Susan Crosman, Deputy Registrar Elise Wrede, Chief of Police Jim Powderley and the Demarest Police Department, Special Officers, Crossing Guards, Donny Russell & the Demarest Department of Public Works, Rev Myung Sun Han, Lead Pastor of the United Methodist Church of Demarest, The Korean Demarest Parent Association, Christina Kim, Yoonjung Lee, Mokyung Oh, Juliet Park, Eunjung Son, Jaime Gonzalez, Jane Fried, Chloe Stein, Mara Stein, Kathy Kobylarz, Ed Hirning, Naomi Epstein, Alan Epstein, Teddy Lourbas, Irene Lourbas, Dimitri Lourbas, Hilaury Stern, Scott Lasky, Kumiko Ishikura, Masaaki Ishikura, Shion Ishikura, Joe Ishikura, Sonoko Ishikura, John Reinke, Lourdes Reinke, Peter Simpson, Toni Dolan, Mike Hubschman, Zsuzsa Hamos, Jimmy Hu, Roy Keisar, Barbara Hoffman, Dave Emerson, Bob Gioia, Ariela Keysar-Coy, and **The DNCA Board of Trustees**: Cynthia Soroka-Dunn, Kevin Riley, Peter Coy, Joe Connolly, Kumiko Ishikura, Tom Birch, Hercules Invictus, Richard Jaretsky, Lewis Nelson, Joan Stein, Rita Rivero, Sadettin Tuysuzoglu, Qi Chen.



At the Craft Show at Oktoberfest, A shopper and his best friend check out the offerings of a crafter



At the Craft Show at Oktoberfest, Demarest Mayor Ray Cywinski serves up a delicious Brat to a guest at the fair

The Demarest Nature Center Association is a 501 (c) (3) organization. It receives no funds from the town of Demarest and survives solely on membership fees, donations, and its annual fundraiser, The Craft Show at Oktoberfest.

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### **What's Happening This Year!**

Please visit our website:

### www.demarestnaturecenter.org

for details and updates on our upcoming events. You can now donate on our website using Paypal.

If you are interested in becoming one of our Board of Trustees or you'd like to join our volunteers, email: info@demarestnaturecenter.org.

### We are a 501(c)3!

**There is no greater feeling** than supporting a worthy organization. The Demarest Nature is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. This means that your donations are tax deductible. Your donations support all of our educational programs, scholarships, events and the continued preservation of our green space. Consider a gift to the Demarest Nature Center as an investment in the future of our community. Of course, it goes without saying, or with saying in this case, that we are not offering tax advice by the above statement. Contact any of our trustees if you would like more info.

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