The Silver Lake Nature Center creates opportunities for the natural habitats of Silver Lake to inspire students of all ages and abilities with the wonder and beauty of this living treasure. Through education, recreation, research and advocacy, we attract new friends to Silver Lake and its watershed, and together preserve this priceless heritage for generations to come.

Mission Statement

Visit us on the Web! www.silverlakenaturecenter.org

Friends of Silver Lake Nature Center

From learning about wildlife and investigating local water issues to delicious food and great music, we thank all who contributed to October’s Nature Fest.

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Artists of Bristol
Bath Fitter
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Earthship Slide Show/Clarence King, Tony & Barb Garwood
Face Painting/Margaret McGinnis
Focal Planes Foto Club
G.O.A.L.
Harris Comfort
Juniper Organic Cupcakes
Kids Crafts/Sue Kiernan
Kitchen Saver

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Natural Awakenings Buxmont
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Power Home Remodeling
Renewal by Andersen
Project Bud Burst/Pat Coleman
Sims Metal Management
SLNC Watershed Monitoring Group/Dave Chalfant
West Chester University Harp Ensemble
Yoga

Thanks to all our volunteers who helped the event run smoothly!
Fall Fling 2013

Everyone looks forward to our annual Fall Fling! This is our opportunity to socialize with our members and supporters, enjoy light refreshments, pleasant music, and a glass of wine.

This year, we chose to highlight the soon-to-happen renovation of the display area, gift shop, office, and library. We invited our designers, Content Design Collaborative, to share with everyone the plans they have for this renovation. Ed Malouf and Carol Lieb made the trip from Boston and offered a very intriguing power point presentation of the plans and ideas they have for the Nature Center. Their ideas were well received and sparked interesting conversation. Our designers made themselves available to anyone who had questions or suggestions during the evening.

Members, staff, and guests enjoyed delicious hot and cold appetizers prepared and catered by McCaffrey’s Catering of Yardley. A lovely medley of arrangements was performed on the keyboard throughout the evening.

A wonderful time was had by all, and we are already looking forward to Fall Fling 2014!

Limited Supply of Silver Lake 2014 Calendars are Still Available!!

Enjoy beautiful pictures of Silver Lake Nature Center and Park through all the seasons! These calendars make lovely gifts for any occasion.

Photography and design are by our own Clarence King, with contributions by members of the Focal Planes Foto Club.

Calendars cost $15 each.
All proceeds benefit the Friends of Silver Lake Nature Center.

Supplies are very limited, so please call 215 785-1177 or e-mail palynn@co.bucks.pa.us soon to make your purchase!
A year ago, I wrote an article for the winter newsletter about Hurricane Sandy’s visit. The Philadelphia area has experienced remnants of hurricanes in the past, and many of them did a lot of damage, but very few actually had sustained hurricane force winds. This wind was a new experience for many of the plants and animals living in the park. But, nature is resilient!

If you walk our trails today, you will see the remnants of Sandy: large tree trunks smashed to the ground and huge root balls ripped up out of the ground. The damage is unsettling unless you look closer. Next time you visit, look up to the canopy. Where Sandy tore out a tree an opening now lets light reach the forest floor. In these spots, look around the shadowy forest floor and look at the sunny zone. The difference is amazing. New plants fill the sunny locations; annual, biannual, and perennial plant seeds which may have lain there for years germinated in the sun.

This summer, in many of the holes created by the tipped over trees, water filled in the hole and provided refuge for frogs. During summer camp, one particular frog that chose a hole where the children play in the woods, probably was the most caught frog in the world. Almost every day, kids testing their huntsman skills plucked this individual from his or her “hiding” place and then returned it.

With any change, there are winners and losers. In nature there is no judgment of good or bad. The trees gave their life to the brute force of Sandy, but they opened up a world for patient seeds. The frogs hiding in their holes safe from predators had an advantage.

