



Friends

OF THE PINE BUSH COMMUNITY

A Year of Development and Service. 2018 Annual Report

a 501(c)3 nonprofit membership organization formed in 2005 for the charitable and educational purpose of supporting the activities of the Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission.

Pine Bush Perspectives Traveling Exhibit Initiated

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During 2018 *Pine Bush Perspectives Traveling Exhibit* was created and displayed at two area public libraries. During the summer the exhibit resided at Albany Public’s Pine Hills Branch and during December 2018 and January of 2019 at the Guilderland Public Library (watch the Friends’ E-News for venues in 2019).

The Friends of the Pine Bush Community worked with Albany Pine Bush Preserve (APBP) staff to create the exhibit from the last four annual photo contests. The best 32 photos were chosen by the Friends Board using blind voting.

The exhibit highlights photographs of the Albany Pine Bush Preserve that represent a diversity of views of this unique area. Richard Naylor, President of the Friends said “The photos in the exhibit are wide ranging from insects to landscapes and represent perspectives of the diversity of the flora and fauna of our globally rare, nationally significant & locally distinct ecosystem.

Eastern Bluebirds photo above by Alan Schroeder

Truax Gravestone Restoration Project

The Friends were very gratified to be able to help with the “rescue” and renovation of a local historic cemetery located off Kings Road.



The APBP education department went in search of the long dormant and totally overgrown cemetery and Lead Educator, Jackie Citriniti decided to take on the task of trying to restore the gravesite. Jackie asked the Friends to fund a fence as part of the restoration, which we were happy to do.

Because of the generosity of Backyard Fence in donating the fence, that money was used to support the discovery and cleaning of the gravestones — a couple were broken and one was uncovered in the dirt while putting in the fence. APBP staff did the rest of the work, clearing the trees and weeds. In the spring, the entire area will be searched for possible more Truax family gravestones. Now the Kings Road historic marker is more than just a symbol.

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Highlights from 2018

- ◆ Continued the very important *Ticket to Ride* program that paid for bus transportation to bring 289 children from schools and youth groups to the Discovery Center for educational programs.
- ◆ Co-sponsored the 5th annual *Pine Bush Perspectives: A Juried Photo Exhibit* of photos taken in the Pine Bush and provided awards for the winners.
- ◆ Published a monthly *Friends News & Events* electronic newsletter for all who join and donate to the Friends.
- ◆ Funded stipends for spring, summer, and fall interns that supported the Pine Bush through a variety of projects and enriched their appreciation of Pine Bush ecology. In addition, facilitated a special Science Internship.
- ◆ Staffed the information table and helped out at the annual Lupine Fest, an event that drew almost 2,000 people.
- ◆ Participated in outreach at a number of area sites including: Grafton Lakes Winterfest (January), Rapp Road Fund Raiser (March), Earth Day (April), YMCA in Guilderland (April), Conservation Day in Colonie (May), Lupine Fest (June), Knolls Atomic Plant (June), NY Independent Systems Operator (NYISO) (June), Colonie Harvest Fest (Sept.), Smokey Bear Day (Oct.), Night at the Discovery Center (Nov.)
- ◆ Supported a number of APB programs, such as “Teen Science Café” where teens interact with local scientists, Night at the Discovery Center, at Earth Day provided Earth Day tee-shirts to all participants.
- ◆ Replaced an aging outreach tabling display with a new custom tri-fold and a full color table runner with logo and name.
- ◆ Joined the Pine Bush “Meet-Up” website and did our first two Meet-Ups. One was a Photo Walk with a local prominent photographer and the other a “Foliage Walk”.
- ◆ Co-sponsored 10 Science Lectures presented by local and regional scientists who discuss their work and research, often directly involving the development of the Albany Pine Bush Preserve.
- ◆ Provided funds to allow APBP Staff to restore Truax Cemetery. See Story on Page 1.



Kristopher Milo, One of the Winners.



