



# The Friends Need Your Help!



**Join the Friends - visit the park!**

Did you ever wonder how this newsletter gets printed, or who arranges the Holiday Party and other events? Well it's the volunteer Board of the **Friends of Ridley Creek State Park!** The board relies on membership dues and donations to help fund these functions. Without you, our Friends, and your dues, there is no way we can help enhance the park and hold the fabulous functions like

the Photo Contest. So, if you're reading this newsletter, we could use your help! Joining the **Friends of Ridley Creek State Park** not only *feels good*, but it provides you with some benefits such as reduced entry fees for many Friends programs, discounts from some of our merchant sponsors, a vote for the Board of Directors, and the knowledge that your membership fees are directly spent on supplies and equipment to support the programs of the Friends.

If you would like to see these events continue, please consider joining or renewing your membership to the Friends. It's easy, inexpensive, and feels good!

For more information or to join, please contact us at

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### Visit us on the Web

<http://www.friendsofrcsp.org/>



## Remember us at Tax Time...or Any Time!

As an affiliate member of the Pennsylvania Parks and Forest Foundation (PPFF), the Friends of Ridley Creek State Park is a qualified 501 (c)(3) organization, which means that your contributions are tax deductible! In addition, any money that you donate to the Friends will benefit Ridley Creek State Park directly. It is a little known fact that money dropped off in the office or

checks made out to the Park itself goes directly into the "General Fund," of PPFF which may or may not be redirected back to Ridley Creek State Park. Some people prefer to donate stocks or similar commodities. PPFF has a method established with a broker who will

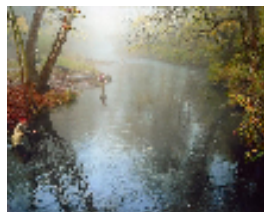
convert the stocks to cash and deposit the funds into the appropriate PPFF account. For more information on stock donations, contact John Kennedy from our website or Roger McChesney, Park Manager at 610-892-3900 for "how to" details.



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## 2008 Photo Contest

In November, 2008, The Friends of Ridley Creek State Park had our annual photo contest award ceremony in the historic and beautiful Hunting Hill Mansion. Over 45 entries were submitted, all reflecting the beauty and diversity that makes Ridley Creek State Park the special place that it is. Our judges had a difficult time deciding the winners but eventually they all agreed.



In the adult division, first place went to Peter Smith, 2nd to Susan Brooks and 3rd

to Charles Protester. In the youth division, first place went to Larry Galloway, 2nd to Charlotte Derrickson, and 3rd to Matt Whitney. As always, delicious refreshments were served which added to this always

pleasant Sunday in the Park. It is not too early to start taking photos of the park for next years contest! The Friends are hoping to publish a calendar for 2009 featuring some of the photos that were entered in the contest.



Watch your emails, the website and the papers for information regarding this project.



