

Fall 2015

# Horizons

*The Voice of Friends of Havenwoods*

## *From the President*

**Fundraising Efforts.** In the last newsletter, I reported on our efforts to raise funds for this summer's Buds 'n Sprouts program. I'm happy to report this was very successful. Friends of Wisconsin State Parks (FWSP) awarded FOH a matching grant in the amount of \$1,000 with an FOH match of \$500 and \$500 of in-kind volunteer help. The online crowdfunding effort raised \$4,810, a 107% increase over the goal. Many thanks to everyone who donated to the garden program, either online or with a check. If you have some time, contact Judy Klippel or Laura Spencer (414-527-0232) if you can help to complete the \$500 of volunteer hours for this season. We will acknowledge and thank the donors at the annual volunteer dinner in November. I also want to thank Bayside Garden Center on Brown Deer Road and Home Depot on Port Washington Road for their donation of materials for the garden.

**Another fundraising initiative.** FOH submitted a 2015 Application to Miracle on Canal Street. The Potawatomi Hotel & Casino signature community program, now called



Judy Dollhausen (Friends' president) presents checks to Judy Klippel (forest superintendent) to help fund the kids' gardening program.

"Heart of Canal Street", has raised over \$14.6 million for charities since 1994. FOH was selected to be part of the random drawing that will take place in November to become a beneficiary of the 2015 Heart of Canal Street program. We have 3 additional chances to up the ante so watch for further information on FOH media.

**Annual Meeting.** The annual membership meeting and October FOH Board meeting will be held on October 13 at Havenwoods. The membership meeting will start at 6:30 pm with the FOH Board meeting to follow. Watch for the meeting notice and membership renewal in the mail in the next few weeks. We hope to have another nature presentation before the membership meeting.

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## From the Superintendent

by Judy Klippel

I can't believe it's almost fall. The summer just flew by. Lots of kids learning in nature, thousands of toads hopping up on shore, staff and volunteers working on the land, 11 days of greeting visitors at the State Fair, gardeners producing veggies in spite of rabbits and a determined woodchuck. Why, we even had Shakespeare under the maple trees. That's all part of summer past now, as we work towards our fall festival, September 26, 10:00 – 4:00.

The Havenwoods Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) is partnering with us for this festival. HEDC is conducting its second annual Run/Walk, which starts here at our trailhead and circles through the park. A 10K run starts at 9:30 and a 5K run at 10:00. Register

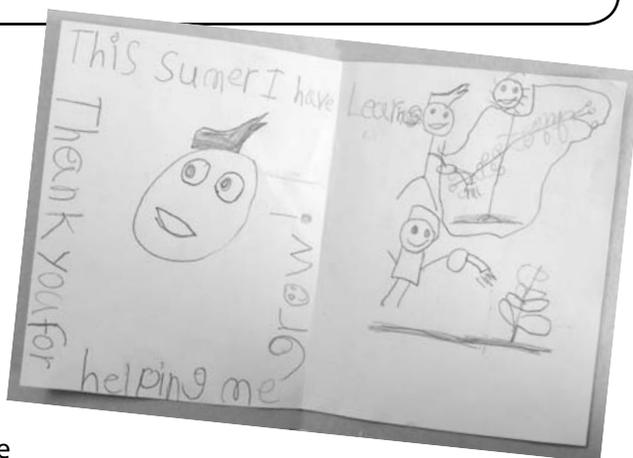
at <<https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/Milwaukee/Havenwoods5kRunWalkandHarvestFest>>. Both events end at the new Green Tree Community Garden at 6767 N. 60th Street. There will be awards and live music awaiting them. If you can come to the festival, bring your kids or grandkids, or bring your neighbors! We'll have something for all ages. There will be opportunities to explore nature on the trails with naturalists, meet live animals close up, create nature crafts, learn new skills, and play in nature. Check the Friends website <[friendsofhavenwoods.org](http://friendsofhavenwoods.org)> or call 414-527-0232 for the complete schedule.

Volunteers are needed to bake cookies for sale, help host activities, and help lead crafts. Call or email me at [judy.klippel@wi.gov](mailto:judy.klippel@wi.gov) if you would like to volunteer. Whether you come to volunteer, learn, or play, you can have a great time at Havenwoods.

## Sprouting a Solution

by Judy Klippel

Laura Spencer and Alex Boyes, who are partners in life, were the partners who developed the campaign to keep the Buds 'n Sprouts program growing this year, despite its initial lack of funds. Laura had conducted the program for two years and was excited about what it offers city kids. Alex encouraged her to see if crowdfunding would



provide the public support needed to fund the program and offered his help.

You couldn't find a better pair to move this effort forward. Alex has been an amateur photographer for many years, specializing in wildlife and landscapes. While working at Discovery World, he produced videos for them and got interested in videography. Now he produces videos for the Medical College. He produced the vimeo for the successful Buds 'n Sprouts crowdfunding effort. Laura has been a gardener since childhood. She came to Havenwoods staff with a diverse background in landscape architecture and teaching English abroad. She was able to combine her two interests – nature and teaching – in the garden programs at Havenwoods. So when Havenwoods ran low on donation money for the program, and Alex encouraged her, she stepped forward, and talked with the Friends about the crowdfunding campaign. Laura's role in the vimeo and the text she wrote for the website spoke volumes about her passion for gardening with kids. Laura and Alex provided all their time and skills free towards raising the funds for this program. Thank you both for a wonderful success!

