



HAWTHORN HOLLOW

NATURE SANCTUARY AND ARBORETUM

Calendar of Events

WALK IN THE WOODS ART FAIR

Saturday, Sept. 3rd
10am - 4pm

MONARCH MONITORING

September 6th - 23rd

Learn about and participate in catching and tagging monarchs for the Monarch Watch program. Families and scout troops are welcome.

Call 262.552.8196 for more information.

PRAIRIE WORK DAY

with Glacial Prairie

Saturday, Sept. 24th
9 am – noon

PIKE RIVER WATERSHED PLANNING

Overview Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 29th
5:30 – 7 pm

Please RSVP: 262.552.8196

Friends of Hawthorn Hollow ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, Nov. 12th
10 am – noon

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Sve the date!

Saturday, Sept. 24th

Pike Creek REVISITED!

Ruth and Margaret Teuscher spent many days with family and friends relaxing next to the Pike Creek in the area that is now the amphitheater. We know this because of the many photos the Teuscher sisters left behind. In the early days, a board across the creek would serve as a bridge. Next came a footbridge with railings. Over time the creek became wider and concrete abutments were installed to hold a stronger and more permanent bridge that wouldn't wash away in the floods.

From the time Ruth Teuscher purchased this land in 1935, Pike Creek went from a small creek that kids could jump over to a creek with a wide riverbed and steep eroded banks. The change was gradual. For many years wetlands were not considered to serve a purpose, so eventually most of the wetlands in the Pike River Watershed were ditched and drained. Many of the drained wetlands were first converted to agriculture.



Margaret sitting on plank bridge over the Pike Creek around 1940. This bridge is at same location as our current bridge.

As the population in south-east Wisconsin grew, roads were widened and paved. New roads were built. Businesses and industry spread into the watershed. When heavy rains came, the strategy was to quickly move the water off the roads, parking lots, and land and into nearby drainage ditches and streams. The result was more flooding downstream and stream bank erosion. Now we know that wetlands hold and store rainwater and gradually release it into groundwater and streams. Wetlands in a watershed help to buffer streams and rivers from flash flooding that scour away stream banks.

Today: Hawthorn Hollow is in the process of losing two trails as erosion washes our banks downstream into Lake Michigan



Margaret and the American Rock Garden Society standing on the bridge, May 29, 1971.

In an effort to find a way to solve this problem, Hawthorn Hollow is working with the Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network and the University of Wisconsin Extension on a project that will engage the public in Pike River Watershed restoration planning. The public is invited to attend and participate in monthly educational meetings beginning this fall. The project is being funded by the Greater Milwaukee Fund for Lake Michigan and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. To participate or learn more about this project, please contact us at 262.552.8196 or lori_hawthornhollow@wi.rr.com.

ATTACK: of the Japanese Beetles

Hawthorn Hollow is not immune or amused by the Japanese beetles that have moved onto the premises. As of this writing, it's the European little leaf linden that these beetles are consuming. Some of their favorite trees are Japanese maple, Norway maple, apple and crabapple, plum and cherry, Pin oak, American mountain-ash, and both American and European linden.

Some of the trees they don't like are red maple, hickory, redbud, dogwood, and ash. Good thing for the ash because they have enough to worry about with the emerald ash borer. In addition to trees, these beetles feed on a number for bushes, perennials, and annuals.

Adults are 3/8 inch long with a metallic greenish copper head, legs and abdomen, tan wing covers and a series of white dots along the side of the abdomen.



Japanese beetles munching on a linden, leaving the skeletal remains of a leaf behind.