NY DEC Wildlife Biologist Sue Booth-Binczik

Budget Work Sheet 2018 - approved 2/6/2018					1/22/2019	
Budgeted Items & Fund Balance		2018				
Budget Lines	Items	Expended	Remaining	% Spent	Notes	
100	Board and Administration					
110	Software					
115	APBP software(Tech soup)	\$500.00	\$ (136.00)	364.00	27%	
120	Mailing/ Printing/supplies	\$1,000.00	(119.99)	880.01	12%	incl \$250 for brochure printing if needed
130	Memberships/fees	\$100.00	(95.00)	5.00	95%	
140	Internet & website maintenanc	\$340.00	(35.00)	305.00	10%	
150	BOD Liability Insurance	\$610.25	(610.25)	-	100%	adj from \$600 to \$610.25 at Nov BOD meeti
160	Accountant fee for prep of 990	\$300.00	(250.00)	50.00	83%	
		\$2,850.25	(1,246.24)	\$ 1,604.01	44%	
200	Traveling Photo Exhibit	\$1,000.00	(812.87)	187.13	81%	
210	Outreach	\$500.00	-	500.00	0%	
215	Fencing for historic cemetery	\$1,171.00	(350.00)	821.00	30%	
220	Fabricate outreach exhibit	\$1,579.00	(1,010.02)	568.98	64%	\$1,171 to 215 & \$250 to 500 LupineFest Vol
		\$4,250.00	(2,172.89)	2,077.11	51%	
400	Night at DC & Citizen science	\$900.00	\$ (26.99)	873.01	3%	
410	Teen Science Café	\$350.00	\$ (257.39)	\$ 92.61	74%	
500	Events / Programs, Food, Misc	\$650.00	\$ (188.75)	\$ 461.25	29%	\$250 from 220 Lupine Fest for volunteers
510	Science Lecture Speakers	\$400.00	\$ -	400.00	0%	
515	Earthday event support	\$1,500.00	\$ (1,500.00)	0.00	100%	
520	APB create a meet up event	\$500.00	\$ (100.00)	400.00	20%	
530	Summer Education Intern	\$1,000.00	\$ (497.78)	502.22	50%	
535	Spring/Fall Education Intern	\$500.00	\$ (500.00)	0.00	100%	
		\$5,800.00	\$ (3,070.91)	\$2,729.09	53%	
	Restricted & Reserved					
610	Land Protection (reserved) 2018	\$7,255.53		7,255.53	0%	no spent. Total LP funds encumbered.
620	Science Grant3M(restricted)					Trans 2017 bal of \$38.78 from 3M grant ->T
630	Ticket to Ride (Restricted) 2018	\$3,500.00	\$ (1,398.48)	2,101.52	40%	Of \$3,500.00, \$2,450.34 is restricted T2R
640	Science Internship (restricted)	\$2,500.00	\$ (2,500.00)	\$0.00	100%	
		\$13,255.53	(3,898.48)	\$9,357.05	29%	
	Total All Accounts	26,155.78	(10,388.52)	15,767.26	40%	
	Total, All Accounts Minus Land	18,900.25	(10,388.52)	8,511.73		
	Revenues Budgeted and Carryovers					
	Revenues	Expected	Todate	Outstanding	% Recv.	
11	Membership	\$2,000.00	1,120.00	\$880.00	56%	
12	Donation	\$4,000.00	6,581.83	-\$2,581.83	165%	
13	Misc revenues	\$500.00	-	\$500.00	0%	
22	Ticket to Ride (Restricted)	\$2,500.00	875.00	\$1,625.00	35%	\$38.78 transferred from balance of 3M gra
30	LandDonations (Resv)	\$50,500.00	190.00	\$50,310.00	0%	inc \$48,000 mitigation funds- Town of Guil
40	Science Internship	\$2,500.00	2,500.00	\$0.00	100%	line 40 funded 5/4/18
50	Education Internship	\$0.00	100.00	-\$100.00	#DIV/0!	
	Totals, All Accounts	\$62,000.00	\$11,366.83	\$50,633.17	18%	
	Totals, All Accounts - Guild Land Mit	\$14,000.00	\$11,366.83	\$2,633.17		
	Carryovers (only carryover items)	Balance	Spent	Left	% Spent	
91	Science Grant (Restricted)		-			
92	Ticket to Ride (Restricted)	\$2,450.34	(1,398.48)	\$1,051.86	57%	Spent all of restricted donations
93	Land Protection (Reserved)	\$7,255.53	-	\$7,255.53	0%	Spent none so restricted donations adde
	Subtotals	\$9,705.87	(1,398.48)	\$27,339.50	14%	
	Year to Year Comparison					
	2017 EOY Balance	\$ 27,802.06				
	YTD Revenue	\$ 11,366.83				
	YTD Expenses	\$ (10,388.52)	line 36 above			
	Projected 2018 EOY balance	\$ 28,780.37				

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Mission of the Friends

The Friends of the Pine Bush Community is committed to working with the Albany Pine Bush Commission to provide support and opportunities for the public to participate in activities that contribute to stewardship and appreciation of the unique natural communities found in the Albany Pine Bush Preserve.

Science Intern Stipends Provided

The Friends of the Pine Bush Community sponsored stipends for spring, summer, and fall internships with the education staff at the preserve. Interns are exposed to many unique aspects about the Pine Bush, including the fields of environmental education, habitat restoration, citizen science, conservation, and public outreach.

At the conclusion of their experience, each intern writes a letter to the Friends. Here some quotes:

“I hope the internship program continues for a long time and that it can really inspire young adults to become environmental educators and advocates for the Pine Bush.” – Amanda Kimler, Senior, University at Albany

“This internship has helped me narrow down my potential career path in the environmental field. Thank you

for your time and for supporting past, present, and future interns at the Pine Bush.” – Maria Gigliello, Senior, Siena College

“My internship gave me valuable background and experience that I can use going forward with my career in environmental education. I am thankful to have had this opportunity and I look forward to volunteering at the Pine Bush in the future” – Grace Davis



Grace Davis from SUNY Brockport

Message from the Friends' Board President



I want to thank all those who donated time or money for our work that helps fulfill the mission of the Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission.

The Albany Pine Bush Preserve is widely valued for a great place to hike, walk a dog, bike, or hunt; we

know this just from the number of cars parked each day at one of its many trail heads. What is less obvious to the general public is the number of people who take advantage of the educational programs and community

science opportunities that the APBP staff provide. Besides being beautiful, the preserve is also an ecological laboratory.

The Friends Board is made up of volunteers who care about the preserve for its beauty, the science that is done there, and its value to the community. We enjoy working alongside the many volunteers who help out on preserve projects.

So we thank all those who donate to the Friends. Your donation allows staff to do more wonderful programs and to advance the work of stewardship in the Pine Bush Preserve.