

# The Lily Pad

The Newsletter of Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve

August 2013



## Fall Festival Saturday, September 28 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Reinstein Woods' 13th Annual Fall Festival will be a bug-tastic event! Visitors can enjoy new activities like fly-tying demonstrations and "Secret World of Spiders" presentations. In the craft area, kids can "build-a-bug" to take home, make bug boxes and more! In addition to bug-themed activities, the festival will feature perennial favorites like snowshoeing for kids and the Animal Olympics. More than 25 nature and environmental organizations will have interactive exhibits to explore, and organizations like the Buffalo Zoo will let you get up close and personal with live animals. Mama Earth will provide musical entertainment.

No registration is required for this event. Friends of Reinstein suggests a \$2.00 per person donation at the door to cover festival expenses.



For a complete list of Festival activities, visit the Fall Festival webpage: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/68006.html>

## Member Event: Hunter's Creek Hike

**Date:** Saturday, September 21st, 2013  
**Place:** Hunter's Creek Trails Park  
East Aurora, NY  
**Time:** 9:15a.m. to noon  
(Meet at Reinstein Woods)

You probably have hiked throughout the woods at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, but have you ever been to Hunter's Creek Trails Park? Join two experienced Friends members, Teresa Corrigan and Bill Boehm, to explore another hidden jewel right here in Western New York. Meet at Reinstein Woods' parking lot and car pool to Hunter's Creek.

Registration is required. Please call 683-5959.

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## Annual Membership Meeting to Feature "Teddy Roosevelt"

Tuesday October 22, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.

Join other members for dessert and coffee to elect new board members and hear about the Friends' accomplishments in the last year. Following the business meeting, Buffalo Audubon Society Naturalist Mark Carra will perform as "Teddy Roosevelt: Conservationist President." Members may choose to bring a friend, but registration is required. Members will receive a flier with more information but can R.S.V.P. anytime by calling 716-683-5959.

## Volunteer Picnic

More than 30 volunteers enjoyed good food and good conversation at the volunteer picnic in July. Ann Keller was awarded the Al Schick Volunteer Appreciation Award. Ann has been volunteering since 2010 as a reception desk greeter, and whenever she serves she is always asking if there's anything extra she can do to help out. Ann is a regular at Trail Tuesdays, pulling invasive species and helping to maintain our trails. She also participated in the special EAB woodpecker surveys this winter and goes to a lot of off-site fairs and festivals to help promote Reinstein Woods. **Congratulations to Ann!**



## Summer Outreach

Staff at Reinstein Woods kept busy this summer providing programs not only at Reinstein Woods but also at off-site locations. We provided weekly nature programming for summer day camp participants at the George K. Arthur Center in Buffalo and at St. Vincent DePaul Camp in Angola. Both programs benefit youth from urban, underserved communities.

We continued our partnership with the Reinstein Library on Losson Road, offering weekly "Nature Hour" programs in July on topics like bats and animal skulls. This is a great opportunity to introduce Reinstein Woods to nearby residents who aren't certain what Reinstein Woods is all about!

The Department of Environmental Conservation is encouraging New York's residents to explore all of the great natural areas that New York has to offer. In keeping with that goal, Reinstein Woods staff also led hikes at other natural areas this summer, including Beaver Island State Park on Grand Island and Great Baehre Swamp in Amherst. Look for more off-site hikes in future Reinstein Woods program schedules.

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Hours of Operation  
Education Center  
M - F 9 am - 4:30 pm  
Sat. 1 pm - 4:30 pm

Fall  
Program  
Schedule

See insert in  
newsletter  
To view  
schedule of Fall  
Programs

**Save the Date**  
**Nature's Gathering: An Evening of Art, Wine and Cheese**

**Saturday, November 16, 2013 5:00 to 8:00 PM**  
**Knights of Columbus Hall, 2735 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY**

Enjoy a tasting of fine regional wines, cheese and hors d'oeuvres and help support Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve. Western New York artisans will be showcasing their nature-themed artwork, which will be available for purchase. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Fall Festival. Tickets are only \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Call 716-683-5959 for more information.

