

The Friends of Liberty State Park
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Dear Friends and all park supporters,

Summer 2014 Newsletter

We hope you have a great summer and enjoy many experiences at Liberty State Park. We'll spend \$5,000 on new trees this Fall and spend \$20,000 on our garden beautification program for the Fall. "The Gardens at LSP Map & Guide" is linked from the top of our website's home page www.folsp.org For contacting the LSP office: please use 201-915-3400 (customer service extension 101) and lsinfo@verizon.net

The dedicated LSP Superintendent Rob Rodriguez and Deputy Superintendent Jon Luk have stated the park is fully open except the historic CRRNJ Terminal Building and the Nature Interpretive Center buildings are still closed due to Sandy damage. The Terminal may open by the end of 2015. The Nature Interpretive Center programs and kayak "eco-tours" are linked to banners on our home page.

We're grateful for your contributions and volunteering! With our fiscal year starting on July 1, **we hope you'll make a membership contribution to help us continue our efforts to protect and improve LSP.** You could send it to the above address or go online to donate at www.folsp.org/donate/donate_now.htm

Exciting news is the 8/25 publication of a beautiful color photography book, Liberty State Park - Images of Modern America by Arcadia Press. The photos and text lovingly capture the past and present of our beloved park. The photographer/author is board member Gail Zavian. Part of the proceeds go to FOLSP.

The first stage of the **Interior Restoration**, a 36 acre freshwater wetlands and path project, may finally have its bids released soon. We thank Sen. Sandra Cunningham for recently urging NJ to get it moving.

Friends' Volunteer Gardening Program - almost every Sat. all year, from 9am to noon, Head Gardener Maria welcomes volunteers of all ages with no experience needed. For info on each Sat. location, please contact her at lspgardening@verizon.net or 201-915-3418 (on Sat.201-915-3400 ext 101). A variety of employee groups and non-profit groups participate each year and can arrange to volunteer weekdays or on Saturday. For groups, please contact co-vice pres. Michel at friendslspgardening@gmail.com

At our Spring members meeting, 3 members, Rick Cordner, Chris Woods and Mike Ruscigno spoke about enjoyable bird-watching (birding) at LSP. To see LSP bird counts from this and all years, please go to www.ebird.org/ebird/hotspots and type in Liberty State Park and hit "enter". If you want to see cool wildlife photos at LSP, go to www.flickr.com/groups/libertywildlife/ LSP's Bird Species pamphlet, linked from our Interior Restoration page at www.folsp.org, has 239 birds but the **ebird** website lists 273.

Pat Hilliard, LSP activist mentored by Audrey Zapp, LSP's "godmother", wrote "**Go To Liberty**", a fiction book loosely based on LSP park advocates' battles for a free park for people and wildlife to enjoy.

MEMBERS BARBECUE - Sunday July 27 at 2:00 pm in the Large Picnic Pavilion. Your '14 to '15 annual contribution must be sent by then (or contribute at BBQ). You Must RSVP to the above email address or phone number. The Pavilion is at the E. end of Theodore Conrad Drive, which is a short block north of Pesin Drive. Go around Rotary near the Liberty Park Café Diner and go north and take first right onto Conrad Drive.

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