

Notes from Evergreen



Quarterly Update

- 3rd graders participate in mini-safari
- EHC co-hosts "Artists Explore Environments" exhibition
- EHC receives grant to build the Heritage Wood Shop
- EHC conducts December 8th Art Workshop

Third Graders Participate in Mini-Safari

This fall, as part of its work to support the Allegany County Collaboration for Environmental Literacy (ACCEL), the EHC continued its grade-wide environmental education field trips. In addition to hosting visits by Head Start children (funded by the Kathleen Dailey Hill Foundation), and field trips for 7th grade Life Science and high school Earth/Space Science students (subsidized by the Chesapeake Bay Trust), the EHC added field trips for 3rd grade students County-wide (also subsidized by the CBT).

During their all-day field trips to the EHC, which supported their science lessons in the classroom, 3rd graders investigated decomposition and minute living things. As part of their outdoor experience, students participated in a mini-safari at the EHC, looking for signs of decomposition in the Evergreen Forest, searching for organisms that live under the forest's fallen logs, and then collecting samples of minute living things in the Evergreen Pond habitat. Students also created their own field guides, by capturing their safari discoveries on paper. To provide further reinforcement of their EHC learning experience, the students' teachers were provided with Extension Kits containing supplies and lesson plans for a second mini-safari in the students' schoolyard.

As always, local college students had the opportunity to observe and/or assist EHC instructors in all EHC field trips, receiving valuable field experience and credentials for their resumes.

EHC field trips will continue in the spring as part of the ACCEL commitment to grade-level wide student participation. To date, participating 3rd graders increased their literacy on the science topic covered by 25% as measured by pre/post-tests conducted before and after their field trips.

For more information on EHC field trips, call 301-687-0664, email foundation@evergreenheritagecenter.org, or visit our web site at www.evergreenheritagecenter.org.



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Evergreen Fall Highlights

This fall, in addition to its school field trips and projects for collage students, the Evergreen Heritage Center hosted artist workshops, two art exhibitions, and a Discover Evergreen Open House:

Artist Workshops and Exhibitions. This fall, the EHC Foundation hosted three environmental art workshops using oil painting: “The Sky’s the Limit” looking up to the heavens for inspiration in painting; “What’s Growing at Evergreen” investigating edibles and other plants; and “Fall Wonders” exploring seasonal themes. No experience is required to participate in these EHC workshops, only a desire to create a work of art at the historic Evergreen Heritage Center.

In addition to these workshops, the EHC co-hosted two art exhibitions, one in September with the General Art Store in Frostburg that featured art created by EHC workshop participants, and one in November with the Frostburg Museum and Gallery entitled “Artists Explore Environments”. This exhibition featured 51 works of art by 22 Allegany and Garrett county artists and awarded \$1000 in prizes to the first, second, and third prize winners.

Janice Keene (L) presenting awards to Third Prize winners Robert Yonke and Sonia Pratt.



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

Visitors trying out our GPS treasure hunt



Heritage Wood Shop. This fall, the EHC Foundation and its partners were also pleased to receive an award from the Rural Maryland Council to fund the creation of the Heritage Wood Shop, which will enable the EHC to teach sustainable forestry practices that strive to maintain forest health, biodiversity, and capacity for regeneration while also meeting society’s increasing demand for forest products. The grant includes the purchase of a Wood-Mizer brand portable sawmill (pictured below) and construction of a sawmill building that will enable the EHC to create lumber on-site and demonstrate forestry practices from seed to forest products.

Portable sawmill, photo from woodmizer.com



Help Grow Our Kids

What is it?

Help Grow Our Kids is a campaign by the Evergreen Heritage Center (EHC) Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity, to help raise money for local children who are participating in EHC outdoor education programs.

Why is funding needed?

In 2014, the EHC will be providing field trips and outreach programs for more than 2,000 local children and youth. Although grants fund over 80% of the cost of these programs, we still need to raise approximately **\$20,000 in matching dollars** to help fund these interactive, hands-on learning opportunities, which this past year **increased student literacy on science topics by over 50%**.

How can you help?

Please make a tax-deductible contribution to programs that engage children in fun activities and help them discover the wonders of science in the great outdoors. **100% of all contributions will help fund EHC program supplies and instruction.**



7th grade students explore the pond from the new dock.



Head Start children discover the EHC with their "binoculars."

Yes, I would like to make a tax-deductible contribution.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

My donation is ___ in memory of or ___ in honor of: _____

A check for \$ _____ payable to the Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation Inc. is enclosed.

Please mail this form and your check to:

Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation, Inc., 15603 Trimble Road NW, Mount Savage, MD 21545

Donate online! www.evergreenheritagecenter.org/donate

For more information, call 301-687-0664 or email foundation@evergreenheritagecenter.org

December Paper Art Workshop

Kick off the Holiday Season with the EHC's first **Paper Art Workshop!**

It's called **Scherenschnitte**, German for "scissor cuts" and the result is beautiful silhouetted art! Join us for a special holiday workshop that will inspire you to create unique winter greeting cards and frameable art. It's easier to do than pronounce, and once you learn, you just might want to share with friends and family and create a new holiday tradition.

Participants will take home a series of greeting cards and frame-ready art.

WHEN: Sunday, December 8th, 1-4 PM.

WHERE: Janice and Richard's home, 101 Braddock Heights in Frostburg

BRING A FRIEND TO SHARE IN THE LIGHTHEARTED FUN!

Mulled drinks and festive snacks served! Or bring your own!

ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED!

\$30.00 per person

For information or to register, contact 301-687-0664 or artsofevergreen@gmail.com



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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.

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

