



Hawthorn Hollow Newsletter

Summer 2022

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Farmstead Grants for 2022

As a private non-profit organization, Hawthorn Hollow depends on the generosity of others to fund our facilities, programs, and operations. Much of this funding comes from grants received through businesses and private foundations.

The Heritage Farmstead at Hawthorn Hollow has been the recipient of numerous grants over the years, and this year is no exception. The **Racine Community Foundation** and Racine-based consumer goods company **SC Johnson** have both renewed their commitment to our farm program with generous grants to help fund the Growing Healthy program, which is an on-going collaborative educational project between Racine Unified School District, The Eco-Justice Center, and Hawthorn Hollow advancing nutrition and science education for children.



Experts testing the mud kitchen.

SC Johnson also generously funded the Organic Outreach program for 2022, which employs young adults and gives them an opportunity to learn about organic gardening, nutrition, beekeeping, and farmers market operations. Organic Outreach staff also participates in community outreach through food

bank donations. The program emphasizes workplace diversity and provides valuable job skills to local youth.

The **Kenosha Community Foundation** awarded Hawthorn Hollow a Creativity by Kids grant to help build a series of interactive learning stations at the farmstead, including a sound wall, mud kitchen, and weather wall. These learning stations were recently completed and are open to the young (and young at heart). Stop by the farmstead and check them out!

Welcome, Emily!

Hawthorn Hollow is proud to announce Emily Leonard has joined the team as our new Ecologist! Emily has a background in both research and environmental education and was most recently a Naturalist Educator and the Citizen Science Coordinator at Schlitz Audubon Nature Center. Previously, she worked with the National Ecological Observatory Network, USDA, and the University of Wisconsin system. She's also currently an Adjunct Instructor at the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design where she teaches natural science courses to students working toward a Bachelor's Degree in the Arts.

Emily's primary interests and experiences have involved restoration, invasive species management, and plant-animal interactions. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Natural Resources and Biology with an emphasis in Ecological Restoration from Northland College in Ashland, WI, and her Master's in Ecology from Utah State University.

Growing up in Pleasant Prairie, Emily has been fascinated by nature all her life, and has been visiting Hawthorn Hollow for

as long as she can remember. "But it wasn't until College that I really explored the property" she said. "I would hike the trails during spring break to help me study for my botany classes, quizzing myself on the spring ephemerals and trees. How funny it is to think about that now!"

Emily is planning to focus on studying and supporting habitat creation for rare, threatened, or endangered species in the area. "Specifically, I'm interested in uncommon pollinators, amphibians, reptiles and birds in addition to rare plant species" she says. She's also planning on expanding Hawthorn Hollow's ecological education programs, while introducing new citizen scientist opportunities to get the public more involved in Hawthorn Hollow's ecological studies. Welcome to the team, Emily!



Emily Leonard

Tipi Time!

On June 4th, Hawthorn Hollow was the host of Keepers of the Flame: A Potawatomi Experience, in memory of Keith Jones. Native American expert Skip Twardosz gave a history talk, led participants down the Old Indian Trail, and showed them our wigwam and tipi. If you'd like to visit them, our wigwam is still located at the north end of the Old Indian trail, while the tipi is available for public viewing in the Southwest corner of our restored prairie until the last week of August. Come visit the tipi and take some photos while it's here for a limited time! Please use caution and supervise children closely while visiting our wigwam and tipi.



Visit us at the Public Market

On Saturday, Aug 13th come visit the Heritage Farmstead stand at the Kenosha Public Market! We'll be sharing information about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and new programs coming to Hawthorn Hollow. Also, we will be selling produce from the Heritage Farmstead, merchandise from the Two Sisters Boutique, and, of course, syrup! See you there!



Helping the Hollow

Summer is in full swing here at Hawthorn Hollow, and that means it's time to meet our latest group of seasonal staff! Our seasonal grounds staff of Davlin, Jenna, Colby, and Leia have been hard at work cutting, mowing, trimming, hauling, mulching, and doing whatever else they can to help Hawthorn Hollow become even more beautiful. Nicole is an intern working on restoration ecology projects, her internship is funded through the Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program.



Down on the farm, our 2022 Organic Outreach crew is made up of Christie, Joseph, and Jedediah, seen to the right during a cooking class taught by Amy Macemon of UW-Extension. The Organic Outreach program is funded by a grant from SC Johnson, a Family Company (*see front page for more info*).



Meteoric!

Stargazing enthusiasts wait all year for the Perseid meteor shower each August. At its peak, this shower consistently produces dozens of shooting stars per hour and up to hundreds per hour when viewed from a dark spot, making it one of the most spectacular and reliable meteor showers visible from Earth.

This year, the Perseid meteor shower will reach its peak on the nights of Thursday, August 11, and Friday, August 12. Unfortunately, this year's peak also coincides with a full moon on August 11, but we will set up in the moon shadow of the observatory and be on the lookout for the brighter meteors to poke through the scattered moonlight.

Reserve your tickets for The Schoolyard Observatory Perseids Meteor shower event on Friday, August 12, and enjoy a relaxing display of the meteors as you lie back in our zero gravity chairs. Tickets for this event go fast so reserve yours today!



Weddings & Events at Hawthorn Hollow

Visit hawthornhollow.org/weddings for more info or to book a tour.



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Good Condition Only, Please

- DEHUMIDIFIER
- CHICKEN FEED & BIRD SEED
- UTILITY SHED (OBSERVATORY)
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- FLOWERING CRAB TREE
- UTILITY MATS
- 1000 FT YELLOW NYLON ROPE
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THE HERITAGE FARMSTEAD AT HAWTHORN HOLLOW PRESENTS

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

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SUMMER EVENTS

August

8/9 Wire Wrapping Workshop.....	6:00 pm
8/11 Lunar Yoga*.....	6:00 pm
8/12 Drum Circle.....	7:00 pm
8/12 Night Hike*.....	9:00 pm
8/12 Perseid Meteor Shower*.....	11:00 pm
8/13 HH @ Kenosha Public Market.....	9:00 am
8/13 Wildflowers of Season Walk*.....	10:00 am
8/14 Drum Making Workshop*.....	2:00 pm
8/19 Concert - Cosmic Railroad.....	6:00 pm
8/24 Beekeeping: Honey Harvest*.....	5:30 pm
8/26 Night Hike*.....	9:00 pm

September

9/10 Walk in the Woods Art Fair.....	10:00 am
9/24 Wildflowers of Season Walk*.....	10:00 am

*Registration Required

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