**Call For Artists:**

Friends of Reinstein is looking for artists and volunteers interested in participating in this event. This is a great opportunity for nature photographers, sculptors, painters and other artists to sell their work to a nature-inspired crowd.

For more information: contact **Mike** at **638-5959 x203**.



**Nature's Gathering Tickets can also be purchased by mail  
using the ticket order form below:**

***Nature's Gathering Tickets can be ordered today!***

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please make checks payable to:***  
***Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve***  
**Mail to: 93 Honorine Drive Depew, NY 14043**

*Your tickets will be sent to you by mail*

## Summer Day Camp A Huge Success!

*"I love camp because you learn about nature in a fun way, not like sitting in class and listening to a teacher talk at you." - A.J., Reinstein Woods Camper*

Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve's summer day camps were hailed as a sensational success by parents and kids alike. The goal of each "Kids in the Woods" camp was to get kids to connect with nature in a fun and exciting way. Each day featured a different nature theme, and the kids couldn't get enough of pond scooping, survival games and exploring. One female camper commented, "Reinstein Woods camp is a great place to be...you get to meet new friends . . . you get to explore. It gives you a chance to find out what you've been wondering, and you can gain confidence."



Reinstein Woods also collaborated with Penn Dixie Paleontological & Outdoor Education Center and Evangola State Park for a "Summer Science Safari" camp, in which campers visited all three sites over a one-week period.

Reinstein Woods plans to hold day camps again next summer. Look for early-bird rates in early 2014.

## A Summer of Partnerships!

Reinstein Woods kicked off and ended the summer with a flurry of on-site activities, all involving partnering organizations. Below is a quick summary:

- In early summer, DEC Forester Deb Gorka treated about 20 ash trees in Reinstein Woods to protect them from the Emerald Ash Borer. Thanks to DEC Forester Pat Marren, Reinstein Woods' AmeriCorps volunteer Jacob Bajdas and all of the donors to the Spring It On Fundraiser who helped make this project possible!
- In June, Reinstein Woods held a youth fly-fishing clinic with the Federation of Fly Fishers, Lake Erie Chapter. More than 30 kids learned to fish at this fun event. Reinstein Woods' Mike Adriaansen coordinated this event along with volunteers from the Fly Fishers.
- In late August, A group of adults visited Reinstein Woods to remove invasive species as part of the United Way Day of Caring. Also in late August, Buffalo AmeriCorps volunteers descended on Reinstein Woods to remove invasive Japanese knotweed. Thanks to all these volunteers!

## Welcome New Members:

Emily Ash

Stefanie Ecker

Chris and Deane Gnorek

Joanna Janik

Lorianne Jasinski

Stefan and Lisa  
Juretschko

Lynn Mancus

Paul and Kathleen  
Mazurkiewicz

Michael and Rhea  
Meyer

Robert Okeeffe

Brian and Helen Roche

David Rosner / FFF  
Lake Erie Chapter

# Thank You Meander Donors

Friends of Reinstein wishes to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers and ticket-buyers who participated in Meander in the Woods. We are especially grateful to the following sponsors and auction donors:

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Ginger Wszalek

## Eagle Project Completed

Recent visitors may have noticed the new deck at the small pond next to the Education Center. Matt Zamorek of Cheektowaga completed his Eagle Scout project at Reinstein Woods, which included building a new cover for the pond's pump system that doubles as an observation deck. Matt also built new benches and picnic tables for the grounds.

Congratulations and thank you to Matt and his crew of volunteers.



## Thank You Annual Appeal Donors

Thank you to the following who donated to the Annual Appeal since the last newsletter:

Marilyn Gross

### Cottonwood Level (\$25)

Cecelia Rosiek-Bauer

### White Ash Level (\$50):

Honorable Dennis Gabryszak

David and Alice LaGraves

### Black Walnut Level (\$100+)

Linda Arndt

Dan Carlson and Wende Mix

David & Maria Stachura

### Thank You To:

- *Fly Fishers Federation- Lake Erie Chapter* for making a large donation following the youth fly fishing clinic
- *Jane Albrecht* for donating to the Fall Festival door prize
- *Martha Deed* for donating binoculars
- *Doreen Panzarella* for donating to the Fall Festival door prize
- *Alyssa Schwabe* for donating star charts
- *Jerry Stetter* for donating 100 pounds of sunflower seed

### Wish List

We are in need of:

- Laptop computer (in good condition)
- Bird seed
- donations for the Meander in the Woods basket raffle

If you have any items available, please call 683-5959.

