

Notes from Evergreen



Quarterly Update

- EHC adds field trips for 3rd graders
- EHC offers **Fall Art Workshops**
- EHC hosts "Discover Evergreen" Open House

EHC Announces Fall 2013 Schedule

The Evergreen Heritage Center (EHC) Foundation has several special events and programs that it is offering to the community in 2013, including the following:

Fall Science Field Trips. As a continuation of its work to support the Allegany County Collaboration for Environmental Literacy (ACCEL), the EHC is continuing its grade-wide environmental education field trips. This fall, in addition to hosting visits by Head Start children (funded by the Kathleen Dailey Hill Foundation), and field trips for 7th grade Life Science, high school Earth/Space Science, and Career Center Environmental Science students (subsidized by the Chesapeake Bay Trust), the EHC will add field trips for 3rd grade students County-wide. Students participate in a full-day field trip to the EHC that is filled with fun educational outdoor activities that reinforce lessons in the classroom such as role-playing migrating geese, investigating aquatic life in the Evergreen pond, and collecting and analyzing forest and field soil samples. Fall field trips will occur in September and October. As always, local college students have the opportunity to observe and/or assist EHC instructors and receive valuable field experience and credentials for their resumes.

Evergreen Art Workshops. As a continuation of our spring program, local artist Maggie Pratt will be conducting workshops that include exploring nature at the EHC and then expressing their discoveries on canvas. Experienced and new artists are welcome to participate. For more information, see the page back page of this newsletter.

Discover Evergreen Open House. On Saturday, October 19 from 1 to 4pm, the EHC Foundation will be hosting an open house that will include tours of the new EHC solar-powered Heritage Hoop House (high tunnel greenhouse) and its 12 new outdoor Learning Stations. The event will also include a variety of fun activities including a GPS treasure hunt (and prizes!). Tours of the Evergreen Museum and Barn will also be available.

For more information on any of the above events, call 301-687-0664, email foundation@evergreenheritagecenter.org, or visit our web site at www.evergreenheritagecenter.org.

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Summer at Evergreen

This past summer, the Evergreen Heritage Center hosted Professional Development programs for educators and as well as fun summer activities for kids.

Professional Development. Local educators were invited to participate in summer EHC training programs, all subsidized by the Chesapeake Bay Trust, that included:

- “Let’s Take It Outdoors”: a one-day workshop to help teachers understand Maryland’s environmental literacy curriculum standards, increase comfort with using the outdoors, and provide hands-on science investigations to use in the schoolyard;
- “Environmental Education Curricula and Issue Investigation”: a three day workshop that included certification in three award-winning environmental education curricula (Project WET, Project WILD, and Project Learning Tree); and
- “Chesapeake Classroom: Western Maryland”: a week-long workshop provided in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and tailored to Western Maryland watersheds and their relationship to the Chesapeake Bay.



Summer Camp. The EHC also hosted summer camp activities for the YMCA as well as its own **Science Discovery Camp**. EHC campers became science sleuths, investigating EHC ecosystems and gardens. Campers learned about the inhabitants of our local environment, where their food comes from, how plants grow, and how to use solar energy to make a veggie pizza. According to the campers, the best parts of camp were climbing in our 150-year-old English Yew and using magnifying glasses and microscopes. The EHC plans to make Science Discovery Camp an annual event.



Learning Station Update

The Evergreen Heritage Center (EHC) Learning Station Project is completing the development of its **first twelve outdoor Learning Stations**, funded under a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). These Stations, which focus on **forest ecology, soil and water conservation, climate change, and alternative energy solutions**, will be used by the EHC Foundation and its partners including Frostburg State University (FSU), Allegany College of Maryland (ACM), Allegany County Public Schools, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for education, job training, and research, as well as by the general public. These 12 outdoor Learning Stations are **part of a five year plan developed by the Allegany County Collaboration for Environmental Literacy**, which includes the Project partners as well as the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, Allegany County Head Start, and the Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT).

This highly successfully ARC Project has achieved **the following results**:

- The Project developed twelve outdoor learning stations and **54 accompanying lessons** for elementary, middle, and high school students that can be used with the Learning Stations at the EHC, as well as in the classroom and the schoolyard. All lessons are available to educators online.
- 12 FSU and ACM classes participated in the Project, providing topical input, education resources, and recommendations on station design. In total, **217 FSU and ACM students**, including 33 student teachers, **gained 3,346 hours of STEM job experience** and a valuable resume credential.
- In addition, **536 middle and high school students and 28 teachers participated in field testing** the Learning Stations and their lessons during EHC field trips and workshops.



*New Learning Stations (clockwise from top):
Heritage Evergreens, Rain Garden, and
Hoop House*

Evergreen Art Workshops

The **Evergreen Heritage Center** is pleased to offer two fall Evergreen Art Workshops. Spend a fun afternoon with local artist Maggie Pratt and friends expressing your inner artist. No past experience is required; just a desire to enjoy creating a work of art at the lovely, historic Evergreen Heritage Center. **We provide all the necessary supplies** including paints and canvas!

These workshops follow our recent summer art workshop *The Sky's the Limit*, held on August 18th, where participants looked up to the heavens for painting inspiration. They examined the art of the skyscape through the eyes of master painters and the camera's lens and then created their own skies of wonder. Participants worked with clouds, light, shadow, time of day, and of course, color, in all applications from realistic to non-objective!

The series continues this fall. Come join the fun on Sundays from 1pm to 4pm for:

What's Growing at Evergreen? (September 15th).

We will visit the organic gardens and the new Heritage Hoop House on the grounds at Evergreen and get to know the various edibles and other plants that are being propagated on site! Nature's bounty will then become our inspiration for painting using new and old techniques.

Fall Wonders (October 20th).

We'll work with seasonal themes and some literary inspiration, with each participant taking charge of their own composition using a wide variety of objects and techniques in a breakout session that will be filled with creative options and fall surprises!

Workshop fees are \$60 per workshop. Educator discounts are also available. To register or for more information call 301-687-0664, visit www.evergreenheritagecenter.org, or email foundation@evergreenheritagecenter.org



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 available upon request.

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