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Plant a Tree and Walk 93

Plant a Tree at Flight 93 has been announced for May 19 and May 20! The annual reforestation event will be open to volunteers and corporate teams for the 6th year in a row, with registration opening on April 14 via the Friends' <u>website</u>!

Moving back to the fall this year, Walk 93 will be held on September 30, 2017 in conjunction with National Public Lands Day celebrations. The Leadership Somerset County class of 2015 will once again partner with the Friends to organize the walk fundraiser, with funds this year going towards developing the future Temporary Memorial trail off of the Allée.

Speaker Series at Flight 93

The Friends are excited to announce the first ever Speaker Series at Flight 93 National Memorial! The first of four events running through August, the series will kick-off May 27th and 28th featuring

Stay Social!

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

December Patrick Hein, Benedict Sliney, Richard M. Stubbs, Rosemarie Porreca

> January **Tom Rooney**

Family members' Ed Root and Kenny Nacke, and moderated by author and Friends' board member Tom McMillan. Programs will take place on Saturday at 1 and 3pm, and Sunday at 1pm for all four programs.

The Learning Center is the perfect venue to present the story of Flight 93 from many different sources, including panels featuring Family members, authors, first responders and more. As the newest addition to educational program offerings at the memorial, the new series will enhance the visitor experience and educational initiatives to the public. Bring your family and friends as this event is free and open to the public!

New Orientation DVD in Production

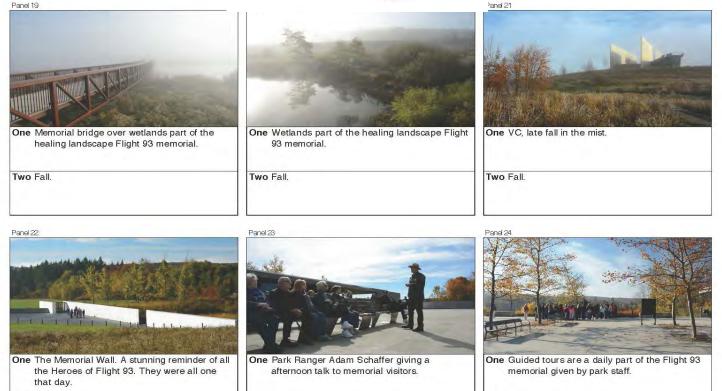
Last year, the Friends and NPS partnered with Wild Excellence Films to produce a new orientation DVD for the memorial. This educational tool has been in development since last summer, with location shoots, scripting and editing ongoing through the spring. Wild Excellence has generously donated most of their time and skills in-kind, and have spent many hours filming all aspects of the memorial from wildlife, native birds, changing seasons, visitors, interpretive ranger talks and specific features that Flight 93 has to offer.

The new film will update the outdated 2012 DVD, and focus more on how the memorial has evolved over the years, the visitor experience and the continued healing of the memorial landscape. With new features such as the Visitor Center, Learning Center and developing trail networks filled with wildflowers, honey bee homes and soon-to-be-installed blue bird boxes, the new production will educate group tour operators and school groups, as well as visitors who wish to learn more about Flight 93 before their visit.

Wild Excellence Films specializes in wildlife, nature, public lands, and conservation media. Meeting the filmmakers last year during reforestation, Wild Excellence has donated their time, equipment, and production to this special project. We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to David and Melissa Rohm for helping produce such a worthy educational tool for the memorial!

To learn more about Wild Excellence Films, visit their webiste <u>www.wildexcellencefilms.com</u>, Like them on Facebook <u>@WildExcellenceFilms</u> or Follow the duo on Twitter <u>@wild_excellence</u>!

Storyboard Snap Shot from the new Orientation Video by Wild Excellence Films!



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Don't Miss



Earth Day Clean Up!

Friends' members are invited to volunteer this April 22 for a Flight 93 National Memorial #EarthDay site clean up!

Want to make a difference? Wear your work boots and join Friends' members as we pick up trash, rake leaves, weed and help clean up the bio-swells around the memorial. Stay tuned for an email announcement and registration details.



Two new special exhibitions this year!

Last May, the first ever special exhibit was held in the Learning Center. This June, the park will be presenting another short term exhibition that highlights the first responders from September 11, 2001.

These exhibits will be open to the public on weekends, and combine artifacts and oral history commentary.



Dark Sky Program in the works!

Did you know you can see the milky way from the fields of Flight 93? The Friends will host the first ever Dark Sky Program this summer at the memorial!

The Dark Sky Program will include constellation viewing and interpretation by astronomy experts. Details to follow!

SHOP ONLINE TODAY

You can purchase your Friends' gear online at: <u>http://www.flight93friends.org</u>

Just click Shop Online!

GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP!

You can now gift a Friends' membership online at: http://www.flight93friends.org/gift-memberships

From the Director's Desk Henry C. Scully

This is a time of awakening and reflection at Flight 93 National Memorial. Snow drifts give way to blooming trees along the Allée, daffodils, and beautiful signs of the

continued healing of this sacred land in honor of the forty heroes on Flight 93! Weekend visitations climbs to 1,000 in late March and early April, as spring travelers and school groups come visit the memorial.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated National Park service team (Rangers, maintenance and supervisors) working hard over the winter, while hustling to prepare for our increased thousands of visitors over the next 6-9 months.

The Friends work closely with our valued NPS partners to provide educational visits and stimulating programs for our visitors, including the new Speaker Series, educational programming for school groups, Reforestation efforts over 17 acres in May... the list of activities goes on!

Many thanks to our outgoing Friends' Board members Mal Fuller, Ed Shoemaker and most of all Lladel Lichty, who served for nine years, and several of those as our valued and accomplished President. We welcome two new Board members, Fred Lukachinsky and Tom Rooney, who will be assisting us in our development efforts for the Tower of Voices ("sound breaking 9/10/17) and many other NPS/Friends initiatives. Special thanks to King Laughlin and the National Park Foundation for their continued years of success growing Flight 93.

Many thanks to our Board, and to Brooke Neel for your continued dedication and passion to the Flight 93 heroes. Friends' members, please continue to support in any way you are able. We appreciate you joining our committees, being a volunteer, recruiting members and being a member yourself. We hope to see you at Flight 93 National Memorial soon.









All my best,

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SEPTEMBER 10-11

SEPTEMBER 30

Plant a Tree at Flight 93

For the sixth year, reforestation brings together volunteers and forestry professionals to plant thousands of seedlings across the memorial.

Speaker Series

The first panel of speakers will feature Family members' Ed Root and Kenny Nacke and be moderated by author and board member Tom McMillan!

Friends of Flight 93 Mid-Year Membership Meeting - June 8

Learning Center Temporary Exhibit - June 3-5

Dark Sky Program - TBD

The first ever Dark Sky astronomy program will include guided viewing of the stars, milky way and other astronomical objects seen from the fields of Flight 93.

September 11, 2017 | Sixteenth Anniversary Observance

Join the Friends as we gather for an open air commemorative service that includes reading of the names of the passengers and crew members, ringing of the Bells of Remembrance, and brief remarks from keynote speakers. Walk 93

Back for a third year, this public walk raises awareness about Flight 93 National Memorial as a place to honor the passengers and crew, while raising funds to go towards the construction of the Flight 93 Temporary Memorial Trail.