



HAWTHORN HOLLOW

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50 Years at Hawthorn Hollow

Looking Back

In January of 1935, Ruth and Margaret Teuscher, two schoolteacher sisters from Racine, headed south to visit a 40-acre tract of land advertised in the local newspaper. The sisters were interested in purchasing the property to board Ruth's horse and give themselves a retreat from the city on weekends.

As they neared the edge of the property, one of their dogs lit out after a stray cat. When the sisters followed, they found a beautiful, serene vision tucked into the woods. The Pike River flowed lazily through a small valley, and a majestic grove of hawthorn trees stood guard along its banks. The property had been untouched for decades. Ruth called it "just wild land." She began the process of purchasing the plot immediately.

Over the years, Ruth and Margaret made improvements to the land, first building a fireplace and cooking stove for camping, establishing gardens, planting trees, and eventually building a house and stables. However, in their later years, they realized they would soon be unable to care for the land, and began exploring ways to preserve it in perpetuity.

H. Chris Hyslop was president of Barden's Department Store and a well-regarded businessperson in Kenosha. After retiring, he set up the Hyslop Foundation to preserve his legacy of community involvement. His search for a worthwhile cause brought him to the Teuscher's doorstep.

Sensing a mutually beneficial relationship, the Teuscher's began negotiating a transfer of the land to the Hyslop Foundation's ownership.

With their vision and hard work the land began to be transformed. The Hyslop Foundation oversaw the acquisition and relocation of three historic buildings to the property, the construction of a proper trail system, and the installation of a 12-acre arboretum, creating what we now know as Hawthorn Hollow Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum



H. Chris Hyslop, Margaret Teuscher, and Ruth Teuscher (L to R)

50 Years: Looking Ahead

On March 1st, Hawthorn Hollow opened its gates yet again to begin a new season of learning and enjoyment. This season, however, is a little different. 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the Hyslop Foundation's acquisition of the Hawthorn Hollow property from Ruth and Margaret Teuscher.

2017 promises to be an exciting year at Hawthorn Hollow. Planning is well underway on incorporating the new property that we have affectionately dubbed the Ozanne Outpost. We have already begun the development of a new Homestead Garden on the east end using the existing horse barn and building a new Honey House in the same area. Our new Naturalist Educator, Nancy Carlson (see article on pg. 2) has been busy developing a new field trip "Growing Healthy" to coincide with this new garden area.

The Schoolyard Observatory is in its final stages of tweaking and will be open this spring. Dan Lyons has been working hard

to bring this new chapter of education to HH and our community.

While there is plenty of big news on the horizon, there is also enough routine maintenance to keep everyone busy too. We continue to build on our quality educational programming combining nature, local history and horticulture. We are also preparing a wide slate of other activities and special events this season, including Birds and Breakfast, the Pike Creek Concert Series, and the Walk in the Woods Art Fair.

When H. Chris Hyslop and the Teuscher sisters made their gift to the community 50 years ago, their goal was preservation. Their vision was to ensure this special place was available to the public for education and enjoyment. While we embark on the next 50 years, our goals remain the same. We look forward to providing new opportunities to learn, explore, and enjoy this land as we expand and improve.

Welcome, Nancy!

Hawthorn Hollow is excited to welcome Nancy Carlson as our new Naturalist and Educator. She will be leading our educational programs with local schools and coordinating operations with other local environmental groups to generate new learning opportunities.



Nancy Carlson

Nancy has over 10 years of experience as a naturalist educator in Southeast Wisconsin. She developed the award-winning WATERshed program with Racine Unified School District and is in the process of expanding this program to Kenosha.

One of Nancy's passions is connecting kids to nature. "Growing up in the Chicago area, I discovered nature playing on vacant land near power lines, which was probably not safe" says Nancy with a chuckle. "I was able to wander and wonder by myself, catching snakes and

grasshoppers". As she grew up, this love of the natural world led her to focus her efforts on developing educational opportunities for kids with limited access to nature.

"I am eager to be part of the Hawthorn Hollow family, working on new projects, and helping to grow our educational vision for future generations" says

Nancy. One of her goals is to expand the volunteer base for the educational program. She has already coordinated with the Eco-Justice Center and RUSD to develop the Growing Healthy program, which teaches healthy eating habits and the role of food cultivation.

Nancy's goal is to provide high-quality environmental education believing that "if kids are able to make a personal connection to the natural world, they will be more likely to care about it their entire lives."



The Rusty Patched bumble bee became the first bee species to be listed as Federally Endangered on March 21, 2017. It was first discovered at HH in 2013 and has been found foraging here ever since.

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Schoolyard Observatory is Here at Last!



Installation of the Schoolyard Observatory dome was completed at the end of November 2016. The dome measures 5 meters (16 feet 5 inches) in diameter, and was manufactured by Ash Domes in Plainfield, IL.

Our newly installed 16-inch Meade LX-200 Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope.



Garlic Mustard Pull Party!



**saturday
May 6th
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.

Hawthorn Hollow Interns



Lina Chavez

Lina is an Environmental Studies major at Carthage College who will be graduating in May. She plans on entering the animal conservation field.



Jeremy Haag

Jeremy is a communications intern from Gateway Technical College. After he graduates in May, he plans on working with non-profit organizations while he continues his education.



Terence Pruitt

Terence is a Sociology major from University of Wisconsin-Parkside who will be graduating in May. He plans on going into social work and finding ways to help the community.



Ian Theiss

Ian is our spring Great Lakes Internship Program Participant from Carthage College. He is an Environmental Studies major and is minoring in Geoscience and Biology.



Spring flooding did a number on our bridge, tearing out multiple planks and making it impassible to vehicles and all but the hardest of souls.

On an unseasonably warm day, Dan Lyons and TJ Leveque replace bridge planking.



Our bridge stands ready to span the Pike River for years to come.

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23RD**



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**FRIDAY
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7TH**



The CRAZY CHESTERS
the music of The Band

**FRIDAY
AUGUST
4TH**



The WESTERLEES
old-timey hot jazz and western swing

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Birds and Breakfast

and
PLANT SALE
(Donations Wanted!)

Come walk the trails, look for migrating birds,
shop the Two Sister's Boutique and plant sale,
and enjoy a hearty breakfast of pancakes
with real maple syrup, sausage,
fresh fruit and beverages. 7-11am

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH

TICKETS IN ADVANCE: \$7
AT THE DOOR: \$9

Kenosha Ticket Outlets
Andrea's, Suburban Lawn & Garden, Alpaca Art
Racine Ticket Outlets
Funky Hannah's Beads, Sew and Save

UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information, please visit www.HawthornHollow.org

Sat. May 6th 9am-Noon
Garlic Mustard Pull Party

Sat. May 13th 7-11am
Birds and Breakfast

Sat. May 20th 10am-12:30
Creating a Garden Trellis

Sat. May 27th 10am-Noon
Spring Wildflower Walk

Sat. June 10th 10am-12:30
Sewcial Barn Quilting

Fri. June 23rd 6-9pm
Summer Concert Series - "Rust Belt"

Fri. July 7th 6-9pm
Summer Concert Series - "The Crazy Chesters"

Sat. July 22nd 10am-12:30
Bees and Waxwork Candle Making

Fri. August 4th 6-9pm
Summer Concert Series - "The Westerlees"

Sat. September 2nd 10am-4pm
"WALK IN THE WOODS" Art Fair