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FRENCH AND PICKERING CREEKS CONSERVATION TRUST TO HOST ANNUAL AUCTION PARTY NOVEMBER 14

Phoenixville, Pa., October 13, 2009 – Blake Swihart (left) of Chester Springs (W. Pikeland Twp.) and Carolyn Heathcote of Chester Springs (W. Vincent Twp.), members of the French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust auction party committee, display some of the more than 100 donated items that will be part of the silent auction at the Trust's 27th annual auction party November 14 at 6 p.m. at Stonewall in Elverson. The event is a fundraiser for the Trust whose mission is to preserve and protect endangered land and natural resources in northern Chester County.

Along with the giant stuffed bear, rocking chair, framed pheasant print, handbag, wine, and crow sculpture mounted on a piece of Phoenix Steel memorabilia, the auction will include jewelry, antiques, a handmade Indian rug, framed prints and paintings, and restaurant gift certificates. The evening will feature a 50/50 raffle and a live auction with enticements such as a week in Brittany, Mexico, and Montauk.

“The auction party is great fun for a great cause, and because of the time of year, it offers a chance to do some holiday shopping,” said Clare Quinn, executive director of the Trust.

Tickets, which include cocktails, dinner and auction are \$100 for members; \$110 for non-members. Sponsorships are available. For tickets and information, contact the Trust at 610 933-7577 or frenchandpickering.org

About the French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust, Inc.

Land Preservation

Since its establishment in 1967, the French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust has protected 8,650 acres in northern Chester County through purchases, conservation easements and public/private partnerships. It works with landowners, townships, the state and county to purchase and monitor conservation easements, create parkland and preserve environmentally sensitive land.

Trails

Trails provide public access to preserved land, recreational opportunities and beautiful views along northern Chester County's Exceptional Value waterways. With funding from the state and county, the Trust is engaged in the acquisition and development of the 10-mile French Creek Trail from Warwick County Park to the Kennedy Covered Bridge in East Vincent Township, a 2.7 mile extension from Elverson to St. Peters on the Boars Back Railroad right-of-way, and the planning of the 6-mile

Pickering Trail, which will follow the creek in West Pikeland Township from the Mill at Anselma to the township border at Clover Mill Road.

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