

July 2016

Volunteer Connection

Summer in the Forest

Butterfly count

On July 2, participants in the family hike identified the following species on the property:

- clouded sulphur
- red admiral
- common nymph
- skipper species

Staff and visitors have also seen these species:

- buckeye
- red-spotted purple
- spring azure
- tiger swallowtail
- painted lady
- monarch



Wetland Wonders

During the June Frog and Toad survey, volunteers heard these males calling out:

- American toads
- gray tree frogs
- green frogs

Staff and visitors have seen these dragonflies:

- dot-tailed whiteface
- 12-spotted skimmer
- black saddlebags

The fight against invasives

Our wildlife technicians, Jamie and Calvin, are taking an aggressive approach to removing invasive plants this summer. You will find many patches of mowed vegetation around the property. These are sites that were thickly covered in crown vetch, teasel, wild parsnip, and other aggressive plants. After mowing these sites, Jamie and Calvin do some spot spraying of herbicide where appropriate. Watch for the changes as these sites regrow.

Havenwoods in flower



gray-headed coneflowers

The annual parade of prairie blooms has begun. For over two months, nature treats us with shades of purple, pink, orange, yellow, gold, and white in the prairie. Staff have seen these native species flowering so far:

- black-eyed Susan
- gray-headed coneflower
- common milkweed
- butterflyweed
- compass plant
- ox-eye sunflower
- purple coneflower
- bergamot
- wild quinine
- culver's root
- ironweed

Tell us what you find when you are out exploring Havenwoods!

Upcoming events

Shakespeare in the Park

July 29, 5:30 workshop for kids, 7:30 performance (Friday)

The Summit Players are back. They will perform a mini-version of "As You Like It." It will run a little over an hour and include mayhem, character switches, and hilarity. We'll be outside on the benches in good weather, inside in the auditorium if it's not. The Friends will sell popcorn and beverages. For more info and other venues, visit www.summitplayerstheatre.com/

*All the world's a stage,
and all the men and
women merely players.
William Shakespeare*

The snakes are coming...

With summer settling into a routine, it's time to start planning our fall festival. On **October 1, from 10:00 to 4:00**, Havenwoods will be the place to see and touch lots of snakes!

We hope you can join us that day. A list of volunteer tasks for the festival will be in the August newsletter. (Volunteers are allowed - but not required - to touch the snakes!)

Stay in Touch

- dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/havenwoods/
- www.friendsofhavenwoods.org
- www.facebook.com/HavenwoodsStateForest 

Thank you for all the good you do!

Thanks to the following for your work to enhance the Havenwoods grounds this summer:

Heritage Gardens Master Gardeners: Katherine Amann, Monica Cloutier, Rose Hill, Marcy Keefe, Betty Koch, Lynn Krenn, Nancy Nelson and husband Dennis, Marilyn Pietrzak, Mimi Piltz, Nancy Watts and husband Craig, Susan Westergard - for making the Heritage Gardens an inviting site for our gardening kids' groups to use and visitors to enjoy.

Naturalist's Backyard Master Gardeners: Barb Mackowey, Barbara Pilak - for tending the woodland flowers in your garden.

Dennis Kaehny and Jim Goetz: for mowing the lawns, watering young trees, and doing many other tasks on the grounds.

Judy Dollhausen - for coordinating with Job Corps to get new benches in the children's gardens and for working in the gardens.

Larry Shikes - providing us with wonderful supplies for the children's garden program.

Barbara Pilak, Dale Snider, Diane Warner - for helping to control invasive plants in the Forest.



Two comfy new benches are now located in the west end of the nature center lobby. They are four feet long, forest green in color, and made of recycled plastic milk jugs. We are delighted to provide this new indoor seating for visitors. The purchase was made possible by a donation last year from Judy's niece and her husband.



Take a walk through the gardens this summer and enjoy the peace that surrounds you.

Through the kindness of donors and a grant, we have \$4610 to fund this summer's Buds 'n Sprouts program for kids. About 45 children from local day care centers are learning about gardening, nutrition, and nature in the program as they grow their veggies and flowers.



The more high-tech our lives become, the more nature we need. We have a human right to a meaningful connection to nature, and we have the responsibilities that come with that right. Few today would question the notion that every person, especially every young person, has a right to access the Internet. We should also have access to the natural world, because that connection is part of our humanity. *Richard Louv; author of Last Child in the Woods and Vitamin N, co-founder of Children and Nature Network*