



# Hawthorn Hollow Newsletter

Summer 2023

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## OVER TWO MILES OF TRAILS NOW OPEN!

On July 15, Hawthorn Hollow Ecologists Lori Artiomow and Emily Leonard cut the ribbon on over 2 miles of new trails, formally opening them to the public. This event, the single biggest trail expansion in Hawthorn Hollow's history, marked a significant milestone in our mission to cultivate appreciation, understanding, and stewardship of our natural and local heritage through environmental education and sanctuary preservation.

One of the most notable features of this new area is a restored wetland. Hawthorn Hollow's Wetland Restoration for Ravine Protection project, completed in 2022,

included the installation of a shallow basin that captures and stores storm water runoff. This new wetland provides wildlife habitat, improves the health of the Pike River and offers remarkable views for visitors. One of the highlights of this area is the Richardson boardwalk, which allows visitors to walk above the restored wetland and gain a new perspective on this ecosystem.

Thank you to everyone who has worked on this project since Hawthorn Hollow first acquired this land back in 2016. It is through the support of our generous donors and dedicated volunteers and staff that we are able to bring you this new experience!



*Ecologists Lori & Emily cut the ribbon on Hawthorn Hollow's new trail network*

## Fueling the Future at Hawthorn Hollow

As a non-profit foundation, Hawthorn Hollow depends on outside financial support to operate. Hawthorn Hollow has received a number of both new and renewed grants and donations to support a variety of educational, operational, and maintenance projects. These are some of the gifts we've received.

The **Natural Resource Foundation of Wisconsin** awarded Hawthorn Hollow a \$1000 grant from the Norma and Stanley DeBoer Quiet Trails Fund. This will fund directional and educational signage for our new 2.5 mile trail system. The Norma and Stanley DeBoer Quiet Trails Fund provides funding to support the creation and maintenance of quiet trails (e.g., walking, hiking, or skiing) in Wisconsin.



*New Trail Signs*

soon. Scott also donated our new trail map located on the Hyslop Nature Center, as well as banners for the Pike River

Speaking of signs, thank you to our friend Scott Shumway and his team at **Creative Designs Custom Signs** for fabricating our new trail signs at a reduced price, as well as educational signage that will be installed

Benefit Concert Series and the upcoming Walk in the Woods Art Fair. Also donating banners for these events is the team at **Design Partners, Inc.** in Racine.

The **Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium** awarded Hawthorn Hollow \$2,000 to fund our Restored Wetland Retention and Enhancement Project. SEWISC's assistance program helped us purchase herbicide and hire help for this project and will help us better manage invasive species in the wetland restoration area on the new property.

Down at the Heritage Farmstead, the Organic Outreach program, funded by long-time supporters, **SC Johnson** and the **Racine Community Foundation**, is in full swing. The Organic Outreach program employs high school students in sustainable organic gardening and teaches them about the operations of a farm from seed, to harvest, to market.



*Organic Outreach cooking demonstration with Foodwise/UW-Extension*

These are just a few of the gifts Hawthorn Hollow has received recently. Thank you to all who support Hawthorn Hollow's programs, we couldn't do it without you!



# 2023's New Faces at the Hollow



Every year, a host of new and familiar faces shows up at Hawthorn Hollow during the summer, whether to volunteer or to work as seasonal employees. This year, Andres has joined us as our seasonal grounds staff, along with dedicated arborists Gavin & Matt. Our new Heritage Farmstead Manager Caitlin has been working hard with our Organic Outreach staff. Former part time grounds staffer Sam Specia returned this summer for an Internship through the Environmental Studies program at Marquette University and will be assisting with invasive species & restoration projects while designing and conducting plant & animal surveys. Hallie & Ryan are volunteering working the grounds through the Boys & Girls Club. And as always, Hawthorn Hollow's volunteer army, which includes Mark, Jane, Helmut, Tom, Dave, Shelly, Steve, Cameron, Brayden, and Diana, along with many others, makes it possible to hold all the events and programs that make this the special place that it is. Thank you to everyone for your hard work!



## Blue Bird Monitoring

This year, Ron Cascarano has been in charge of monitoring Hawthorn Hollow's bluebird nesting boxes for the Bluebird Restoration Association of WI. Ron compiles data about nests, eggs, and numbers of fledglings to help keep track of bluebird populations.



*Ron checking a nesting box*

Ron reported that Hawthorn Hollow had the earliest fledged bluebirds in our area, leaving the nest in early May. We had four fledged bluebirds recorded with another 5 babies in an arboretum nesting box in early July. Three of Hawthorn Hollow's nesting boxes had bluebirds this year. One box had bluebirds twice, which could have been from the same parents. Black-capped chickadees, house wrens, and tree swallows also used the nesting boxes this year.

Thank you to Ron and all our other bird enthusiasts for helping us keep track of our fine feathered friends!

## HAWTHORN HOLLOW WISH LIST

Here's a few items we could use down at the Hollow.