The world has been in existence for billions of years and will remain a planet for billions of years. It has survived much larger disasters, like an asteroid crash, but still life goes on. The loss of the dinosaurs opened up opportunity for mammals to take over, especially one particular mammal—us. We are now the asteroid with our emissions and ability to alter the face of the Earth.

Most people abhor change. Life is so much easier when I am in my rut, going to work each day, going home at night, everything predictable, but change can be good. There are two types of change: the type you can control and the type you cannot. The challenge is recognizing the changes you can make to better your life and the life of those around you or adapting to the change forced upon you. Looking at nature helps one to put it all in perspective. Will we be the trees crushed and killed by the hurricane, or will we be the plants taking advantage of the new source of light or the frog with a new puddle?

**Project Report**

You may not see it yet, but BIG changes are coming to the Silver Lake Nature Center. By the time you read this, two major construction projects should be in the bidding process. The first, the plan to replace our aging heating, air conditioning and ventilation system, will make our building a lot more efficient despite the insulation issues. This project will have the building ripped up while new systems are installed.

An even more drastic change, the second project, will be the new displays designed by Design Concepts. The offices will relocate, the store will be compressed, and the exterior walls will be opened up with windows to bring nature indoors. All new displays will highlight the uniqueness of the Nature Center and the Bristol community. There will be space to stretch out and relax.

The third project is already underway. You will never “see” this change, but you should experience it without even knowing. With a grant from the National Environmental Education Foundation, the Friends of Silver Lake Nature Center purchased a new database designed to better track our volunteers, the programs, memberships, and donations. This new database should make the operation that much more efficient, saving us money and allowing us to serve you, our members, better. This should be operational by the first of January at the latest. The final project underway is our Earthship or Watershed Education Building. More on that in another article. Stay tuned!

**Application for Membership**

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Household’ includes all at same address.

- Check here for $10 Senior discount

**Special Memberships** (provide funds for additional programs)

- Grey Fox: $50 - $99
- Red Fox: $100 - $249
- Willow Oak: $250 - $499
- Pin Oak: $500 - $999
- Legacy Investor: $1000

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All contributions and dues are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law - IRS code section 501 (c)(3).

Checks should be made payable to: FOSL (Friends of Silver Lake) 1306 Bath Road, Bristol, PA 19007

Phone: 215 785-1177  Fax: 215 785-3228  Website: www.silverlakenaturecenter.org

* A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling toll-free within PA, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.
Winners of a free FOSL Membership:

September  Donna Stanish
October    Richard Cordisco
November   Christian Riefner

CONGRATULATIONS!

Fill out a form in the lobby and drop it in the ‘birdhouse.’ You may win a Free, one-year Individual Membership!

One free membership drawn for each month

Please support our Business Partners whenever you can!

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PA Department of Environmental Protection

PA Senator Robert M. “Tommy” Tomlinson

Welcome New Members

New Members from August 1 thru October 31, 2013

Fred Baumgarten    Natassia Hyman    Chris Powers
Rebecca & Jean-Pierre Bisliat    Noah Kilgore    Michelle Russo & Philip Quirk
Patricia Burd    Linda & Bob Konyves
Kevin & Dawn Cook    Michelle Kowalski
William & Barry Davis    George & Anne Lauth
Judith Fischer    Avery Martin
Matthew Gentile    Karen Merrihew
Malcolm Harwood    Jason Muir
Roland & Megan Hems    Roseanne Oscovitch
Ester Hughes    Jessica Petro
Maryann Phinney

We hope to see you often!
Volunteers

Calling all volunteers!

Volunteer Work Days from 9 am-2 pm
Saturday, January 4th
Saturday, February 1st
Saturday, March 1st

Volunteer Recognition and Annual Meeting
Saturday, March 15th from 11 am to 1 pm
(RSVP by March 14th)
Join us for this special event as we recognize the hard working efforts of an ever-growing family of volunteers, without whom we could never do the extraordinary things we do!

