

Notes from Evergreen



Early Childhood children learn about gardens during spring field trips.

Quarterly Update

- *Evergreen Announces Fall Event*
- *Barn Project in Progress*
- *4-H Begins Farmers' Market*
- *Elaine Raesly Receives Award*
- *Judy Center Programs Begin*

Fall Harvest and Plant Sale: Saturday, August 27

On Saturday August 27th, the Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation and its partners will host a Fall Harvest and Plant Sale event from noon to 4 p.m. at the Evergreen Heritage Center. The event will include food preservation demonstrations, making of apple cider, plus other activities for all ages. The event will include music, farm to table food prepared by The Shift restaurant in Frostburg, a raffle with prizes, tours of the Evergreen Museum and Barn, hikes on the Evergreen Trail, and plants for sale. Join us for this free event.

For more information on the Evergreen Heritage Center and its programs and projects, visit www.evergreenheritagecenter.org, call 301-687-0664, or email foundation@evergreenheritagecenter.org.



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The Evergreen Barn: preserving the past for the future

Over 200 years ago, the Evergreen Barn was built with hand-hewn lumber, wooden pegs, and stone. The last remaining barn of its type in Allegany County, it is a valuable and truly impressive asset to the property and the EHC Foundation. The vision for the building is to create a multi-purpose historical structure that will use the lower level Barn stables to create a farm museum while using the upper level to provide a rustic venue for classes and events.

As part of this work, historic structures consultant Douglass C. Reed, structural engineers from Keast & Hood, and architects from Cho Benn Holback & Associates studied the Barn. After detailed analysis of the 4500 square foot structure, the team concluded **“the condition of the stone and timber frame has some areas and components that need to be replaced, but the majority of original components can be restored to good solid condition. The entire building can be reconditioned for assemblies such as classroom gatherings that fit the critical mission of the Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation.”**

The next step is to proceed with the task of restoring and renovating this unique Maryland treasure! Watch for updates as we begin this process, and feel free to contact us for more information. The EHC is thankful for the support of grants from the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Community Trust Foundation, the Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation, and Preservation Maryland for this project.



4-H Debuts Mount Savage Farmers Market

On Friday June 17th, 2016, from 5 to 7 p.m., the Mount Savage 4-H Club held its first Farmers' Market in the Mount Savage Park. Club members are growing their produce at the Evergreen Heritage Center and working with Agriculture Program Manager Hana Yoder and other EHC staff. The project began with surveying local residents about food preferences, shopping habits, and access to fresh vegetables; planning their crops; and developing a marketing strategy. Proceeds from the Market will replenish their Evergreen garden fund, with any remaining produce donated to the local food pantry. The 4-H youth will also enter vegetables from their gardens in the Allegany County Fair Agricultural Expo in July.

Stop by the Mount Savage Park on Fridays from 5-7pm to purchase produce and meet these outstanding youth!



Project WILD Facilitator of the Year

Elaine Raesly, Director of Evergreen Heritage Center Education Programs, was recently recognized at the national Project WILD conference as Maryland Facilitator of the Year, one of 11 facilitators recognized nationwide. Project WILD is an award-winning environmental education curriculum that is used by over 1 million educators worldwide. Elaine was commended for being “a rock star facilitator who brings enthusiasm and innovation” to the Project WILD program, training more than 100 in-service and pre-service teachers annually on Project WILD curriculum. Through this training, current and preservice teachers in Western Maryland (including Garrett County high school students) learn how to conduct exciting science activities in the outdoors that provide hands-on learning experiences that increase student involvement and learning retention. Upon completion of the training, teachers receive an extensive curriculum guide and Project WILD certification. Interested in a Project WILD training or more information? Contact Elaine at Elaine@evergreenheritagecenter.org



South Penn Judy Center begins “Growing in the Garden”

Pre-K children at the South Penn Elementary Judy Center recently began participating in the Evergreen Heritage Center’s *Growing in the Garden* program. This program, which strives to positively impact children’s preferences for and consumption of healthy foods, focuses on educating children about where their food comes from and how food grows in the garden. To begin the program, children visited the Evergreen Heritage Center (EHC) where they became scientists, using magnifying glasses to observe worms as they create compost. Then the children learned about different garden vegetables and discovered the seeds hiding inside of them. Next children used the vegetables as stamps to create “veggie print” artwork in multiple colors. Finally, the children explored the EHC Children’s Garden for a sensory experience of garden plants such as onions, basil, and mint.



Save the Dates: Fall 2016 Art Events

This Fall, four Art Workshops are planned along with the opportunity to exhibit at two special events. **Art Workshops** will be held at the EHC on selected Sunday afternoons from 1-4pm. Contact us or watch our website for further information.

- September 18th: Art Workshop
- October 23rd: Art Workshop
- October 29th: Artists of Evergreen Exhibition
- November 5th: Artists Explore Environments Exhibition
- November 23rd: Art Workshop
- December 4th: Art Workshop

For more information or to pre-register for workshops or exhibitions, call 301-687-0664 or email foundation@evergreenheritagecenter.org.



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We Host Events!

Our secluded location eliminates distractions, yet is a short drive away. We are just outside Mount Savage, only 15 minutes from Frostburg and Cumberland. Our green facility can accommodate your meeting or event for up to 50 people. Guests may enjoy tours of the historic Evergreen Museum, barn, and walking trail. Catering services are also available.

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