

Winter 2015-16

Horizons

The Voice of Friends of Havenwoods

From the President

FOH/HEDC partnership. We continue to work with the Havenwoods Economic Development Corporation to find areas to collaborate. FOH and Forest staff were invited and attended these recent events:

- In September, we attended the HEDC Human Resources Round Table meeting and talked to human resources personnel from businesses in the Havenwoods area. They were interested in Havenwoods State Forest's role as a community asset in their recruitment and retention efforts.
- In October, we participated in the HEDC community strategy planning day with many businesses and organizations that are members of HEDC. As part of this day, a bus trip visited various businesses and developments in the Havenwoods area, including a stop at the Forest to introduce the participants to the property and nature center at Havenwoods. Many had not been there so we were glad to give them an idea of what the Forest has to offer to the Havenwoods community.
- In November, we attended the HEDC Neighborhood Banquet to represent the Forest to more neighbors of Havenwoods.

Hot chocolate Saturdays. Once the winter weather arrives in force, there will be hot chocolate available for those robust hikers in the Forest. Stop in on Saturday and warm up with a cup of hot chocolate.



If you know of a business or organization that we can reach out to, please let us know so we can continue working to let our community know how HSF can be a resource to their organization.

Member fees. At the October meeting, the Board discussed the current membership fee categories and amounts. We reviewed a listing of fees charged by Friends groups at Lakeshore and Hank Aaron Trail, Milwaukee area nature centers (Schlitz Audubon, Wehr, etc.) as well as other Friends groups at State Park locations. If you would like to comment on the proposed changes in membership categories and fees, please contact any Board member before the January 12th meeting.

Membership Category	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Comments
Individual	\$10	\$15	
Family	\$15	\$20	
Senior/Student	\$8	NA	Eliminated
Lifetime (member for 19 years or less)	\$200	TBD	Restricted to individuals
Lifetime (member for 20+ years)	\$100	TBD	Restricted to individuals
Corporate	\$50	\$100	

Potawatomi drawing. Unfortunately, Havenwoods was not one of 20 organizations picked by random drawing this year for the "Heart of Canal Street" charity. Other nature centers in the area were lucky winners - Mequon Nature Preserve, Riveredge Nature Center, Wildlife In Need, and Urban Ecology Center. Hopefully, we'll have better luck next year with another shot at the money.

Nature is a Gift, Use it Often
Judy Dollhausen (jadollh@gmail.com)

From the Superintendent

by Judy Klippel

School field trips and special events are over for 2015, and it's time for staff and the Friends board to focus attention on planning. We received hundreds of ideas at the community input meetings the Friends coordinated in spring. Fortunately, those ideas coalesced into four basic themes: funding, marketing and outreach, new directions in programming, and stewardship and volunteers. I'd like to explore those briefly with you. New ideas, new relationships, and new sources of support are essential for us to move forward and grow.

Funding: Havenwoods has a small staff these days, which has reduced our ability to conduct programs, do public relations activities, and take care of the land to the extent we used to. I am looking to Friends to provide increased support for the Forest – through its leadership, volunteer work, and finances. As you saw earlier this year, Friends helped us raise funds for our Buds 'n Sprouts program and then provided many hours of inkind labor in the gardens. We all look forward to having more successes like this.

Marketing and outreach: Staff and Friends have used websites and Facebook to communicate with the public for many years, but it's important for us to make use of Twitter, blogs, and other social media to capture the attention of potential park users. We also need to establish communications with more outlets in traditional media. Direct contacts will help us introduce Havenwoods to various urban organizations that might have interest in partnering with us.

New directions in programming: The staff's greatest efforts in education have always been directed at schools and day care centers. As the naturalist staff has gotten smaller, we are trying other ways to serve those audiences. Teachers of large groups are sharing the teaching with our naturalists. I provide teaching plans and supplies for some groups to conduct their own programs here. We will be inviting nature organizations

to bring their groups here to do their programs. We also hope to develop partnerships with schools and co-author local grants to fund their programs. Judy Dollhausen and I are in talks now with one interested principal.

We also want to increase our offerings for adult audiences and will be looking for presenters in the community to invite here. For programming at all ages, we are expanding our "nature in the city" emphasis to include health and wellness. It's a natural extension, given decades of research showing the physical, emotional, and cognitive benefits of spending time in nature. In October, the owners of Fit 4 You Traveling Trainer provided a free health event here that attracted over 100 people. It's a great example of what we hope to do more – involve new education providers and new audiences.

