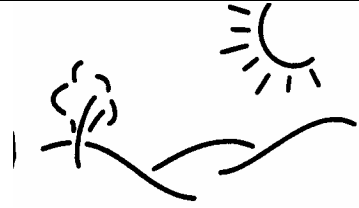


# Horizons

*The Voice of the Friends of Havenwoods, Inc.*



## *September Fall festival rainy but lots of fun*

The weather was rainy, so the *Explore the Outdoors!* festival on September 13 was moved indoors. Even so, about 150 adults and children came to Havenwoods to enjoy the various activities and food available. Several of the outdoor activities had to be cancelled, of course, but there was plenty to do anyway.



For instance, despite the rain, the hunting dog demonstration went ahead as planned. Above, one of the dog handlers prepares a dog to seek out and retrieve a "prize". The several retriever dogs present appeared very happy to show their skills off in spite of the rain and the wet vegetation. The dog event was courtesy of the Fox Valley Retriever Club.

Several other outdoor events took place as scheduled. Several young  
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## Outpost Foods Coop Selects FOH for its October charity program balloting

FOH members and friends who are also owners at Outpost Natural Foods will have a great chance to help FOH out during October. They're going to be able to vote for FOH to be one of the organizations to receive 1% of the Outpost's net sales on one of the Coop's Community Wednesdays during 2009.

Each year the Outpost's Community Wednesdays Committee meets to select local organizations to benefit from this Outpost charitable donation program. FOH Board members recently submitted an application to the Outpost Committee for FOH to participate in the program for 2009.

As a result, FOH President Paul Klein has been notified that the Committee has selected FOH as one of the organizations to appear on the October in-store ballot. This means that FOH members or friends who are also Outpost owners should vote

for our organization when they visit and shop the stores in Bayview, Wauwatosa, or on Capital Drive in October.

Balloting begins October 1 and can be done either on line or by asking for a ballot at the Service Counter of an Outpost store.

At the end of balloting, those organizations with the most votes will be elected to receive 1% of the Outposts net sales on a Community Wednesday in 2009.

FOH President Paul Klein urges all eligible FOH friends or members to make certain they cast ballots in October for FOH. If elected to be one of the 2009 recipients of funding from Outpost Natural Foods, stands to gain additional funding for its projects and programs. Those organizations elected to be fund recipients in 2009 will be notified of the results in November 2008.

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## Zautcke family decendants still keep in touch with Havenwoods

Over 150 years ago, a family of Prussian immigrants arrived in the U.S. to start a new life. Ernst Zautcke and his wife Henrietta arrived in New York in 1841 and set out for Wisconsin via the Erie Canal and Great Lakes sailing vessels. Ernst purchased 80 acres from the U.S. Government at what is now the Havenwoods State Forest and US Army Reserve Center and began farming it. Their home was established near the corner of Florist Avenue and 43rd Street.

Now 167 years later, descendants of these early settlers still visit the Havenwoods site to enjoy nature here and view the various activities that are taking place on land their early relatives helped to protect.

Richard Zautcke, shown at the right, stands very near the middle of the portion of the property that was once part of the Zautcke holdings. He posed on the bridge across Lin-

coln Creek along the west boundary road. The Zautcke farming took place on both sides of the railroad tracks that now mark the western boundary of the State Forest.

Richard, who lives in Slinger,



Wisconsin, visits the property periodically and enjoys walking the trails and exercising and seeing the wildlife that can be found in this green haven in the middle of a busy metropolitan area. He continues to be

proud that his family and their farms played a role in keeping city development at bay. The land use patterns after the family's ownership ceased in 1910 eventually led to what is now the Havenwoods State Forest.

All told, between Ernst and Ferdinand Zautcke, the family purchased and farmed over 300 acres of land on both sides of the railroad tracks

that border the west side of the Havenwoods grounds. An 1876 plat map, published in the Spring 2000 *Horizons* edition showed that the Zautcke family also owned property east of North Hopkins Street.

