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FOCHSP NEWS

We welcome new members and volunteers who can help us support and maintain the Park we all love. Contact the Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park via our website (www.friendsofcapehenlopen.org), by email (FOCHSP@gmail.com), or by phone (302-858-6127). *Please like us on Facebook at: fb.me/FOCHSP*

*Check out the stock of used bikes for sale on our website!

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***Bike Barn Re-opening!** The Bike Barn and the Borrow-a-Bike program have re-opened with many happy park attendees cycling around our park. There are new procedures and safeguards in place and we welcome new members to join the Bike Barn Ambassador cadre. Hours/days of opening are dependent on our volunteers, so if you are interested please contact Ian Friedland at friedlandian@verizon.net

*Bird Seed Sale was a great success! It was a beautiful day October 24 to pick up bird seed that was ready for loading by many Friends volunteers. We thank all those who participated and worked so hard to make this such a successful event!

*On October 4, seventeen FOCHSP volunteers supported the Seashore Striders Half Marathon water stops and provided directional assistance ensuring that runners turned the correct way onto intersecting trails or path. This was a wonderful way to show our support to organizations that support us throughout the year.



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Getting to know our FOCHSP Members: Roxanne Nelson

Roxanne and her family settled in Seaford in 1969, and made frequent treks to the beach area. Roxanne and her husband Lenny would often visit The Point at Cape Henlopen, sit in the car and talk about their future here. Working summers at the beach area, they finally moved permanently to this side of Sussex County in 1980. As an instructor at UD Georgetown, Lenny brought students to the park for hiking experiences on each Friday of the semester. Getting to know park staff, it was not long before he was invited to become a board member with the Friends group. It was at that time they obtained their family membership. In support of Friends, Roxanne became involved in bake sales. It was not long before she became a regular salesperson for other activities. Then it was the chocolate tasting, the wine and cheese tastings, raffles, and hostess bake tables for the holidays. Roxanne has been an integral part of the success of these events over the years. She enjoys all seasons at the park whether it is fall foliage, winter snows, springtime flowers or summer lazy days. Her favorite place continues to be the Point, where Lenny now has a memorial bench facing the bay. Sitting there she can see the windmill, the light houses, ferry shuttle, sailors, kite boarders, and kayakers. She can hear waves splashing the shore, singing of birds and honking geese and even the wind. It inspires Roxanne to write poetry, meditate, and wonder about the charm that is within the Park. Roxanne wants others to know the FOCHSP is many things to many people and she encourages all to join and share and be inspired.



Getting to know our Park employees: Tyler Dreibratt

Tyler is the Interpretive Programs Manager at the Fort Miles Museum. He has held this position since November 2019. Prior to joining CHSP he worked for Vermont State Parks. Tyler is responsible for developing, scheduling, and implementing programs, exhibits, and events at Fort Miles. He loves how dynamic the park is, that there are so many different aspects to CHPS, from a variety of habitats to the long history of defense in this area. Tyler enjoys exploring the different historical locations in the park. His favorite season is late summer/early autumn, when the weather is still nice but the park is less crowded. Tyler has lived in the area for three years now. He moved here for the job, and was living in southern Vermont beforehand. Tyler would like visitors to realize that wherever they go in the park, they are standing in what used to be Fort Miles. This was a major installation worthy of conservation. Some of Tyler's best memories involve meeting people who actually served at Fort Miles. It is always an honor to hear their stories.

HAWK Watch

Hawk Watch started September 1 and goes to November 30. The birders are there daily 9am to 3pm, weather permitting. No experience necessary to join in counting raptors as they migrate. Bring binoculars. Masks are required and social distancing, following COVID-19 guidelines. These are some of the birds you may see: Osprey, Bald Eagle, American Kestrel, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, Black Scoter, Common Nighthawk, Golden-crowned Kinglet. Our Park is ideally located to see such a variety of migrators, each day brings a wonderful display of magnificent birds on their amazing journey. It is awe inspiring!



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PARK UPDATES: For latest updates and Covid-19 restrictions at Cape Henlopen State Park and all Delaware Parks please go to their website at: <https://destateparks.com/covid19>

Park staff released the larger smooth dogfish that was in the Nature Center tank. She was getting too big for the tank and it was time to let her go.



FOCHSP volunteers decorated the park entrance kiosks with a scarecrow, pumpkins and plants.



Photo by Roxanne Nelson of Lenny's bench at the Point with view of work to repair & save the lighthouse



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