

September 2011

Volunteer Connection

Family Play Day



We're about 31 days away from our play day on October 8 and **still need help** with several activities. Please call or email Judy ASAP if you can volunteer for the following:

- ◆ Build with nature blocks
- ◆ Play in a prairie "garden"
- ◆ Play in a giant spider web
- ◆ Be a go-fer (set up, fix up, replace, clean up)
- ◆ Be a substitute (when other stations need a break)
- ◆ Go camping
- ◆ Play with mud
- ◆ Race veggie cars

At the activity sites, your role will be to encourage families and youth groups to play, retrieve or reorganize materials as people move on, and generally monitor activity at the site. The event runs from 10:00 to 3:00. You can volunteer for half a day or all day. Light refreshments will be available for volunteers. Thanks to the FOH board, as always, for providing food sales that day.

Good Day, Sunshine!

I am excited to announce that Havenwoods has taken a big leap forward in renewable energy use. This summer a contractor installed a 15 kW photo-voltaic system on the south roof of the nature center. We anticipate meeting about a third of our electricity needs with the system. We are grateful to Friends of Havenwoods and Focus on Energy for providing financial assistance for this project. Pending inspection of the system early this fall, we will also receive financial assistance from WE Energies. We would not have been able to complete this project without the support of all three of our donors. We'll provide you with updates on our energy production and use.



The system includes 66 solar panels (33 over the library and 33 over the auditorium) and two inverters. The raised solar panels visible on the far end are for our water heating system, which was installed during construction of the center in 1986.

Volunteer Recognition

Volunteer dinner: Here's a heads-up! Save the evening of Tuesday, November 15, 5:30 - 7:30, for our annual volunteer dinner and program. More information will be available in the October newsletter. Sign-up will also be in October.

Record your hours: Please make sure your record of volunteer hours is up-to-date with us. Each time you leave, sign in on the list under our mailboxes in the staff room. Master Gardeners, you should track your hours on our list, too, in addition to the records you

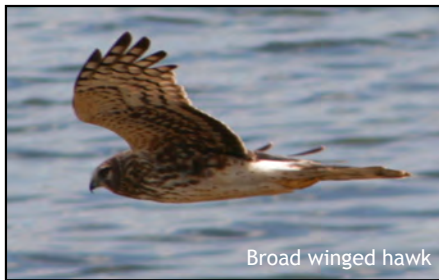
provide UWEX. If you have "old" hours to report for this year, just give us a total for each kind of work you did (e.g., festival, conservation). We submit a report to our Parks Bureau each year, detailing our volunteer help. We want to account for all your efforts here.

Upcoming Programs

Fall Migration Bird Hikes

September 24 and October 22 (Saturdays) 8:00 - 10:00 am

Join us for a hike through the fields, forests, and wetlands in search of birds. No experience is necessary. Please ask at the front desk if you need to borrow a pair of binoculars. (Adults)



Bats! October 1 (Saturday), 1 - 2 pm. Discover the mysterious lives of bats, dispel some myths, learn about their importance in nature, and see live bats and preserved specimens up close. Ken and Barb Bowman, from Bat Conservation of Wisconsin, will provide this program. Our thanks to the Friends of Havenwoods for sponsoring this program. (All ages)

Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful workshops at Havenwoods

October 15 (Saturday)
Composting, 10 - 11:30 am
Vermicomposting, 1 - 2:30 pm

Cost per workshop is \$15. Register online at <http://kgmb.org/kgmb/index.php?id=11> or call Emily Brown at (414) 272-5462 ext. 105. (Adults)

Gourd Birdhouse Workshop

October 29 (Saturday), 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. Turn a dried gourd into a beautiful birdhouse.

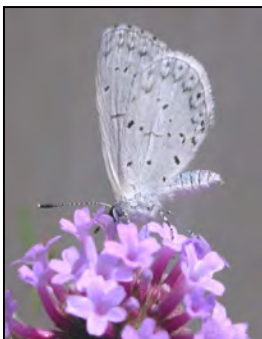
Learn how to clean, decorate, and maintain these natural homes.

Cost: \$12. Register and pay by Friday, October 14. Make checks payable to Friends of Havenwoods. (Adults)



Butterfly Count 2011

Our butterfly counting crew discovered a new species! Summer Azure butterflies have probably been here for years, but no one had ever identified



them. Since we "discovered" them, we thought we should have naming rights. Instead of Summer Azure, we would like to call them Spastic Blues. If you go out with a net intending to catch one, you will discover why we think Spastic Blue is a fitting name! We also decided that *Butterflies Through Binoculars: The East* by Jeffery Glassberg was the best field guide to butterflies.

Between the two Saturday counts in July, we counted a total of 169 butterflies (12 species). Since we started keeping records (about 1983), we have documented 32 species of butterflies and skippers at Havenwoods. As you work, play, and rest here, be on the watch for butterflies. You can report your sightings to me or other staff. Happy butterfly watching! Beth

Knowing our Place

The author of this quote, Barbara Kingsolver, has written numerous thought-provoking books about nature and our human relationship to it. She was trained as a biologist and has a strong understanding of ecological relationships, the roots of numerous environmental problems, and promising efforts to turn around some of those problems.

Two of her recent books that may be of interest are:




Small Wonder, 2002 (essays)

Animal, Vegetable, Miracle, 2007 (nonfiction account of her family's commitment to eating "locally")

People need wild places. Whether or not we think we do, we do. We need to be able to taste grace and know once again that we desire it. We need to experience a landscape that is timeless, whose agenda moves at a pace of speciation and glaciers. To be surrounded by a singing, mating, howling commotion of other species, all of which love their lives as much as we do ours; and none of which could possibly care less about our economic status or running day calendar. Wilderness puts us in our place. It reminds us that our own plans are small and somewhat absurd. It reminds us why, in those cases in which our plans might influence many future generations, we ought to choose carefully. Barbara Kingsolver, author, from *Small Wonder*, 2002



September 2011 – Havenwoods’ Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
  			<p>1 Open 7:45—4:30 Larry 10:15 - 7:00</p>	<p>2 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 7:45 - 4:30</p>	<p>3 Open 9:00 - 2:00 Volunteer – Judy D</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>5 CLOSED for Labor Day</p>	<p>6 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 7:45 - 4:30</p>	<p>7 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 10:15 - 7:00</p>	<p>8 Open 7:45—4:30 Larry off</p>	<p>9 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry off</p>	<p>10 Open 9 - 2:00 Volunteers – Betty & Al S.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 7:45—4:30</p>	<p>13 Open Larry 7:45 - 4:30</p>	<p>14 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 10:15—7:00</p>	<p>15 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry off</p>	<p>16 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 10:15—7:00</p>	<p>17 Open 9 - 2:00 Volunteer—Lou Jane G Larry 7:45—4:30</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 7:45—4:30</p>	<p>20 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 10:00—6:45</p>	<p>21 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry off</p>	<p>22 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 10:00—6:45</p>	<p>23 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 7:45—4:30</p>	<p>24 Open 9:00— 2:00 Volunteer—Lorraine S Larry 7:45 - 4:30</p> <p>Adult Birding Hike 8:00 - 10:00 am</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 7:45 - 4:30</p>	<p>27 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 7:45 - 4:30</p>	<p>28 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 9:45—6:30</p>	<p>29 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 9:45 - 6:30</p>	<p>30 Open 7:45 - 4:30 Larry 7:45 - 4:30</p>	