

HAWTHORN HOLLOW

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Changing of the Guard

Hello, Everyone –

We're so excited here at the Hollow to announce some changes on the Hawthorn Hollow Friends Board of Directors. We're

losing some dear friends, but will keep them close and make them promise to stay in touch! We're looking forward to a fantastic year.



Kate Jerome; new Friends of Hawthorn Hollow president

Outgoing board members

Nancy Girman was one of the original Friends of Hawthorn Hollow Board of Directors back in 1988. That's saying a lot! She left the Board for a few years, but her dedication to Hawthorn Hollow led her back to serve on the Board, again. She has seen the Friends of Hawthorn Hollow membership grow to almost 200, with 21 lifetime members.

Greg Bates, owner of Bates Law Office, has served on the Friends of Hawthorn Hollow Board for over 14 years and as President for 6 years. His legal expertise has been a great asset to this organization, and we hope he continues to lend his skills as pancake maker at the annual Birds and Breakfast!

Tom Schleif is the Director of the Kenosha History Center and helped coordinate the 1906 School House program for Kenosha Unified School District 3rd graders. We will miss his enthusiasm and dedication to the children.

New board members

Dan Lyons, a Kenosha native and a long-time friend of Hawthorn Hollow, has joined the Friends Board. Besides his terrific skills at managing buckthorn, prickly ash and garlic mustard, he has spent many years helping out with projects at the Hollow. Dan got his first job as a teenager, working on the grounds in 1999. From his first project – repaving the tractor road with attractive red granite gravel – to his last – the most recent painting of the historical buildings near the restored prairie – he has enjoyed rolling up his sleeves and really getting his hands dirty to make a difference in Hawthorn's appearance over the years. He returns to the greater Chicago area where he now does research on embodied physics learning in a cognitive neuroscience lab at the University of Chicago. He looks forward to contributing to the ongoing projects to improve the grounds and safeguard the native wildlife found at Hawthorn Hollow.



Nancy Carlson has been leading youth field trips here since last year. She also works as the program coordinator for the We All Take Environmental Responsibility (WATER) program. She is a local naturalist with six years of experience in water quality testing for both the DNR's Water Action Volunteers and ephemeral pond monitoring programs. Nancy has course work in water quality and has taught numerous water quality programs, including; "River Connections" for the Urban Ecology Center in Milwaukee, "Testing the Waters" and "River Reflections" for Riveredge Nature Center in Newburg, and "SWIMR" for River Bend Nature Center in Racine. 2012 will be Nancy's fifth year teaching water quality to Racine 4th graders.

Jim Sieger has spent the last 35 years or so in commercial landscape maintenance, owning his own business from 1977 to 1999. He has been a maintenance accounts manager with Kenosha Grounds Care since May of 1999. His appreciation of native plants goes back to high school where he frequented the Chiwaukee Prairie. He's since worked at establishing wetlands and prairies, always using his love of native plants as a driving force. Once discovering the Hollow, he was hooked. Welcome Jim!



WATER for the 4th & 7th Graders



determine the water quality of the Root River. They explore aquatic life and learn how certain species are indicators of the water quality of the River.

This year's 7th graders participated in the WATER program in 2008, which provides a valuable opportunity to reinforce their connections to the watershed they live in. The program will bring 7th graders to Lake Michigan for a water quality study and service learning project through the Adopt-a-Beach Program.

The program is being coordinated by new Friends of Hawthorn Hollow board member Nancy Carlson. The Alliance for the Great Lakes is a partner on the project and providing matching funds in order to reach a larger audience.

Hawthorn Hollow is sponsoring the WATER program for Racine Unified School District's 4th and 7th graders, thanks to a grant received from Root-Pike WIN. WATER (We All Take Environmental Responsibility) has been around for five years helps over 2,000 Racine students annually make connections to how their daily activities impact the watershed. Students discover what's going down storm drains and how it gets to Lake Michigan. The 4th graders have a unique opportunity to conduct scientific tests to

Aldo Leopold Benches are Here!

Come walk the trails of Hawthorn Hollow and enjoy the scenery resting on our new Aldo Leopold benches. Four of these benches replaced older existing benches, and two are installed in new locations. The new bench sites include a scenic view overlooking the river on the Lower Swamp Trail, and another on a bridge looking down a tributary to the Pike River on the North Hollow Trail.

Aldo Leopold, the renowned conservationist, designed this simple yet classic bench while he was the chairman of the UW's Department of Game Management in Madison. Leopold bought an old farm along the river in Sand County, WI, and spent a lot of time with his family nursing the land back to health, back to its native state. It was there that he wrote his "A Sand County Almanac" and constructed his famous wooden benches.

Three of the benches are available for adoption and include a plaque with an inscription of your liking.

Please call TJ for details, 262-552-8196.

New Look for the Newsletter

You may have noticed something different about the newsletter. That's because production has been moved in-house. The new layout and design features slightly more information and much lower printing costs.

We thank Julie Schilf of Schilf Graphics for volunteering her professional skills on our past newsletters. She did a wonderful job!



Fire Breaks for Prairie Burn!

The original prairie is losing its trees, thanks to another grant received from Root-Pike WIN. The grant is paying to have fire breaks installed around the prairie remnant and trees removed within it. This remnant is located north of the historic buildings, along the Prairie Trail.

According to records that we have, this remnant was never plowed and some of the original prairie plants are still growing there between the shade cast by the trees and shrubs that have been spreading into the remnant. We know that we've lost some of the earlier documented plants, such as prairie smoke (*Geum triflorum*). We plan to burn the remnant this fall, and with that, we hope to see some native plants return. It's not uncommon to have plants reappear once the habitat becomes suitable again. Their seeds and roots may still be viable in the soil. We'll find out in the next few years.



Welcome New Member:
Nancy P. Frost

New Lifetime Members:
Jim Franklin Family



Thank you to Mary Frost Ashley Charitable Trust, Patsy Callahan, FPS Tom Laken, Judy Richardson, and the Brookwood Foundation

Friends of Hawthorn Hollow Membership form

Enroll Me As:

Please Check

- ☐ New Member
☐ Renewal Member

- ☐ \$25 Robin
☐ \$50 Cardinal
☐ \$75 Oriole
☐ \$100 Hawk
☐ \$500 Eagle (Lifetime)
☐ ----- (other)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Date: _____

Please consider volunteering your talents by checking the following areas you are interested in:

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| ☐ Two Sisters Boutique | ☐ Birds and Breakfast |
| ☐ Holiday Boutique | ☐ Bake Sales |
| ☐ Walk in the Woods Art Fair | ☐ Land Restoration |
| ☐ Gardening | |

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CALENDER OF EVENTS



Thursday March 22nd

Pike River Future Meeting

Environmantal Corridors and Recreation Along the Pike River at Petrifying Springs Golf Course Bar and Grill. Please RSVP!

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday May 12th at Harborside Academy

The Summit: *Envisioning Pike River's Future*



Thursday April 19th

Going to Bat for the Bats

Join Bill Mueller from the Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory for a presentation on Wisconsin's bats. Wisconsin bats may soon be face to face with a very formidable foe. Learn about Wisconsin's bats, their ecology, and what threatens their survival. We will walk the trails and learn about the bats that flit in Hawthorn Hollow's sky.



Saturday May 12th

Birds and Breakfast

From 7:30 to 11:30am Come walk the trails, look for migrating birds, shop in the Two Sisters Boutique, and enjoy a hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and beverages. Tickets in advance are \$5 and \$7 at the door.