

# Volunteer Connection

## Winter NatureFest Recap

February 19 dawned as the one sunny reprieve between several days of drizzle and several more of heavy snowfall. Despite the lack of snow for snowshoeing, we couldn't have asked for a better day! Thank you to the 65 volunteers and 7 staff who coordinated festival events in celebration of nature in winter. About 275 people participated in the festival.

This year's theme, "Discover a Winter's Night", was highlighted by presentations on owls, coyotes, and constellations. It was a great day for taking a horse-drawn wagon ride, making dream catchers, learning about snowflakes, and lots of other activities.



Friends of Havenwoods sponsored the wagon rides, the up-close visit with an owl from Wildlife in Need Center, the owl presentation by PineView Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, and the wagon rides. Thanks to FOH for your help in making the day a success.



**"I have long thought that anyone who does not regularly - or ever - gaze up and see the wonder and glory of a dark night sky filled with countless stars loses a sense of their fundamental connectedness to the universe."**

*Brian Greene,  
theoretical  
physicist*



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## Upcoming Opportunities

**Amphibian Survey—  
Citizen Science Workshop**  
March 19 (Saturday), 10–11:30 am

For many years, volunteers who are avid bird watchers at Havenwoods have helped the staff create a data base of bird species that inhabit or migrate through the property. It's a dynamic list that helps us provide current information to other visitors.

This year we'd like to extend our data collection to amphibians. We hope you'll join Beth Mittermaier at this mini-workshop to observe live amphibians, find out about survey techniques, and learn how to identify common species. You'll need to come dressed to spend part

of the time outdoors, so bring rubber boots or hip boots if you can. As a follow-up to the workshop, if you're interested, you can join Beth in following weeks to check salamander traps and to listen for the calls of frogs and toads.



**Great American Clean-up**  
April 16 (Saturday), 9–12 noon

Help us get Havenwoods ready for the growing season. We'll provide garbage bags and gloves. You provide the energy and enthusiasm! Please call us by April 8 to tell us you're coming.

**Earth Day Celebration**  
April 16 (Saturday), 10–12 noon

During the clean-up, we're also providing some Earth Day activities. We'll need a few volunteers to help with tree planting and crafts. If you can help, please call or email Judy by April 8.

**Cut down willow trees**

On April 30, we're providing a class on making willow trellises. We'll be cutting some trees during the class, but we need some help in the weeks before class to harvest the majority of them. We'll provide the loppers. Please call Judy if you are interested.

# March 2011 - Havenwoods Schedule

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Open 7:45—4:30	2 Open 7:45—4:30	3 Open 7:45—4:30	4 Open 7:45—4:30	5 Open 9—12 noon (& later if there is a lot of snowshoeing interest)
6	7 Open 7:45—4:30	8 Open 7:45—4:30	9 Open 7:45—4:30	10 Open 7:45—4:30	11 Open 7:45—4:30	12 Open 9—12 noon (& later if there is a lot of snowshoeing interest)
13 Open 8:00-4:30	14 Open 7:45—4:30	15 Open 7:45—4:30	16 Open 7:45—4:30	17 Open 7:45—4:30	18 Open 7:45—4:30	19 Open 9—12 noon Amphibian survey— Citizen science monitoring workshop 10-12:00
20	21 Closed	22 Open 7:45—4:30	23 Open 7:45—4:30	24 Open 7:45—4:30	25 Open 7:45—4:30	26 Open 9—12:30 Sky Hunters— live raptor program presented by Schlitz Audubon—sponsored by Friends of Havenwoods 11-12:00
27	28 Open 7:45—4:30	29 Open 7:45—4:30	30 Open 7:45—4:30	31 Open 7:45—4:30	 	