Contact Jenn Bilger at 215-785-1177 ext 14 or jlbilger@co.bucks.pa.us

Storekeeper
We are in need of volunteers to work in our gift shop greeting visitors, answering phones, and running the cash register. Open shift: Saturdays from 1 to 5 pm.

Trails Crew
We need 2 or 3 regular volunteers to help us maintain our trails between work days.

Animal Care
We are in need of volunteers to come one time per week for about an hour to feed our exhibit animals and clean their tanks.

Animal Sponsors Needed
We are in need of Animal Sponsors who are willing to donate funds for our exhibit area and educational animals. These animals include two box turtles, two aquatic turtles, two snakes, and a pond tank full of fish, snails, clams, and crayfish. We would like to have regular donations made to contribute to their food, filters, tank maintenance, habitat improvement, and regular veterinary check-ups.

Contact Jenn Bilger at 215-785-1177 ext 14 or jlbilger@co.bucks.pa.us

for the Kids

Come Celebrate at Silver Lake!

We offer a variety of options for children of all ages and grown-ups: birthday parties, bridal showers, baby showers, anniversaries, meetings, and other important events.

Our regular two-hour party includes: one theme-related party craft; nature walk with theme-related activities (indoor activities in case of bad weather); and use of building, auditorium or pavilion, kitchen, restrooms, tables, and chairs.

Fee per child:
- $9 member
- $12 non-member

Fee includes one free adult per child. Minimum: 10

Some of our additional options include night hikes, campfires, and kayak trips. We’ll work with you to find the right program for your event. Fees vary according to type of party. For pricing info, visit www.silverlakenaturecenter.org or contact PattiAnn at 215-785-1177- ext. 12 or palynn@co.bucks.pa.us.

Preschool Update
So far this year, Silver Lake Nature Center has presented Early Childhood Education programs to about 40 Preschools and Parent/Child Groups!

These programs, designed to educate children and increase their awareness about our natural world, can be conducted at our location or at local Preschools.

A fun fall program, Life in a Log, has been enjoyed by many Preschoolers this season! What fun it is to crawl through a giant “log” and learn all about what happens to a tree when it falls to the ground!

One of our popular winter programs is Hibernation Happens. During this program, children get to discover what it’s like to be in the “Groundhog’s Home” and learn from puppet friends what animals do during winter.

Some of our other program themes include: Fancy Feet Feats, Ponds & Puddles, Frog Friends, Bugs & Beasties, Five Senses, Winter Wonders, and Discovery.

For more information on our Early Childhood Education programs and to schedule a program, please visit our website at www.silverlakenaturecenter.org or contact PattiAnn at palynn@co.bucks.pa.us or 215 785-1177 ext. 12.
Results of Marketing Survey

In October, we sent out an email survey to our members and to our friends on Facebook. At the time of this writing, 180 people completed the survey. We will keep the survey open until January 1. We realize that using email to ask people to complete a survey creates a bias, but it allowed us to get some important information rapidly. If we do not have your email, but you do have internet access, you can complete the survey by going to the following website: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WL7Z3DH This is particularly important if you want to be heard.

By November, we had learned that most people who completed the survey (57%) are members. It makes us wonder what we can do to convince the other 43% to not just like us, but to support us by becoming a member.

We also learned that most people liked the Silver Lake Nature Center for our trails (76%), Special Event (62%), Environmental Issues (58%), Adventure Activities (54%), Environmental Education (54%), and Adult Programs (49%). There was not as much interest in our teen programs (7%), Music (17%), Preschool Programs (11%), Summer Camp (16%), Arts and Culture (26%), or Children’s Programs (23%).

Anecdotally, when we asked people what audience the Center serves, they invariably said children. Yet the survey indicates a much higher interest in adult activities. This may reflect the bias of those who took the time to respond. The respondents were over 54 years of age (56%) or between 35-54 (31%). Thirty percent were single, while 54% were couples. We do know that 20% had children at home and 16% had grown children.

