



Wooden Canoe Heritage Association, Ltd.

DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER

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Hello Canoers!

Thanks so much for Jim & Betsy Wilson for hosting the annual holiday party. Al and I missed joining you this year, but I'm told it was a good time. The picture below supports that! As part of the activities that day the group came up with a schedule of events for the coming year. Each newsletter will offer more specific information out the next event or two, but I've copied the schedule here with a brief description of the event. In addition, you'll find attached a list of just the dates for handy reference. Be sure to mark your calendars so the dates don't get accidentally assigned to some other activity 😊



Jan 13, Sunday: Photo program at Susan Christie's, Ardmore, PA  
See more info below

Feb 10, Sunday: Build folding tables at Jean & Al Bratton's, Gilbertsville, PA  
Small tables great for camping or home use, foldable for storage. All wood pieces will be cut and all hardware provided, assembly will be done during the meeting.

Mar 10, Sunday: Camp cooking at Mike Black's, Bangor, PA  
Think about your favorite camp foods and come prepare them for our feast. Mike's porch will provide places to grill, coals for dutch ovens, etc.

Apr 13, Saturday: Pine Barrens trip and picnic at Jenn and Ed Clarke's, Hammonton, NJ  
The exact river will be chosen later but join us for a day paddling a special area of south Jersey, followed by a picnic and relaxing evening

May 11-12: Walkill and Passaic Rivers  
Two day trips, join us for either or both

Jun 8-9: Weekend at Jean & Jim Clearwater's, Cornwall, NY  
Jim & Jean live on a farm and we're invited to camp on their property and enjoy some of the quite water paddling the area has to offer

June 24, Monday: Longest Day Paddle, Delaware River, meet at Tinicum Park, PA  
Celebrate the longest day of the year with a picnic followed by an evening paddle on the river, featuring our annual walk into Frenchtown for ice cream. A great start to the summer.

Jul 16-21: Paul Smiths Assembly in the Adirondacks  
WCHA National's annual get together for paddling and outdoor fun of all kinds. If you've never been please ask and we'll fill you in!

Aug 10-11: Upper Delaware at Pat Wilson's, Equinunk, Pa  
Two day trips on the upper part of the river near the NY/PA border. Camp on Pat's property or there's room for a few in the house.

Aug 16, Friday: Nockamixon evening paddle, Nockamixon, PA  
One day after the full moon, join us for a picnic and an evening paddle

Sep 7-8: Trap Pond State Park, Del  
This park northernmost natural stand of baldcypress trees in the United States, some really pretty paddling.

Oct 12-13: 4 Chapter gathering at Gifford Pinchot, Lewisberry, PA  
Good company, good food, paddling and skills demonstrations of all things canoe-related.

Nov 2, Saturday: Split Rock Reservoir, Rockaway, NJ  
One last paddle before the winter.

Dec 15, Sunday, Party at Betsy & Jim Wilson's, Malvern, PA

Now, for the next event... Jan 13<sup>th</sup> is the date. By request, Jim & Betsy Wilson, both excellent photographers, will talk about how to take better pictures, focusing on composition (what you see in the picture) and light (how much or little, light source, direction, etc.). Come and see what you can learn! Our hosts will be Susan Christie and her partner Lane. See directions and contact information below. Please let them know if you're planning to join us so they have an idea of how many to expect. And, as is our custom for winter/indoor meetings, bring along a covered dish of some sort and after the meeting we will join in food and conversation. You may choose to bring pretty much anything you can think of, for some reason it always works out just fine without any specific planning. We'll enjoy eating whatever shows up!

I don't know the exact plans for the Feb 10<sup>th</sup> meeting other than it will be held at our home in Gilbertsville, PA. Several times over the last many years we've made these folding tables, and we'll repeat that project again. Chuck Kindt has offered to cut all the wood pieces, but I'm not sure what he's got planned for quantities so you may need to keep an eye out a newsletter asking your plans regarding attendance at that meeting. We'll be working out in the shop, which will have some heat but you'll need to be prepared to be chilly. More specifics in the next newsletter.

As is our custom, we collect \$15 from each family in the chapter. This serves to cover the expenses related to the newsletter, a portion of the cost of renting the pavilion in October (shared with the other chapters), aiding in the costs of the children's program at the assembly, and anything else related to keeping the chapter afloat. While this isn't required to participate in our events, it is required for you to receive the newsletter from me, in either paper or electronic form. To that end, you may either bring this to the January meeting or you can send a check, made out to Jean Bratton, to the address shown below. If you have questions please ask!

Hope to see many of you in January,  
*Jean Bratton*

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