Stewardship and volunteers: Volunteers have always played an important role in helping our staff manage invasive species, plant trees and shrubs, and maintain the Forest's amenities. Now that we have just one part time person whose job is land management, we need to increase the number of groups and individual volunteers whom we can count on to provide help. To that end, we will pursue new organizations, increase our publicity about upcoming work days, and explore new ways of rewarding volunteers.

I think you can sense that this is more than our small staff and Friends board can do alone. Our volunteers and partner organizations are more important than ever before. Do you have ideas and/or time to volunteer? Call or email me. Share your thoughts. I'm listening.

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The next FOH Board meeting is January 12, 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

Stay Connected

Don't forget to let us know if you are moving. Call 527-0232 to update your address or phone number.

You can also "Like" us on Facebook at <www.facebook.com/HavenwoodsStateForest>. 419 people have "liked" us, and 1053 people have checked it out!



If you would like to know more about volunteer opportunities at Havenwoods, call 527-0232 and ask to receive the Volunteer Connection.

Remember, if you misplace your newsletter, you can find it online at <www.friendsofhavenwoods.org/about.html>

Mystery Photos!

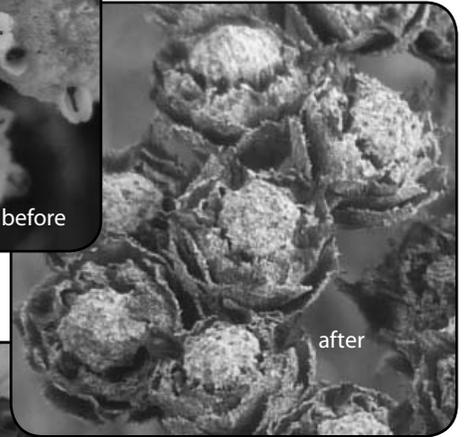
by Beth Mittermaier, Conservation Biologist

Mystery Photo #25 (the new mystery)

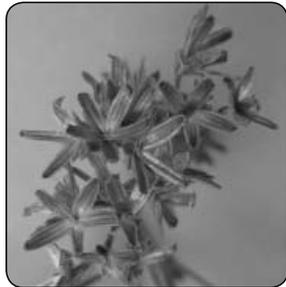
Just when you thought it was safe to go into the forest, you see this under your favorite evergreen tree! Should you be worried or should you be excited? Look for my take in the next issue!



Some after-flowers, like Wild Quinine, look like elderly versions of their younger selves.



Answer to Last Issue's Mystery



In summer, I challenged you to find "after-flowers" after the first hard freeze of the season. This fall has been so mild that there are still flowers in protected places! So I will give you more clues and encourage you to continue looking for this mystery after-flower.



If you remove the bright yellow petals from Black-eyed Susan, you can imagine the after-flower that will follow.

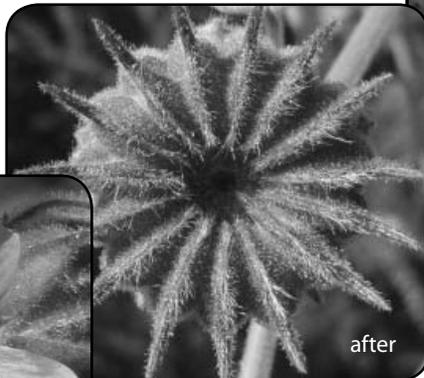


I love the seasons. I eagerly await the first flowers of spring. I grow impatient each summer, waiting for the prairie to bloom. The first tinge of color to the leaves in fall excites me. But then, there is this long break between when the last leaf fades and when the first snowflake falls. I used to think this was the boring time of the year. Then I discovered after-flowers. Some people call them seedheads; others call them pods. But I think of them as after-flowers.

After-flowers come in a wonderful, subtle palette of beige, ochre, mahogany, and spice. They usually bear just enough of a resemblance to the flowers that came before to make identification possible, but very challenging. They display the intricacy of nature. They intrigue me!



Take a walk with your camera. Walk slowly and look for after-flowers in your yard, around your block, or at your favorite state forest.



The after-flower of velvetleaf bears no resemblance at all to the summer blossom!

While Wild Begoniamot's flowers and after-flowers look very different, your nose will confirm that you have found the right seedhead.





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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>.

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