Since this was an email survey, we were not too surprised that 66% learn about our activities via an email. It was nice to see that 49% read our newsletter, and 41% use the website. Very few people used traditional media: Radio (1%) and Newspapers (16%).

Forty-six people provided comments. Fifteen people offered concrete suggestions for programs or activities they think would improve the Center. Twenty-two said very nice and encouraging things. Two people were dissatisfied for various reasons. The remaining seven were neutral or told us something about the respondent.

These answers will help the Friends of Silver Lake Nature Center’s Marketing Committee and Education Committee direct our programs and marketing towards the desired audiences and information sources. Do you agree with the results? If not take some time to complete the survey at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WL7Z3DH

What do you think this tells us about the people who use the Nature Center?

Thank you!

- All the volunteers, vendors, members, and FOSL Board members who helped make our Nature Fest a success.
- Bonnie O’Boyle for keeping our Gift Shop well stocked and for hosting the special private sale to benefit SLNC.
- Joanne Kyle for supporting Silver Lake Nature Center animals monthly.
- Joan Foley for relieving us of our unsold white elephant items by taking them to her church’s bazaar.
- Animal caregivers, who not only take care of our critters, but regularly bring in fresh food for them.
- Pat Rossi for creating the color fliers of our programs and events and for keeping the bulletin board at the lake up-to-date.
- Everyone who has helped with our recent mailings, including invitations, program schedules, the newsletter, and the annual appeal mailing: Diana Bullard, Marie Wojcik, Glenn Rodkey, Jeanne Winerip, Walt Lorchak, Joan Foley, John McGrath, Mary Ida Reitz and Elaine Gramlich.
- All our volunteers who show up for our Volunteer Work Day on the first Saturday each month. You’re terrific!
- Hope Sauppe, Jeanne Stemmer, Glenn Rodkey, Sr., and Joan Foley - and everyone else - for donations of food for our Volunteer Work Days.
- Marie Wojcik and Madeline Bobst for preparing and decorating Rosco’s Giving Tree, and for decorating throughout!
- Volunteers who helped with our Bird Seed Sales: Mary Beth Hartmann, Jeanne Stemmer, Marie Wojcik, Jason Stewart, and Marquice Evans.
- Jason Stewart and Marquice Evans for taking the time to set up and decorate the Christmas tree, complete with lights and natural ornaments. It looks great!
- All the who came to our annual Holiday Potluck Dinner. Your food and friendship is delightful!
- All our birders for keeping us aware of the birds in our area, and for helping with the Christmas Bird Count.
Join Us for Kids & Nature!
Thursday, December 26th - 9 am to 4 pm
and/or
Friday, December 27th - 9 am to 4 pm
Spend some of your winter break with us!
Six to ten-year-olds are invited to join us as we explore the trails, play games, make a craft, and visit with our animals. Light snacks will be provided, but please be sure to bring a lunch.

Fee, per day: $35 member; $40 non-member
Sign up for one day—or both!
Registration and payment are due by December 21st. Please call 215-785-1177 or e-mail palynn@co.bucks.pa.us.

Winter Birding
We will carpool from SLNC. Bundle up! We will bird all day and then warm up at a local restaurant.

Saturday, January 11, Barneget Bay, 8 am - 5 pm
Saturday, February 22, New Jersey’s North Shore, 8 am - 5 pm

Fee: $15 member
$19 non-member
Please register and pay at least three days prior to the trip date.
For details, call Bob Mercer at 215 785-1177.

Earth Living Skills Series
1 - 4 pm each day
Staying Warm in the Winter Woods...Primitively
Join our primitive skills instructors for hands-on instruction that will save your life in a survival situation.

Saturday, January 25: Primitive Shelter Construction
With no special gear, learn to build a warm and dry shelter.

Sunday, January 26: Fire by Friction
Make a fire by rubbing two sticks together. Create a fire kit.
Open to all ages, 10 and up; no experience necessary. Under 13 must be with adult family member. Scouts and other groups are welcome. Must pre-register. Come to one or both days!