Good condition only, please

- **NITRILE GLOVES**
- **PAPER TOWEL-FOLDED**
- **LAUNDRY SOAP**
- **OFFICE PAPER**
- **CLEANING SUPPLIES**
- **BIRD SEED**
- **GRASS SEED**
- **LARGE CORK BOARD**
- **FIRE PIT**
- **SHED FOR OBSERVATORY**
- **TAXIDERMY/FURS**
- **FLASHLIGHTS/ SPOT LIGHTS/ HEADLAMPS**
- **PAPER BAGS**
- **PALLET PULLER**
- **HAND PRUNERS**
- **BLACK SHARPIES**
- **6 FOOT REUSABLE TABLE COVERS**
- **PAINTING EASELS**
- **CHEMICAL CABINET**

Thank you for your support!



# Space Camp!

The Heide Observatory held it's inaugural Space Camp from June 28 to July 1. Observatory Director Dr. William Parker and Manager Chad Jocius led 15 students in performing experiments in physics, gazing at the night sky, creating air-rockets, and even designing their very own exoplanets. Keep your eyes peeled for info about our next Space Camp!



*Students at Space Camp taking part in activities both inside and out.*



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**AT HAWTHORN HOLLOW NATURE SANCTUARY & ARBORETUM**

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\$10/PERSON AT GATE (CASH ONLY, PLEASE)  
NO CARRY-INS  
FOOD & BEVERAGES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

**FRIDAY JUNE 23**  
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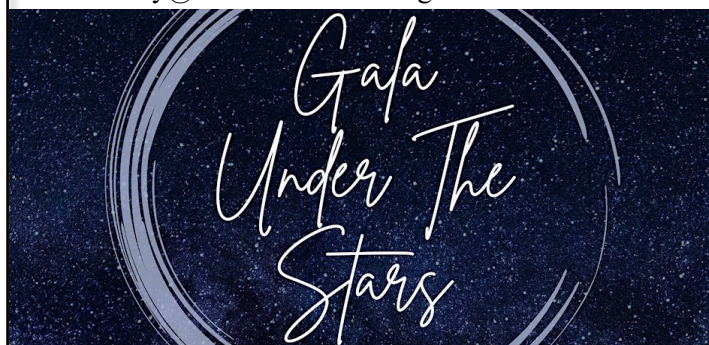
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## A Gala Evening at the Heide Observatory

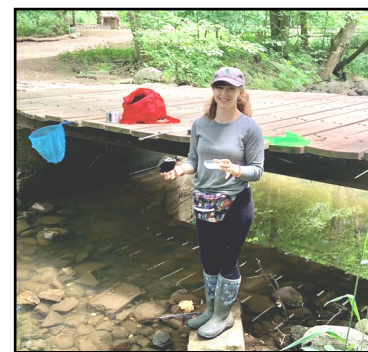
The Charles and Kathryn Heide Observatory invites you to our 2023 Gala Under the Stars on Saturday, Sept 30. Help support our mission to connect members of our community with the universe through observing and studying the sky. Each ticket you purchase secures a spot to celebrate our ongoing work while enjoying food and beverage under the twilight sky. Meet other supporters while you learn about the history, activities, and future plans for the observatory. Help support the observatory through direct contributions and a raffle.

Tickets and more info are available at [hawthornhollow.org/observatory](http://hawthornhollow.org/observatory). For group rates or if you have any questions, please send us an email at [observatory@hawthornhollow.org](mailto:observatory@hawthornhollow.org).



## We Were Bioblitzed!

Hawthorn Hollow, in partnership with the Kenosha Public Museum, held our first Bio-Blitz on June 30-July 1. Over 35 participants surveyed and catalogued more than 422 observations of 272 different plant and animal species during a 24-hour period.



The objective of a BioBlitz is to identify and document as many species as possible within the designated area and time. Participants use a variety of methods to survey plants, animals, fungi, and other organisms in the ecosystem. The data collected during the BioBlitz helps inform land management decisions, guide conservation strategies, and provide a baseline for monitoring ecosystem health and changes at Hawthorn Hollow over time.







## HAWTHORN HOLLOW

NATURE SANCTUARY AND ARBORETUM

880 Green Bay Rd  
Kenosha, WI 53144



The Thursday Morning Club Overlook,  
now open in Margaret's Garden



HAWTHORN HOLLOW  
NATURE SANCTUARY AND ARBORETUM

# Walk in the Woods Art Fair

Art ~ Music ~ Food

**Saturday, September 9**  
10 AM - 4 PM

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NATURE SANCTUARY AND ARBORETUM

## LATE SUMMER EVENTS

### August

8/12 Perseid Meteor Shower*	9:00 pm
8/16 Lunar Yoga*	6:00 pm
8/16 Night Hike*	9:00 pm
8/18 Concert-Ben Mulwana	6:00 pm
8/26 Wildflower Walk*	10:00 am

### September

9/01 Night Hike*	8:00 pm
9/09 Walk in the Woods Art Fair	10:00 am
9/13 Night Hike*	8:00 pm
9/14 Lunar Yoga*	6:00 pm
9/22 Concert-KR Bluegrass	6:00 pm
9/23 Wildflower Walk*	10:00 am
9/30 Observatory Gala*	6:00 pm

\*Registration Required

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