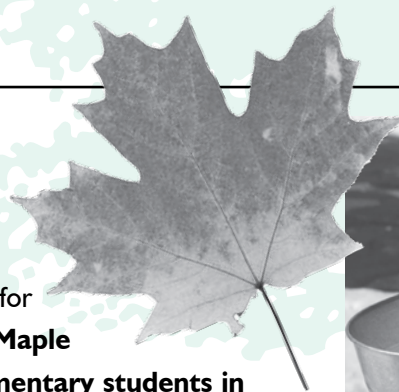
Like the emerald ash borer, the Japanese beetle is an invasive species that was accidentally introduced to the U.S. The Japanese beetle was first discovered at a nursery in New Jersey in 1916. By 1972, beetle infestations were reported in 22 states. The Japanese beetle has been in Wisconsin for few years, but seems to be making its first major impact in this part of southeast Wisconsin this year.

Control of this beetle is multi-tiered, since its larvae feed on the roots of grass, making it both an above- and below-ground pest. The United States Department of Agriculture Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service has their *Managing the Japanese Beetle: A Homeowner's Handbook* available on the web and lists a variety of strategies homeowners can take to control these pests. Within the next few weeks, we will likely be hearing from local sources about the best way to deal with this pest, which, unfortunately, is here to stay.

COMING SOON!

Mary's Sugar Shack

Thanks to the generosity of the Mary Frost Ashley Foundation, Hawthorn Hollow will be building a sugar shack and purchasing evaporation equipment for our Maple Sugarin' program that began this spring. **Maple Sugarin' fieldtrips will again be offered to elementary students in March 2012, and we will be adding adult classes on the weekends.** During her life, Mary Frost Ashley was on the Hyslop Foundation board of directors and a long-time supporter of Hawthorn Hollow. We thank her foundation for its generous support.



"WALK IN THE WOODS"

ART FAIR

**Saturday, September 3, 2011
10 am – 4 am**

Don't miss the 19th annual "Walk in the Woods" Art Fair this Labor Day weekend. This fair has grown to be one of the more popular and well respected in southeastern Wisconsin, where over 60 artists display their creations along the wooded trails and gardens of Hawthorn Hollow. Enjoy live entertainment throughout the day, face painting, food and beverages, and bid on the Silent Auction. A \$4.00 donation per vehicle is requested.

Come and enjoy a beautiful day combining fine art with music and nature.

Welcome TJ Leveque

This past April TJ Leveque joined the Hawthorn Hollow team as the new Grounds Curator. TJ graduated from University of WI Parkside with a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Environmental Geography. He studied Biological Invasion, Landscape Ecology, and Dendrochronology, under Friends of Hawthorn Hollow board member, Dr. Joy Wolf. TJ has been a frequent volunteer at Hawthorn Hollow helping out with the "Walk in the Woods" art fair and work days since 2006.



TJ Leveque, Grounds Curator

As the Grounds Curator, TJ is responsible for maintaining and shaping the appearance of not only beautiful landscapes, but also the care of a diverse woody plant collection in the approximately 40 acres. This summer, TJ has taken the lead in organizing our Pike Creek Benefit Concert Series, which has been a great success. Kevin Grissom's and Brent Mitchell's performance in the beginning of July was a rockin' good evening. Macyn Taylor's provided us with a perfect acoustic evening along the Pike, ushering us out of July. August 5th brought TJ's local bluegrass band, *American Folk*; a 6 piece string band playing originals and familiar covers.

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TRAIL NOTES...

Prairie Plants See the Light

Thanks go to the Glacial Prairie Chapter of The Prairie Enthusiasts who sponsored a work party at Hawthorn Hollow's original prairie on Saturday July 9th. Glacial Prairie and Hawthorn Hollow volunteers worked all morning clearing brush and trees, allowing sunshine to once again light up the plants on the prairie. While much work remains, we were all surprised by the amount we cleared when we finished that morning. Clearing trees and brush will continue over the next few years, until the prairie begins to reach its former glory.

If you would like more information about southeast Wisconsin's Glacial Prairie Chapter of The Prairie Enthusiasts, please contact Tori Graham at 630.346.2181.

*From left: TJ Leveque,
Lori Artiomow, Emma Jung,
Alexandra Handlos, Tori Graham, & Jim Sieger.
Photographer and volunteer, Charles Heide.*



In the foreground, starting left: Joan Madsen, Linda Borneman, & Dale Madsen.