Fee, per day: $35. Each additional family member: $10
No refunds for cancellations less than 10 days before program.

Annual Meeting
and
Volunteer Recognition Lunch
Saturday, March 15, 2014
10 am - 12 noon
Join us as we recognize our volunteers' hard work and thank everyone for sharing their time, talent and friendship this year. We hope to see you all there!

RSVP to Jenn by Friday, March 14th at jblilger@co.bucks.pa.us or 215 785-1177 ext. 14.

Naturalist Aide Training
Fridays, February 21 & 28 and March 7, 14, 21, & 28
10 am - noon
If you have a few hours to spend and enjoy the outdoors and people, then this may be for you. We will train you to help us teach the programs we offer.

Call Lorraine at 215 785-1177

Order your sunflower seed, Silver Lake mix, conservation mix, thistle, peanut hearts, sunflower chips and suet by:

- January 22nd for pick up February 1st
- March 26th for pick up April 5th

Order online, by phone, or in person. We accept Visa, MasterCard, and Discover.

Symbions - Clubs that meet at the Nature Center:
New members welcome - and needed!

West Chester University Harp Ensemble -
Rehearses on third Monday at 6 pm. Come & listen.
For info: Gloria Galante, 215 342-9397

Focal Planes Foto Club -
Meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 pm.
For info: Steve Waite at 215 736-1834

S. Bucks Garden Club -
Meets on the first Tuesday at 7 pm.
Call Ellen Miller at 215 788-0651 for information.

Artists of Bristol -
Meet on the second Wednesday at 7 pm.
Contact: John Styner at 215 595-8295 or by e-mail at johnstyner@verizon.net

NEW! Delaware River Fisherman’s Association -
Meet on the last Wednesday at 7 pm. Join us!
For information: Scott at 215 989-0153.

Yoga - Meets every Thursday at 7:30 pm.
This is a class for all ages and abilities.
For information call Deb & Joe at 267 808-1071.
Mark Your Calendar

**It’s Maple Syrup Time!**

For *one week* in February, we will be demonstrating the old-fashioned process of collecting sap from trees and boiling it down to make maple syrup. Participants will learn the history, legends, early collection, and modern production of this sweet, nutritious treat.

Come out and join the fun!

**February 8th is open to the public.**
**February 11th - 14th is reserved for groups.**

Call the Nature Center for details and to register:

215 785-1177

or check out our website

[www.silverlakenaturecenter.org](http://www.silverlakenaturecenter.org)

**Fine Wine and Fare on the Delaware**

*Saturday, April 26, 2013*

*5 - 7 pm*

Join us for an evening of fine wine and food pairings at the beautiful home of Cissi and Louis Quattrocchi, 800 Radcliffe Street in the historic town of Bristol Borough.

Enjoy a wonderful evening on the Delaware!

**Tickets:**

- $55 per person
- $100 per couple

All proceeds benefit the Silver Lake Nature Center.

**Coming soon:**

**SLNC’s Summer Camp!**

We offer 8 weeks of full and half day camp, Monday thru Friday, beginning June 24th, plus special weeks for preschoolers and for teens!

Sign the kids up for one week — or all of them!

Call Jenn for details at 215 788-1177.

Please share this newsletter with a friend. Thanks!
Thank you, Volunteers - and Happy Holidays!

