

November
2018

HAVENWOODS STATE FOREST

Volunteer Connection

Volunteer Lunch

Thank you for all that you have done for Havenwoods this year. You and your guest are invited to attend our volunteer recognition lunch and program at Havenwoods on **Saturday, November 17, at 12:00 pm.**

Please call Judy at 414-527-0232 or email judy.klippel@wi.gov by 4:30 on Monday, November 12 to provide your acceptance or regrets. (Dress is casual.)

12:00 *gathering & appetizers*

12:30 *property update*

1:00 *lunch*

2:00 *program*

We will provide lunch and beverages. If you would like to make a dessert to share, please let me know when you confirm your attendance.



Invasive Species Symposium

November 14, 1:00–4:00 pm

Join us at Havenwoods for the 11th annual educational gathering of the SE Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium. The event is free and open to all. No registration is needed.

2:00–2:45:

Dan Carter,
from the Southeastern WI
Regional Planning Commission,



Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium, Inc.

will present a program on how to create lawns and lawn-like spaces that promote biological diversity.

2:45–3:00: Doug Soldat, from UW-Madison, will present a program involving research-based tips for establishing and maintaining a healthy, diverse, low-input lawn.

The afternoon also includes a review of SEWISC's 2017 activities, an overview of 2018 plans, awards, and snacks.

Time to Retire

I will be retiring near the end of November. Since I came to Havenwoods in 1985, so many things have changed here—in the land, nature center, staffing, and programming. We can all be proud of what we have achieved together as volunteers and staff, despite the challenges that have often faced us. At a nature center there is always more to do, but it is time for me to go and let others take over.

Thank you all for the time, resources, and talents you have shared with Havenwoods. You have always had a huge role in accomplishing our goals. I have enjoyed getting to know and working with many of you over the years. Your interest in Havenwoods will be even more important during this transition time, and I encourage you to help out whenever you can.

We don't know when someone will be hired to be the full time manager for Havenwoods. In the meantime, especially during the coming winter months, the center won't be open as consistently as it has been. Until further notice, I suggest that you call before you come over.

I hope to see you at the volunteer lunch. The only "sendoff" I want is your well-wishes whenever I last see you.

Stay in Touch

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



Unless we are willing to encourage our children to reconnect with and appreciate the natural world, we can't expect them to help protect and care for it. *David Suzuki, Canadian science broadcaster, writer, and environmental activist*



Snake and Turtle Fest

October 6 was a great day at Havenwoods for reptiles and humans! Forty-three staff and volunteers greeted over 300 visitors who came to see, touch, and learn about snakes and turtles.



Betty Siemsen and a college student helped kids make snake "pencil pals".

It has been a few years since we have had a festival, and we were delighted to welcome back long-time volunteers to help. Our crew also included a group of 10 students from WI Lutheran College who are members of their Outdoor Recreation Club. We were also joined by three members of Madison Area Herpetological Society—Milwaukee Chapter and several of their personally-owned exotic reptiles. They talked with visitors about responsible ownership of reptile pets.

More Volunteer News

Doors Open Milwaukee was a great event again this year, with over 250 visitors. Our thanks to Barbara Pilak, Lisa Krolasik, and Judy Dollhausen for being our hosts.

Dennis Kaehny and Jim Goetz are close to finishing another season of mowing all the grass around the parking lot and entrance. That was a lot of grass in a very rainy year, and it



Naturalists Liz and Kali were among seven of our staff who provided visitors with opportunities to touch the animals and learn about them.



Naturalist Andy was in charge of two of the favorites: a very long gray rat snake and a fox snake.

Altogether there were about 45 animals here for visitors to touch and get to know.

The Friends of Havenwoods conducted a silent auction and sold lunch and snacks and items from their gift counter. Their net income from all sales was \$1057. The income goes to help support our education programs. Thank you to all who donated cookies and items for the auction.



Judy Dollhausen and Diane Warner worked at the Friends' sales counter.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered at the festival. Our special events can only happen with your help and enthusiasm!

gardens. Thank you to Bonnie Andrews, Marji Bell, Oscar Bond, Rose Hill, Thomas Johnson, Kim Kazmierczak, Betty Koch, Lynn Krenn, Nancy Nelson, Marilyn Pietrzak, Mary Plummer, Jennifer Robbins, Victoria Robison, and Susan Westergard. Buds and Sprouts kids visited the gardens during their summer programs. All the produce from the Heritage gardens goes to a food program.