



# Mt. Lebanon Nature Conservancy

## Newsletter

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### June Delano Retires from School in the Park

After her 20<sup>th</sup> year as one of the founders and director of the award winning program for third graders, June S. Delano has announced her retirement from the program. "I know next Spring, I'll be longing to return to the park," she said, "but it is time for new leadership and for someone else to enjoy the pleasure of working with the children, their teachers and all the great volunteers."

The Conservancy is pleased to report that the leadership will be ably filled by 2 long-time, experienced members of the planning team, Marsha Pascuzzi, a member of the Conservancy Board, and Marianne Bokan-Blair. Marsha has worked in School in the Park for many years, beginning when her oldest son was in third grade. He's now in graduate school. Marsha has worked in several parts of the program, the forest, field/edge, and has run the scheduling and snacks. Marianne has developed and supervised the stream program, a challenging task as the life in the stream has deteriorated so that it is increasingly difficult to find any life in it. She still makes it one of the most popular parts of the program. In addition, Marianne has been in charge of the school volunteer recruitment and training program. She is our contact with the high school volunteer aspect of School in the Park. With their experienced leadership, School in the Park will continue to be the "favorist" field trip for third graders.

Continuing on the planning committee will be the following: Joyce Benish, Carole Hopey, Verna McGinley, Sujata Nagaraj, Chris Phillips, and Jill Wertz.

### President's Message by Pam Burrett

This is the season for thanksgiving and celebration. The Mt. Lebanon Nature Conservancy has cause for both: it is the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the Mt. Lebanon Nature Conservancy!

We say Thank You to all the dedicated founders who persisted in establishing an organization to preserve the precious little green space in our municipality. We say Thank You to all those board members who over the past 20 years served to provide programs for the community, strengthen partnerships with the schools, municipality and other like organizations in our neighborhood. We say Thank You to all those who supported our efforts through membership.

Join us on November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Recreation Center from 5pm to 7pm for the Annual Meeting and our 20th Year

### Our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Bob Wells

I have just learned that the Mt. Lebanon Nature Conservancy is about to celebrate its twentieth anniversary!

At the beginning we had a double focus. One was to avoid the risk that the Bird Park area would be developed

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### Photo Contest Extended to April 2005

The Conservancy's photo contest has been extended to April 1, 2005. Additional information and a one page flyer can be obtained from the Conservancy's website: [www.LeboNature.org/program9.html](http://www.LeboNature.org/program9.html).

Celebration. Susan Neszpaul, of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, will speak on "Conservancy Partnership".

Join us in your continued membership as we begin next year to

- Provide a map of the trail in Bird Park
- Collect data from a BioBlitz in Twin Hills Park
- Provide School in the Park Program for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in Mt. Lebanon Schools
- Provide Holiday For the Birds program for pre-schoolers
- Partner with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy to beautify the intersection at Greentree/Cochran

Your support energizes the conservation of our urban buffers: Bird Park, Robb Hollow, Twin Hills Park and the Conservation District.

Come join the celebration on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Holiday for the Birds

Holiday for the Birds is a wonderful event for children between the ages of 3 and 7. This year it will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 1:30 to 3 PM at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library.

Verna McGinley gives a fun presentation about animals. Stories, songs, and live animals also delight the chil-

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### Newsletter Changes

The Mt. Lebanon Nature Conservancy is changing its approach to the newsletter with this issue. With this issue, the Conservancy will shift some of its communications from the newsletter to its Internet website.

Now on the Web at:

**[www.LeboNature.org](http://www.LeboNature.org)**

## 20th Anniversary

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for various needs. The other was to use the park for constructive nature related activities. "School in the Park" and "Holiday for the Birds" were two of the early programs that Conservancy was involved in. Also we improved some hiking trails in Bird Park and in other wooded areas in Mt. Lebanon.

Mt. Lebanon is fortunate to have several protected parks and woodlands. And it's even more fortunate to have interested, knowledgeable, and active people who are helping to preserve our natural assets for future generations.

Bravo! And congratulations to all of you.

***Bob was the first president of the Conservancy***

## Holiday for the Birds

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dren. The children always enjoy themselves thoroughly and their parents laugh along as well. Verna and her assistants help the children to make bird "feeders" out of bagels and birdseed. When they are all done, the children can help themselves to a fun snack.

Please invite your children, grandchildren or neighborhood children to join us. (The child must be accompanied by an adult.) To make reservations, call Karen Morrell at (412) 344-5379.

## Thank You!

We would like to thank the following businesses who were the 2004 affiliates of the Mt. Lebanon Nature Conservancy:

- Industrial Scientific, 1001 Oakdale Rd.;
- Betty Jo Hirschfield Louik, DDS, 733 Washington Road, #310;
- Mt. Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd.;
- Rania's Catering, 100 Central Square;
- The Saloon of Mt. Lebanon, 622 Washington Rd.



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## Mt. Lebanon Nature Conservancy Calendar

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Nov. 14 (Sun.) 5:00 PM — MLNC Annual Meeting and 20th anniversary celebration at Mt. Lebanon Recreation Center on Cedar Blvd.

Dec. 4 (Sat.) 1:30 PM — Holiday for the Birds at Mt. Lebanon Public Library

Check **[www.LeboNature.org](http://www.LeboNature.org)** for last minute schedule changes.

## Membership

Membership dues are the primary source of income for the Mt. Lebanon Nature Conservancy. The quality and breadth of the Conservancy's programs cannot be extended without continued support from the residents of Mt. Lebanon.

To become a member, send a donation of \$15 or more to Mt. Lebanon Nature Conservancy, P.O. Box 14901, Pittsburgh 15234. If the donation is received before November 1, your membership will be credited to the current year. After November 1 your membership will be credited to the fol-



lowing year.

To assist you in identifying your status as a member, we have inserted a membership code after your name on the mailing label on page 4. If the code is not M04 or B04, please consider joining your friends as a 2004 member of the Conservancy. We thank you for your past and future support.

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