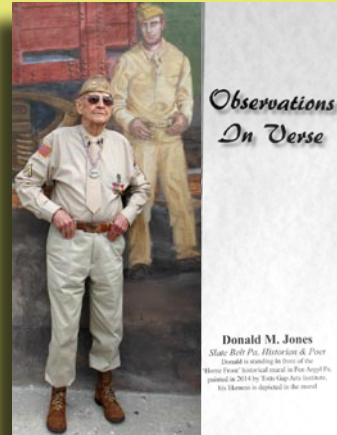


A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

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WILD GEESE

Wild geese flying north
Make my heart sing.
Wild geese flying north,
A sure sign of spring.
Wild geese flying north
Thousands of birds on the wing.
Wild geese flying north,
Gone is winter's sting.

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Temporarily Suspends Amenity Fees

By Kathy Sandt

BUSHKILL, PA – Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area announced the temporary suspension of amenity fees in accordance with direction from Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt issued on March 18. Secretary Bernhardt directed all national parks to suspend the collection of most fees until further notice.

Amenity fees are usually charged seasonally at six locations throughout the park and are usually collected from mid-April through mid-October. The temporary suspension of fee collection activities also applies to annual passes.

The park is asking the public to refrain from mailing in their 2020 Annual Pass applications and payments for the time being. New applications and payments received beyond April 15 will be returned to the sender. Questions about mail-in annual pass sales can be directed to the Chief Ranger's office at (570) 242-3432 or the Fee Office at (570) 828-2321.

The NPS encourages people who choose to visit Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area during this pandemic to adhere to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state and local public health authorities to protect visitors and employees. As services are limited, the NPS urges visitors to continue to practice Leave No Trace principles, including pack-in and pack-out, to keep outdoor spaces safe and healthy.

For updates on the suspension of fees and on current conditions in the park visit our website at www.nps.gov/dewa or follow us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/DelWaterGapNPS. To learn more about the suspension of fees in national parks visit <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/national-park-service-to-temporarily-suspend-park-entrance-fees.htm>.

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Historical Association Announces A Contemporary Collection Campaign Titled, "Collecting In The Time COVID-19"

By Amy Leiser, Executive Director

STROUDSBURG - The Monroe County Historical Association is pleased to announce the launch of a new contemporary collection campaign titled, "Collecting in the Time of COVID-19." The COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic has impacted the local community in so many different ways. It is an extraordinary time in the history of Monroe County and one that certainly will be of significant interest to future researchers, scholars, historians, and citizens.

The Monroe County Historical Association is actively collecting first-hand accounts and materials to help tell the community's unique experiences during this challenging time. The organization invites all Monroe County residents to become a 'citizen historian' by contributing stories, photographs, artwork, poetry, and/or artifacts to the Monroe County Historical Association. People of all ages, experiences, backgrounds, and professions are welcome to participate so that the collection sufficiently represents the diversity of voices within the Monroe County community.

Through the documentation of personal and professional experiences surrounding this pandemic, the Monroe County Historical Association can create and preserve valuable primary sources to ensure that future generations will better understand the current struggles and triumphs.

Visit the website at <https://www.monroehistorical.org/covid19.html> for details about the "Collecting in the Time of COVID-19" project or to make a submission. Submissions can also be mailed to the Monroe County Historical Association, 900 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. For additional information or questions, please contact librarian@monroehistorical.org.

Founded in 1921, the Monroe County Historical Association is a cultural and learning center that assists the diverse community of residents and visitors in connecting Monroe County's past with the present. The historic 1795 Stroud Mansion, located at the corner of Main and 9th Streets in downtown Stroudsburg, serves as the headquarters of the nonprofit organization and houses a local history museum and genealogical research library.

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