**Cans into Cash** Recycle and support at the same time! Bring returnable bottles/cans to **Cash for Cans** and you can donate all or a portion of your deposit refund to Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve. There's no work on your part, you just bring in your bottles and cans and they count them for you. It's an easy way to support Friends of Reinstein. **Cash for Cans** now has **five** locations: 2990 Seneca Street, West Seneca; 651 Oakwood Ave, East Aurora; 1785 Abbott Road, Lackawanna (on the corner of Abbott and Martin); 1350 Harlem Road, Cheektowaga; 2500 George Urban Boulevard in Depew. You can also visit their website at:

<http://www.canredemption.com/>

### Recycle Old Clothes and Shoes at Reinstein Woods

Visitors to the parking lot may have noticed a new bright red collection bin for clothing, shoes and bedding.

Usable items are sold in a Buffalo store that supports the local homeless population. Other items are sold to markets abroad or recycled into other products, such as running tracks (sneakers) or liners for car interiors (cloth fibers).

In the near future, Friends of Reinstein will receive a portion of proceeds for donated items, so your donations will keep usable items out of landfills and help support Reinstein Woods!

# Fall 2013 Programs

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Please call 716-683-5959 to sign-up for a program.**

## SEPTEMBER

### Trail Tuesdays

**Every Tuesday from April - September from 6:30 to 7:30 PM**

*Turn your love for the outdoors into rewarding action. Assist with projects to help maintain and improve ecosystems and trails throughout the preserve. There is something for almost every age and ability to help with! Refreshments provided. \*\**

### After-School Escape

**Thursday, September 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 4:30 PM**

*A one-hour program featuring a fun, outdoor activity. For children in grades K-5. No registration required.*

### Fungi with a Fun Gal

**Saturday, September 7 at 10:00 AM**

*Fall is the best time of year to enjoy the beauty of wild mushrooms. Celebrate National Mushroom Month with an indoor presentation and a guided outdoor fungus foray. \*\**

### Nature Magnified

**Saturday, September 14 at 10:30 AM**

*Nature is six times neater when magnified! Explore micro habitats as we make small plants and animals appear larger than life on this guided walk. \*\**

### Decomposer Detectives: Secrets Under a Log

**Thursday, September 19 at 6:00 PM**

*Roll over logs to reveal the amazing creatures and fungi that call the forest floor their home. Discover what makes them so important to the Woods. \*\**

### Educator Workshop: Great Lakes Institute

**Saturday, September 21 from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM**

*This workshop helps teachers incorporate study of the Great Lakes into their classrooms through standards-based, hands-on lesson plans and in-depth instruction in local Great Lakes issues. Participants will receive Project WET and Project WILD Aquatic curriculum and activity guides. Please note: This workshop will take place aboard The Spirit of Buffalo, departing from downtown Buffalo. \*\**

### Magical Monarch Migration

**Saturday, September 21 at 10:30 AM**

*Join us as we learn about the monarch butterflies' long journey to Mexico. Then we will identify males and females, tag, record and release our monarchs for their trip. For adults and children age 8 and older. \*\**

### Birding 101

**Sunday, September 22 at 2:00 PM**

*Learn tips for watching birds and how to use binoculars. For adults and children age 8 and older. \*\**

## 13th Annual Fall Festival

**Saturday, September 28**

**10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

*Kick off the fall season by spending a day in the woods. Enjoy crafts for kids, live animals, hands-on activities, food, live music by Mama Earth and more. Check our website for more information.*

**No registration required for this event.**

## OCTOBER

### After-School Escape

**Thursday, October 3, 10, 11, 24 and 31 at 4:30 PM**

*A one-hour program featuring a fun, outdoor activity. For children in grades K-5. No registration required.*