Those of us in FOH who have worked so hard to

make the State Forest a reality can wonder what might be on the Havenwoods site if it hadn't been farmed for many decades by the Zautcke family. The things of the past shape our future, and they are plainly evident in the green prairies and forest land present now at Havenwoods State Forest.

### Mistakes do happen!

**Editors Note:** The following portion of Susan Johansen's article in the Spring-Summer 2008 of *Havenwoods Horizons* was inadvertently omitted at the end.

initiatives like "Get Outdoors! Wisconsin" is to make nature "cool" again, so kids can have the experiences that many of us had growing up.

With any group that I teach, I tend to spread my enthusiasm and wonder of nature. I may not reach all of the kids who come to Havenwoods on a field trip. There will always be those kids who think spiders are gross or who think watching an ant

crawl over the ground is like watching paint dry. However it is worth reaching those few who have caught the spark of how fascinating the natural world can be.

Recently a few of the teachers who brought their classes this spring told me they remember coming here as students. Now they wanted to bring their classes to Havenwoods, to share these wonderful experiences they had. These are the types of impressions we, in the field of environmental education, want to leave. This is one of the reasons I still teach here after fourteen years – to inspire others to enjoy the natural world.

**Mark Your Calendar  
2009**

**Dates Below are all on Saturday**

21 February - Winter NatureFest  
Winter is for the birds

25 April - Earth Day NatureFest

10 October - Fall NatureFest  
Snakes are Spectacular

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



### *Hello Friends,*

To the casual observer, Havenwoods

looks quite beautiful. The hikers, bikers and dog walkers will soon be admiring the spectacular fall colors of the diverse variety of trees, shrubs and wildflowers. The forest appears to be a peaceful island in the midst of urban development.

What isn't immediately obvious is the continual silent battle that is occurring. The existing native species and the hundreds of trees and other plants native to Wisconsin that have been added over the last few decades are fighting for their lives. The invasive species are doing their best to choke them out. If we did nothing, before long, the entire area would be covered with not much more than noxious weeds, thorny shrubs and snaggeled vines.

To many of the visitors to Havenwoods it probably seems like it was a

great idea to "let the area go wild". It would be nice if it was that simple. In this environment Mother Nature needs a lot of help. Thousands of hours of volunteer time have been spent in efforts to control the spread of the alien invaders, and we're just barely holding the line. I think it may soon be necessary to procure additional help with specialized equipment to make some headway.

The annual dues for membership have been the major funding source in helping F.O.H. to work with staff to maintain, preserve and enhance the natural beauty of Havenwoods and support the programs that help develop awareness of our relationship with the natural environment. Please help us to continue our efforts by renewing your membership and participating in the upcoming activities.

*Regards,*

**Paul Klein**  
President, FOH, Inc.

## Saturday office volunteers needed

If you have some spare time and would like to help out with office work at Havenwoods State Forest and Environmental Center, here is a great opportunity. Help is needed on the following dates: October 25, November 1, November 22, and December 20.

Volunteers can expect to be at the Center from 9 A.M. until noon. Staff will try and provide projects but bring books or something to do. Contact Sue Johansen if interested at 527-0232.

### Have You Moved?

**Keep your address current!**

**Undelivered mail costs FOH money AND you do not get a newsletter.**

**Call 527-0232**

**Let us have your new address!**

## *Havenwoods Annual Volunteer Dinner is scheduled for November 11*

This year's Volunteer Dinner will be held November 11 from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Each year, this dinner is provided by the Havenwoods State Forest to honor those who volunteered during the past year.

Volunteers who have worked at least five hours during the past year are eligible to attend the dinner and to bring a guest. FOH President Paul Klein advises all who read this notice to make sure that no volunteer goes without notification of the dinner.

Environmental Education Special-

ist Sue Johansen asks that the invitation to the dinner be RSVPed by calling 414-527-0232 or emailing her at SusanA.Johansen@Wisconsin.gov by November 4. Anyone desiring a vegetarian meal should let the staff know when they RSVP.

Anyone who has attended the past volunteer dinners hosted by the State Forest know that they are a wonderful reward for their work. Staff will provide a summary of the past year's accomplishments.

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