Julian Albero
Bryan & Melissa Allen
Jane Allen
Michelle & Victoria Anger
Dave & Bill Atkinson
Hilal Ayarci
Christa Bain
Kevin Barlow
Jonathan Barnes
Juliane & Christopher Barreto
Ted Baugh
Jimmy Bayer
Bucks County Conservation District
Irina Belin
Elana & Ariel Berk
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Nancy Blumberg
Kerry Birnbaum
Mary Blackey
Brandon Bloomer
Cynthia M. Bobst
Madeline Bobst
Mark Bortman
Mary Lou Boyer
Matthew Boyle
Jeanne Bray
Justine Broadbelt
Samantha Brooks
Dylan Brown
Eileen & Michael Brown
Delores Brown
Richard Bryan
Zaida Bryant
Diana Bullard
Patricia Burd
Neil Burd
Melissa Busch
Rachel Butler
Cairn
Barbara Campbell
Donna Cayford
David Chaifant
Jackie Chintron
Evelyn Cintron
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Dan and Pat Coleman
Anthony Colon
Joe Cotmale
Andrea Cappola
Brian Coppola
Joan Cosgrove
Shaun Coyle
David & Jeffrey Craigin
Rob Crain
Cub Scout Pack/Bradley Stein
Marissa Cusick
Devon Daughtry
Dave Davis
Lloyd Davis
Gailen Davis
Danielle “Rikki” Del Donno
Delta Community Ctr
Michelle Deodati
Elizabeth DeRosa
Lauren DeSilva
Aparna Dev
Eric Diaz
Michael DiChristofaro
Chris Dillon
Shannon Dixon
Will Dunn
Trevor Earp-Pitkins
Karen and Keith Effinger
Chris Egnoto
Nicholas Elliot
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Joanne Smith Estee
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Katrina Farley
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Karen Flanigan
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Cathryn + Ryan Frazier
John Galloway
John Gamel
Jackie Garber
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Anthony Garwood
Kathy Gill
Roberto Giunta
Lois Glasscock
Carli Goodson
Tyler Graine
Elaine Gramlich
Green Jobs Club
Marge Gujda
Beth Gutierrez
Elaine Hagey
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Brian Harris
Bruce Harris
Mary Beth Hartmann
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Elizabeth Goldrick
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Jessica McLaughlin
Jennifer McLean
Jacqueline McNeil
Alexis McNeil
Aidan Meister
Eileen Mercer
Alyssa Merk
Bety Meir
Ellen Miller
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Ryan Moran
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Bobby Moyar
Bryan Muller
Shane Muller
Brittany Murphy
Murray Family
Karen Myers
Henry Nagel II
Dakota Napierkowski
Heather Neuman
Ryan Neuman
Jennifer New
Roland New
Jason Nguyen
Laurie and Todd Nixon
Becky Obert-Thorn
Bonnie O’Boyle
Mary O’Connor
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Cindy Peto
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Selitzer-Sharpe Family
Silver Lake Nature Center 1306 Bath Road, Bristol, PA 19007 215 785-1177
Thank you, Volunteers - and Happy Holidays!

Watershed Education Building (AKA Earthship) Update

We’re getting close to enclosing the entire building. Walls, windows, roof, bottle walls! Once the structure is enclosed, we can work inside through the Winter, unlike last year when the freezing cold forced us to stop. This year we will begin to reap the benefits of a structure built with thermal mass and south facing windows for passive solar gain. The combination of these two basic principles of our planet will allow us to work inside the structure with no other heat source. Pretty cool!

Lots of credit goes to Jim Skala and Tony Garwood for getting us this far. Also, we couldn’t have done it without the help of these additional volunteers these past few months:

- Jimmy Bayer
- Brian Cappola
- Hope Sauppe
- Barb Campbell
- Chris Knoblauch
- Justin Knoblauch
- Bob Pearson
- Jim Kristofic
- Eric Tarng
- Roberto Giunta
- John McGovern
- Michael Jonn
- Todd Nixon
- Mark Bortman

Silver Lake Volunteers are the best! Many more are involved in creating our Earthship. If you’d like to help, please stop in at the Nature Center or give us a call.

We also appreciate folks who stop in to give us words of encouragement. We are doing groundbreaking work here, right in Lower Bucks, and the support of the community helps to keep us going.

And we’d be remiss if we didn’t mention CBM and Lou Quattrocchi for being sooo patient when a certain project manager calls or stops in for advice. Thanks, Lou!

There’s still plenty more to do, so please stop in and see how you can get involved. Thanks for all you do!