

# Volunteer Connection

## It's Almost Playtime!



October 8 is rapidly approaching. We still need help! Please call Judy ASAP if you can do one of the following:

- Bake cookies for the food sales.
- Donate an old sheet/blanket that might make a good fort.
- Supply a few hardy vegetables for Veggie Races.
- Be a greeter/parking aide at the property entrance.
- Support creative mud-pie making at the mud station!
- Help show kids how to cast a fishing line (dry land!)
- Encourage kids to act out insect life in a prairie using puppets.

## Volunteer Recognition

We hope you will join us for this once-a-year event to enjoy each other's company and celebrate what we have accomplished together for Havenwoods during the year.

Havenwoods will provide the entrees, salad, baked potato bar, and beverages. If you would like to bring a dessert to share, please let me know when you call to confirm your participation. Bring the recipe, too, if you'd like to share it!

*To our Havenwoods' volunteers:*

*The staff invites you and your guest to our volunteer recognition dinner and program on Tuesday, November 15.*

*5:30 gathering & appetizers*

*6:00 property update & look at 2012*

*6:15 dinner*

*7:00 program*

*Please call Judy at Havenwoods (414-527-0232) by 4:30 on November 7 to provide your acceptance or regrets and choice of entrée (shredded pork/chicken or eggplant parmesan).*

## Updates

**New building hours:** We've always had 9:00 to noon Saturday hours here during the winter. That's about to change. The building now will be open at least 9 am - 2 pm every Saturday all year. We're hoping this will appeal to people who don't get out here in the morning, but come to visit Havenwoods during the early afternoon. This winter we will again have snowshoes available to borrow for use on the property.

**Our unofficial mascot:** Odds are, if you've come to the nature center a few times this year, you probably have seen the young turkey who took up residence here late last fall. He's still hanging out here, to the delight of school kids and lots of other visitors. He spends a lot of time by the main entrance, makes a regular circuit around the building - stopping by each window he can see in, and watches over the site from the roof peak over the front door. He met up with some other turkeys during mating season, but he came back. There's no question that he's

got a good thing. He knows where the feeders are and how messy perching birds are at a feeder. He's gotten a bit bolder, having twice entered the open doors of the main entrance. The first time he left a little calling card on the floor of the foyer, the second time he stayed in until I saw him and shooed him out. No, he's not in a hurry to leave. And I guess that's ok, as long as he doesn't try to move in.



# Opportunities

**Nature Mapping - Winter Birds,**  
November 12, 10:00 - 11:30 am  
(Saturday)

Did you know that your observations can be used by scientists to track bird populations? We will learn how to collect data for several Citizen Science programs: Project Feeder Watch, Celebrate Urban Birds, NatureMapping, and eBird. We will also prepare to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count in February.

Come to learn about Wisconsin's common winter birds. We'll spend some time outside watching birds, so dress for the weather! After the program, you will know how to report your bird observations to these citizen science programs.



**Friends of Havenwoods Annual Meeting,** October 11, 6:30 - 7:00 pm (Tuesday)

All members of FOH in good standing are invited to attend the annual meeting at Havenwoods. Elections for new board members will take place. If you are a member and are interested in serving on the board, please call Havenwoods by October 8.

If you *aren't* a member of Friends of Havenwoods, please consider joining. You can pick up a membership brochure at the front counter.

**Winter NatureFest 2012,** February 18, 10:00 - 4:00 (Saturday)

It may seem a little crazy to be thinking about this now, but it's only 4 1/2 months away. We'll be starting our planning right after Family Play Day. Our theme this winter is *Winter Pastimes*, in which

we celebrate some of the simple pleasures of winter activities of over 100 years ago.



Winter NatureFest is traditionally our biggest event of the year. It's fun for visitors and volunteers alike. We usually need about 60 people to volunteer that day. So set it aside, and we'll be out looking for you soon!

# Reaping the Rewards



Rachel, our garden program educator, has been harvesting a lot of produce these days from the Master Gardeners' heritage gardens and Havenwoods' children's program gardens. Since the end of the children's program in late August, she has thus far harvested over 150 pounds of produce and taken it to Feeding America for distribution.

About 60 kids participated in the program this summer, planting and tending their own veggies and

exploring nature in the gardens. They also kept track of progress in the heritage gardens and sampled produce as it was ready to eat.

For many years, Master Gardener Volunteers have nurtured these heritage gardens, which you see as you drive into Havenwoods. These gardens have vegetables from many cultures and are an important part of the children's garden program.

We offer our thanks to all of the volunteers who tended the gardens this year - Jean Hoffmann, Marilyn



and Pat Pietrzak, Barbara Kiernan, Diane Olsen, and Lynn Krenn. Jean has worked in these gardens for 15 years, Marilyn and Pat for about 8



years, Barbara for 6, Diane for 4, and Lynn for 1. They bring a lot of knowledge and hard work to the gardens, and a lot of people get to enjoy the rewards. Thank you!



For man, autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering together. For nature, it is a time of sowing, of scattering abroad. Edwin Way Teale (1899 - 1980, naturalist and writer)

# October 2011 – Havenwoods’ Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Open 9:00 - 2:30 Volunteer – Judy D
2 Open 7:30-4:30 Larry	3 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 7:45 – 4:30	4 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry off	5 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry 9:45-6:30	6 Open 7:45—4:30 Larry 7:45-4:30	7 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry 9:45 - 6:30	8 Open 8 – 3:30 Family Nature Play Day
9	10 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry 9:30 - 6:15	11 Open Larry 7:45 – 4:30  Friends of Havenwoods annual meeting 6:30 pmp	12 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry 9:30 - 6:15	13 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry 7:45 - 4:30	14 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry 7:45-4:30	15 Open 9 – 2:00 Volunteer–Lou Jane G
16	17 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry off	18 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry 9:30 - 6:15	19 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry 7:45 - 4:30	20 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry 9:30 - 6:15	21 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry 7:45—4:30	22 Open 9:00— 2:00 Volunteer–Lorraine S Larry 7:45 - 4:30  Adult Birding Hike 8:00 - 10:00 am
23	24 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry 7:45 - 4:30	25 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry 7:45 - 4:30	26 Open 7:45 – 4:30 Larry 9:15—6:00	27 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 7:45 - 4:30	28 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 9:15-6:00	29 Open 9:00 - 2:00 Gourd birdhouse workshop 9-12 noon (preregistration required)
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