### Fall Harvest

**Saturday, October 5 at 10:30 AM**

*Autumn is a busy time for many animals. Discover the foods they gather in preparation for winter. \*\**

### Alien Invader Investigation

**Saturday, October 12 at 10:30 AM**

*Aliens are invading Reinstein Woods! Not creatures from outer space, but plants and insects that could harm our forests and ponds. Explore where these "aliens" are found and learn what we are doing to protect our ecosystems. \*\**

### Fall Leaf and Nature Art

**Sunday, October 13 at 10:30 AM**

*This short, inspiring indoor presentation about using natural materials to make art will be followed by a trek through the woods to identify fallen tree leaves and create art along the way. \*\**

### Family Full Moon Walk

**Friday, October 18 at 7:30 PM**

*Come join us for a walk through the woods as we look for nocturnal critters and enjoy the sunset as the Hunter's Moon rises in the east. Bring binoculars if you have them. \*\**

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### Leafy Leftovers

**Saturday, October 19 at 10:30 AM**

*On this short walk, we'll enjoy the beauty of fall leaves and use them to make a simple craft to take home. Bring your camera if you have one. For children age 8 and older. Craft fee = \$4.00/person; Friends of Reinstein members = \$2.00/person. \*\**

### Owl Prowl

**Friday, October 25 at 6:30 PM**

*Learn about our local owls, and listen for their calls on a walk in the woods. Program sponsored by Friends of Reinstein to raise funds for purchasing new owl mounts. Fee = \$2.00/person; Friends of Reinstein members = \$1.00/person. For adults and children ages 8 and older. \*\**

### Creepy Crawlies

**Saturday, October 26 at 10:30 AM**

*Search for the slimy, scary and slithery critters of the Woods, and design your own creepy crawly craft for Halloween. \*\**

## NOVEMBER

### After-School Escape

**Thursday, November 7, 15, and 21 at 4:30 PM**

*A one-hour program featuring a fun, outdoor activity. For children in grades K-5. No registration required.*

### Day of the Dead Walk

**Saturday, November 2 at 10:30 AM**

*What connects Reinstein Woods to the Mexican holiday Dia de los Muertos? In this program, learn which beautiful creatures visit both the Woods and Mexico. \*\**

### The Scoop on Poop

**Saturday, November 9 at 10:00 AM**

*Scat (animal poop) can tell us a lot about which creatures are in the woods and where they roam. Join our exploration to learn how to identify scat from different animals. \*\**

### Secrets of Reinstein Woods

**Saturday, November 16 at 10:30 AM**

*Do you know where our water lilies came from or where to find the Reinstein family's hidden root cellar? Discover Reinstein Woods' best kept secrets on this guided walk. For adults only. \*\**

### Nature's Gathering: An Evening of Art, Wine and Cheese Saturday, November 16 5:00 to 8:00 PM

*Enjoy a tasting of fine regional wines, cheeses and hors d'oeuvres and help support Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve. Western New York artisans will showcase their nature-themed artwork, which will be for sale. Please Note: this event will take place at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2735 Union Road in Cheektowaga. Call 716-683-5959 for ticket information.*

### CSI: Critter Sign Investigation

**Saturday, November 23 at 10:30 AM**

*Become a nature detective and hunt for "clues" wildlife have left along the trails. For children ages 6 to 10. \*\**

### Turkey Stroll

**Friday, November 29 at 10:00 AM**

*The day after Thanksgiving is a great time for a walk in the woods. Join us on a guided nature walk as we look for wild turkeys and the clues they leave behind. \*\**

### Creative Composting

**Saturday, November 30 at 10:30 AM**

*Learn about red wiggler worms and how you can use them to start composting indoors to prepare for next spring's garden. Starter kit fee= \$4.00/kit, Friends of Reinstein members = \$2.00/kit.*

## DECEMBER

A decorative border of small evergreen trees surrounds the text for the Friends of Reinstein Holiday Party.

### Friends of Reinstein Holiday Party

**Saturday, December 7  
1:00 to 4:00 PM**

*The Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve will celebrate the beauty of winter at their annual holiday gathering. New members are welcome!*

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