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Join Friends today! Become a member and help make Allentown's great park system even better.

"Hunting, fishing, drawing and music occupied my every moment. Cares I knew naught, and cared naught about them."

- John James Audubon (1785-1851)

The inspiration for the organization which bears his name (Audubon Society) in their earliest work to protect birds and their habitats.

**SAVE THE DATE! FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING
19 AUGUST 2011 FROM 4:00-6:00 P.M. AT THE
MALCOLM GROSS ROSE GARDEN. DETAILS SOON!**

Flyfishing for Beginners



Friends of the Allentown Parks is pleased to partner with Trout Unlimited in **Flyfishing for Beginners**. Learn the nuances of flyfishing as well as conservation of freshwater streams, rivers and associated habitats for trout and other aquatic species.

Date: Saturday 20 August 2011
Time: 9:30 a.m.— max. 12:30 p.m.
Meeting location: to be advised

The session is free and open to the public, for ages 12 and up, and only 20 slots available! **Advance registration is required** so register early to reserve your space.

TROUT UNLIMITED

Conserving, protecting and restoring North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

Dinner, Music and a Movie at West Park

The West Park Civic Association, Allentown Dept. of Parks and Recreation and the Lehigh Valley Musicians' Association are teaming up to provide a great day of rest and relaxation at beautiful West Park on Saturday 20 August. Enjoy music, have a great dinner and take in a movie!



- 2:00 p.m. —Municipal Band of Allentown
- 4:00 p.m. —Marine Band of Allentown
- 6:30 p.m. —Pioneer Band of Allentown
- 6:30/7:00 p.m. —dinner catered by Gala Gourmet
- 9:00 p.m. —Movie "Mamma Mia"

Concerts and the movie are free and open to the public. Dinner reservations are required (\$15/person). For menu options and reservations phone Peggy Egolf (West Park Civic Association) at 610-434-0657. In the event of inclement weather, dinner & the movie will occur 21 August; concerts will be held on 10 September.

Bogert's Bridge and Homestead

When Peter Bogert left Germany to make a new life in America, he was 23 years old and "Penn's Woods" was his destination. Arriving in Philadelphia in 1744, he moved north to farm a 78-acre parcel of land in partnership with Francis Rhoades, a fellow settler. Their property was located near the Little Lehigh Creek in what is now Lehigh County. Three years later, after Rhoades' death, Bogert was sole owner of the property. He then purchased 307 acres of adjacent land from Abraham Korper to expand his farmstead.



The new parcel spanned the creek and included a log-and-stone house that Korper built in 1739. Now called the "Hunter's Cabin," it had housed Korper's family and later was the Bogert family

home while their barn and house were under construction. Restored to its original appearance in 1938, the well-preserved building is located on the north side of the creek near the covered bridge and is part of Allentown's park system. It is the oldest existing home in Lehigh County.

While living in the cabin, Bogert built a large stone bank barn that still stands, as well as a farmhouse (now demolished) for his family. A nearby tack barn, a later addition, was used to shoe horses and was used by more recent owners for their equestrian pursuits.

The stone farmhouse on the south side of the stream – now site of the Allentown Federal Credit Union – was built by a descendent of Peter Bogert and housed several generations of the family until the entire farm was sold to the Youngs in the 1930's. The barn, built in 1824 near the southside house, was destroyed by fire and rebuilt in 1884.

Bogert's Bridge

The oldest covered bridge in Lehigh County, Bogert's Bridge was erected over the Little Lehigh in 1841. Designed by Theodore Burr and named for the family's forefather Peter, it is 145 feet long and features the "Burr truss," a unique supporting system which Burr developed for the bridge. It was constructed without nails (except for the roof shingles), using mortar and tenon joints that have strengthened over time. The bridge survived a major flood in 1862 as well as several car accidents. In 1946, a car badly damaged the bridge that, as a result, was slated to be demolished but eventually was saved by a local letter-writing campaign. In 1957, the bridge was reconstructed but closed to vehicle traffic when its 24th Street replacement span was built in 1959. Bogert's Bridge was deeded to the city in 1964.



Bogert's Bridge and Homestead located near 24th Street and Fish Hatchery Road.