

Notes from Evergreen



Over 125 community members attended our Second Annual Herb Expo and Plant Sale on May 21st!

Quarterly Update

- Evergreen Serves Over 6,850 Community Members
- Camps Registration Extended

Summer is Here!

Greetings and thank you!

On behalf of the Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation, our great thanks to our partners, volunteers, and community. Whether you've identified ways we can work together, given of your time or dollars, helped provide programs for our region, or simply spread the word about Evergreen, we're truly grateful.

As a farm for education, conservation, and preservation, we're dedicated to growing together and we couldn't do that without your support. In 2016, we not only expanded our program offerings, including our field trips, in and after-school programs, summer camps, teacher training, and outreach activities, but we exceeded our goals:

- 6,874 children, youth, and adults were served through our programs and activities
- Students participating in our middle and high school field trips increased their science literacy by 28-52% per class (per pre/post-tests)
- Students participating in our 3rd and 5th grade Arts in the Schools program (provided in partnership with the Allegany Arts Council) increased their art literacy by 24-44% per class (per pre/post-tests)
- Kindergarten students participating in our Garden Discovery program increased their consumption of vegetables by 11% and fruits by 44% (per pre/post parent surveys)

We hope you will join us for our Garden Fair & Father's Day Celebration on June 18th from 1 to 4pm. In addition to a host of activities, we'll be raffling off TWO summer camp weeks for kids and TWO rounds of golf. We'd welcome the chance to personally thank you for being part of our Evergreen family.

Sincerely yours,

Janice Keene, President

Many thanks to our Herb Expo & Native Plant Sale vendors! Hope to see you soon!

- Hidden Hollow Farm/ Moonwood Botanicals
- KJH Botanical Drawings
- Maryland Native Plant Society-Western Mountains Chapter
- Mountain Hollow Store
- Shift: A Farm to Table Eatery
- Wholesome Harvest
- Wynter's Haven

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Summer Camp Registrations Extended

Don't miss making memories at Evergreen this summer! Limited space is still available for our fun, safe and affordable summer camps.

See Page 3 for our camp flyer, featuring full camp descriptions.

Full camp payments will now be due 1 week prior to the start of your child's first camp session. Contact us today to hold your child's spot! Registration forms available at www.evergreenheritagecenter.org



- JUNE 19-23 from 9AM to 3PM **Art in the Outdoors** for children entering grades 4-8
- JULY 10-14 from 9AM to 3PM **Grow It, Cook It Camp** for children entering grades 4-6 **NEW THIS YEAR!**
- JULY 17-21 from 9AM to 3PM **Science Camp** for children entering grades 4-6
- JULY 24-28 from 9AM to 3PM **Science Camp** for children entering grades 6-8
- JULY 31-AUG 4 from 9AM to 1PM **Science Camp for Young Naturalists** (children entering grades 1-3)

Corporate Volunteer Day a Great Success



Many thanks to our friends at American Woodmark and US Cellular for volunteering their time and talents on June 1st. These nine dedicated volunteers (and their companies) made a significant difference at Evergreen in a short period of time. Combined, the volunteers completed in one day what would normally take our contractors one two weeks to accomplish.

They built a four-section compost bin, mulched countless plants in our hilly forest garden, built sensory tables (to hold bins for hands-on exploration by our youngest explorers), and even mulched around our sign adjacent to the GAP Trail.

Last Call for Registrations!



Limited space available for our fun, safe & affordable summer camps led by educators, farmers & artists!

JUNE 19-23 from 9AM to 3PM Art in the Outdoors for children entering grades 4-8:

Find inspiration in the great outdoors. With the natural environment as their theme, campers explore their own creativity through writing, journaling, drawing, painting, mixed media, printmaking, and more. **\$150**

JULY 10-14 from 9AM to 3PM Grow It, Cook It Camp for children entering grades 4-6:

How does your garden grow? Campers start seeds and harvest fruits and veggies in our gardens and green houses They'll follow the connection from farm to table as they investigate worm composting, experiment with plants, and prepare simple snacks from our farm. **\$140**

JULY 17-21 from 9AM to 3PM Science Camp for children entering grades 4-6:

Explore forests, fields, and wetlands by using cool science tools to learn about plants and animals, and how we fit into this amazing planet. Campers conduct real science experiments, learn how to live green, and participate in wacky challenges! **\$130**

JULY 24-28 from 9AM to 3PM Science Camp for children entering grades 6-8:

Dig deeper into fun field studies of the environments at Evergreen! Campers channel their inner scientist and use genuine science instruments to uncover some of the amazing species in our habitats. **\$130**

JULY 31-AUG 4 from 9AM to 1PM Science Camp for young naturalists (children entering grades 1-3):

Uncover the secrets of mini-beasts, plants with armor, and seek out stealth camouflage in Evergreen's lush backyard habitats! This half-day camp for our youngest group of campers includes hands-on close encounters with wildlife and science! **\$90**



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Forms online at www.evergreenheritagecenter.org

Call or email us today to hold your child's spot!

Email foundation@evergreenheritagecenter.org or call 301-687-0664 for info

Garden Fair & Father's Day Celebration

Have you ever wondered why your plants won't grow when your neighbor's garden flourishes? Are you curious about taking your garden off the grid using solar? Or are you ready to race your child or grandchild in a vegetable-themed obstacle course? If so, our Garden Fair and Father's Day Celebration is your place to be on Sunday, June 18th from 1 to 4 pm. The event is free and open to all.

Evergreen will offer free soil testing*; native plants and produce (grown by the Mt Savage 4-H Club) for purchase; an "ask the gardener" booth; and tours of its gardens, green houses, museum, and 18th century barn. In celebration of Father's Day, Evergreen will host activities for children and their parents, including a garden craft activity from recycled products, hands-on cooking demonstrations, a storytelling tent, and vegetable obstacle course. Evergreen will raffle off two weeks of Summer Camps, valued at \$90-150 each.

**Providing a soil sample for testing is easy but requires a small amount of preparation. Evergreen asks that you provide a mixed sample from five spots in your garden. Simply, dig a hole seven inches deep and scoop a small amount into a flower pot. Repeat this action four more times placing each sample in the same pot. Stir the soil together and scoop a half cup of soil into a sealed container or sandwich bag.*



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We Host Events!

Our secluded location eliminates distractions, yet is a short drive away. We are 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 available.

For more information, contact us at 301-687-0664 or foundation@evergreenheritagecenter.org.

