



The Friends of Hawthorn Hollow Newsletter

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Kenosha Community Foundation & Hawthorn Hollow:

Interpretative Trail Project

Hawthorn Hollow Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum is proud to announce that it has once again received a grant from the 2021 Creativity by Kids (CBK) Small Grant Program, a branch of the Kenosha Community Foundation. The grant was awarded to create a new interpretive trail featuring cultural, historical, and environmental landmarks, as well as a new nature scavenger hunt program. This is the second CBK Small Grant awarded to Hawthorn Hollow, after last year's grant to create the Mother Nature and Me program. The CBK Small Grant Program is funded by the Clark-Barber Family Fund and the Kubasiewicz Family Trust, and specifically awards funds to groups offering programs in the arts or that focus on our understanding of the natural world.

Partners in Growth



Mother Nature & Me

This Spring and Summer, Hawthorn Hollow will be putting on the "Mother Nature and Me" series, a collection of environmental education programs that are designed to foster connections to nature through play, art, science and literacy. This program was made possible by our 2020 CBK grant from the Kenosha Community Foundation, but the series was postponed due to COVID. The program is designed for young children and an adult caregiver to learn together through a shared experience.

Topics for these programs will include water, mud, sticks, wildlife, flowers, trees and others. An art activity will be included in all programs, such as mud & water color painting, nature collage, leaf rubbings, mud sculptures, and more.



2021 is Going to be Out of This World!

2021 Observatory Weekly Series

Beneath the Cosmos

This event offers a relaxing tour of the night sky with the use of our zero-gravity chairs. We use a laser pointer to identify stars, planets, galaxies, constellations, and other objects of interest while explaining their relationships and significance.

Through the Lens

Take turns looking through our telescope at binary stars, dim planets, galaxies, and other sky objects. Between individual views in the observatory, receive a guided sky tour outside under the stars to get the big picture of what you see in the telescope.

Wine Wednesdays

Relax in a zero-gravity chair with your own wine or beverage you bring while we guide you through the night sky, using our laser pointer to show you stars, planets, constellations, and tell stories of their origins.
No beverages will be for sale at this event.

Small Eyes Under the Skies

Bring the family out to and take a trip through the solar system as we learn about the size and distance of our closest neighbors. Take our interactive trip followed by an adventure through the telescope to view the planets and other amazing objects.

For more info and to register, visit www.hawthornhollow.org/observatory/

You Can Make a Difference!

Volunteer Opportunities at Hawthorn Hollow in 2021

Get Your Hands Dirty!

Hawthorn Hollow is looking for volunteers to roll up their sleeves and dig in! Help is needed in Margaret's Garden to get it ready for the

season. We are also looking for help with some more intensive landscaping work around the property, such as buckthorn removal, river cleanup, ecology restoration, and of course our famous Garlic Mustard Pulling Party (*see ad below*). If you are interested in volunteering for any of these important jobs, please email us at thehollow@hawthornhollow.org.



2021 Volunteer Opportunities

- ♦ 04/24: Heritage Farmstead Volunteer Day
- ♦ 05/01: Garlic Mustard Pull Party
- ♦ 05/08: Birds & Plants Event
- ♦ 06/18: Concert Series-Indigo Canyon
- ♦ 07/16: Concert Series-Cactii
- ♦ 08/13: Concert Series-Sweet Sheiks
- ♦ 09/11: Walk in the Woods Art Fair

In addition, there is an ongoing need for gardening and ecosystem management volunteers

Email thehollow@hawthornhollow.org for more information

Garlic Mustard Pull Party & Luncheon!



**Saturday
May 1st
9am-Noon**

Join us for a morning with friends, family, and nature enthusiasts as we clear garlic mustard for our spring ephemerals. Afterwards, enjoy a delectable lunch of garlic mustard entrees made by Hawthorn Hollow staff in appreciation of your help.

Heritage Farmstead Volunteer Day

Come volunteer Saturday, April 24th and help get our Heritage Farmstead ready for the season! We will need help establishing new garden beds and clearing old plants. Be sure to dress for the weather! Boots and clothes you don't mind getting dirty are recommended. We will meet at the Nature Center (near the parking lot) at 10:00am that morning. Please email agarren@hawthornhollow.org or call 262-552-8196 to register. Thanks for your support!



Ravine Project Holds Water

Last November we saw the construction of our Wetland Restoration for Ravine Protection Project completed. We seeded the entire area and waited to see how the project would perform. As you can see, the project is holding water! All of this snowmelt would have rushed to the ravine, aggravating the erosion problem. While water is still making its way to the ravine, it's at a much lower volume and moving slower, which is exactly what we hoped for.

We are also excited to see the fall seeding is now germinating. This growing season we will continue with vegetation establishment, including tree & shrub planting and supplemental seeding, as well as our invasive species control efforts for reed canary grass, buckthorn, multiflora rose, autumn olive, and more. We will also begin to install a trail system through the project area, with the goal of opening up the area to the public next year.



NEW FRIENDS OF HAWTHORN HOLLOW MEMBERS

Nancy Humphrey
Barbara Schroeder
Jacob Tercek
Mike & Sue Vaal

PLANT SALE DONATIONS WANTED!

Please Divide your Plants
and Donate Extras Before May 7!

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Pike River Benefit Concert Series

A Fundraiser for Hawthorn Hollow
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Friday, June 18
INDIGO CANYON

Friday, July 16
CACTII

Friday, August 13
SWEET SHEIKS

\$10/PERSON
FOOD & BEVERAGES AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE
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All shows
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BIRDS & Plants



*A plant sale and bird walk
fundraising event*

**Saturday, May 8th
9:00am-3:00 p.m.**

Enjoy the beauty and diversity of Spring at Hawthorn Hollow. Listen and look for migrating birds and wildflowers throughout the forest. Native plants and maple syrup will be for sale during this fundraising event.

*Thinning out your home garden?
Support us by donating potted plants
by May 7th. Thank you!*

SPRING EVENTS

April

4/16 Night Hike*	7:30 pm
4/22 Gateway Virtual Earth Day Event	1:30 pm
4/23 Pond Discovery-Frogs & Toads*	5:30 pm
4/29 Bird Walk	5:30 pm

May

5/01 Garlic Mustard Pull Party	9:30 am
5/06 Bird Walk	5:30 pm
5/08 Birds & Plants	9:00 am
5/08 Mother Nature & Me: Mud*	1:30 pm
5/12 Night Hike*	7:45 pm
5/13 Bird Walk	5:30 pm
5/20 Bird Walk	5:30 pm
5/21 Trellis Workshop*	5:30 pm
5/22 Wildflower Walk*	10:00 am

June

6/05 Mother Nature & Me: Plants*	1:30 pm
6/13 Mother Nature & Me: Nature Sounds*	1:30 pm
6/18 Concert Series: Indigo Canyon	6:00 pm
6/24 Lunar Yoga*	6:00 pm
6/26 Wildflower Walk*	10:00 am

*Registration Required

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