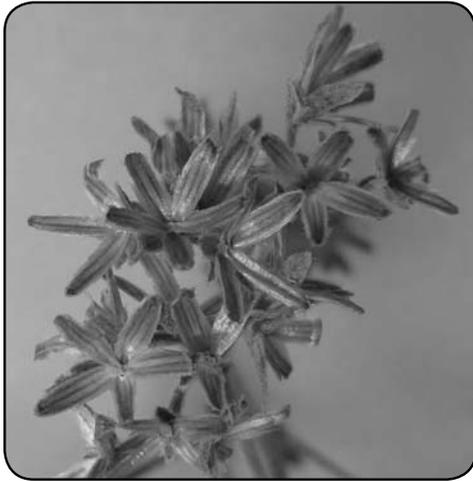


# Mystery Photos!

by Beth Mittermaier, Conservation Biologist

## Mystery Photo #24 (the new mystery)

I took this photo the last week of November AFTER the first snowfall. This fall, see if you can find flowers that continue to "bloom" into the winter. Check the next Horizons for more information about "after-flowers."



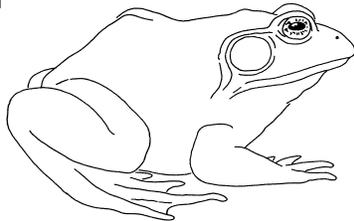
## Answer to Last Issue's Mystery

I remember one hot summer night when my dad took my brother and me down to our farm pond. We had an overabundance of bullfrogs that summer, and my dad decided we should catch and eat some. The catching part was fun, but I will have to be pretty hungry before I do the killing, skinning, cooking, and eating parts again. After watching the freshly skinned frog legs twitch around in the skillet, we ate them. At that point, we didn't eat them because we wanted to. We ate them because it was the 1950s in

Appalachia where people didn't waste food. Period. There are still bullfrogs in my parent's pond, but not enough to inspire my dad to supplement our meat supply. Frog populations all over the world are declining. The number of

frogs is declining AND the distribution of frog species is shrinking. Scientists can't put their fingers on one main cause for the declines, but it is clear that habitat loss, pollutants, global climate change, fungal infections, and carnage on roadways are all contributing factors.

When I started working at Havenwoods in 1983, the only water on the property was Lincoln Creek, Intermittent Creek, and a couple of areas that flooded in spring. I remember hearing toads, a couple of spring peepers, and a chorus frog or two. That year, the South Pond was dug, and a few years later green frogs were starting to move in. Then came the drought of 1987-88. After that drought, only the more land-dwelling toads survived at Havenwoods.



Bullfrogs have ridges of skin that wrap around their ears.



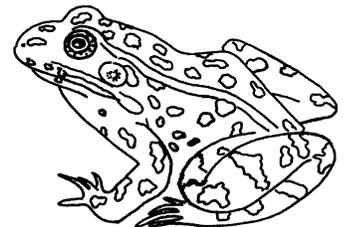
I failed to record when the first gray treefrog showed up here, but it was some time in the late 90s. We should keep watching and listening in hope that chorus frogs and spring peepers (also in the treefrog family) will someday return.

## Family Ranidae (true frogs)

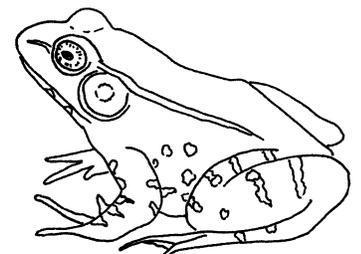
True frogs are what most of us picture when we think about frogs. Large, green, slippery animals with powerful back legs and webbed feet. We have three frogs in this family at Havenwoods: bullfrogs, green frogs, and leopard frogs.

The frog in the mystery photo was a leopard frog. Leopard frogs made their way here in the early 90s.

With the addition of permanent bodies of water in 2000, green frogs returned and bullfrogs arrived. These frogs need permanent water because their tadpoles take more than one summer to mature. They are here, but don't heat up the skillet. These days, frogs need our help—not our palate.



Leopard frogs have circular spots scattered on their backs and legs.



Green frogs have ridges along each side of their backs.

Then, in 2000, three wetland detention ponds were added adjacent to Lincoln Creek. While many areas of Wisconsin were losing wetland habitat, we added wetlands!

There are three frog families in Wisconsin represented by twelve species. And, to begin to answer our mystery, we have all three families at Havenwoods.

## Family Bufonidae (toads)

There is only one kind of toad in Wisconsin, the American toad. In spring, you can hear males trilling from the ponds at Havenwoods. Females lay long strings of eggs that quickly hatch into tadpoles. Six to eight weeks after hatching, the toadlets are hopping around on land.



## Family Hylidae (treefrogs)

Treefrogs are small (1 to 2 inch) frogs with large, suction-cup-like toepads. While the tadpoles have a reddish tinge, the adults can change color from gray to brown to green, depending on temperatures and the surfaces where they are resting.



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## *Endowment Fund*

FOH has joined other state parks friends groups in establishing endowment funds with the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin. To learn more about the Wisconsin Conservation Endowment, visit <[www.wisconservation.org](http://www.wisconservation.org)>.

Please consider a contribution with a gift of cash and/or other assets. Send your contribution to:

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