

The Lily Pad

The Newsletter of Friends of Reinstein Woods

May 2014



We've Changed (and more change is coming!)

Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve, Inc. is now doing business as Friends of Reinstein Woods.

You may have noticed this change in correspondence you received from us recently. Most people refer to the nature preserve simply as "Reinstein Woods," and over the years many people have assumed that "Woods" was in our name. We hope that "Friends of Reinstein Woods" will be easier to remember.

Although "nature" has been removed from the new name, it remains in our primary goal: to help people "Share in Nature's Harmony." We've adopted this tagline to help people understand what we are all about.

Along with the new name, we've adopted a new logo. The hand-shaped logo is symbolic of Reinstein Woods' waters (represented by the lily-shaped palm) and forest (represented by the green fingers). The hand shape promotes the idea of sharing (as in "Share in Nature's Harmony").



Over the next few months, we will be refining our new website www.reinsteinwoods.org and improving our communications to position Friends of Reinstein Woods as a premier organization supporting environmental education at Reinstein Woods and beyond. So consider this edition of the Lily Pad an "under construction" version of things to come.

We welcome your feedback during this process. If you have suggestions for features you would like to see included in the newsletter, email info@reinsteinwoods.org.



Summer Camp

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Meander in the Woods

We invite you to “Meander in the Woods” on Saturday, June 14 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Reinstein Woods. The event will raise funds to support environmental education programs at Reinstein Woods.

“This event puts a unique spin on the dining experience,” said Friends President Mike Gettings. “This year, we decided to expand the snack trail and offer more food choices.”

Attendees will stroll a “sweet and savory” midday snack trail to sample delicacies that include ingredients that also grow wild in Reinstein Woods. Snacks will include items like mini chicken-mushroom sandwiches served with iced rosehip tea, sugared grapes, and dark chocolate cherry candy.

Dan Laboski will entertain the crowd with live Folk, Americana and Easy-Listening music. Inside the Reinstein Woods’ Education Center, participants can take their chances on more than 80 items offered in a basket auction.



Visitors Enjoying the Sweet and Savory Trail

Tickets are \$30 in advance and are available at the Reinstein Woods Environmental Education Center, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew or by calling 683-5959.

The Friends are accepting donations for the basket raffle and always welcomes volunteers. To volunteer or to donate, call Reinstein Woods at 683-5959.

Meander in the Woods Tickets can also be purchased by mail using the ticket order form below:

Meander in the Woods Tickets can be ordered today!

Number of tickets: _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please make checks payable to:

Friends of Reinstein Woods

Mail to: 93 Honorine Drive Depew, NY 14043

Your tickets will be sent to you by mail

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL JUNE 30, 2014

Registration is open for the "Kids in the Woods" summer day camps at Reinstein Woods! These week-long programs get kids outside and connect them with nature. We offer camps for three age groups: Little Sprouts (Grades K-1), Nature Explorers (Grades 2-4), Wilderness Adventurers (Grades 5-7). For more information and a registration form, visit www.reinsteinwoods.org or call Reinstein Woods at 683-5959 x 205.

For an additional adventure for kids 8 -12, consider the Summer Science Safari Camp. Science comes alive at three exciting natural sites in the Lake Erie neighborhood: the Penn Dixie Site, Evangola State Park and Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, for an exciting five days of nature exploration. Dig for fossils, explore the world of a pond, swim at a lifeguarded beach, build a wilderness survival shelter, and see local animal and bird displays at two different nature centers and much more! For dates and more information, call 716-627-4560.



Campers Enjoying the Pond

Youth Fly Fishing Clinic

Registration is quickly filling for the 2014 fly fishing clinic at Reinstein Woods. This event is for youth ages 8 to 15 years old. The Lake Erie Chapter of the Federation of Fly Fishers will sponsor this all day event on Saturday, June 7. On this educational day, participants will learn how to fly fish and catch and release fish using flies that they have tied themselves. Please note that fishing at Reinstein Woods is only allowed during this educational event. **Registration is required.**



Youth Learning to Fly Fish

Registration forms can be found at: www.lake-erie-fff.org/files/kidsdayapplication2014.pdf or you can pick one up at the education center.

Contact
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716-683-5959

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

Summer
Program
Schedule

See insert in
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To view
schedule of
Summer
Programs

Garlic Mustard Challenge Continues Until June 12

The fourth annual Garlic Mustard Challenge has gotten off to a great start, with volunteers removing this invasive plant at Reinstein Woods, Beaver Meadow Audubon Center and the Western New York Land Conservancy's Kenneglenn Preserve. Teams are competing to see who can pull (remove) the most at each site in pursuit of cash prizes. In the first month of competition, teams of families, scout groups and other organizations have pulled more than 400 pounds of garlic mustard!

The competition continues through June 12, so it is not too late to join in the fun! We are also competing to see which nature preserve can harness the most volunteer power and be crowned the "Challenge Champion," and we need all the help we can get to make sure Reinstein Woods reclaims the title this year! If you are interested in participating, contact Cara at 683-5959 x210.



Volunteers Pulling Garlic Mustard

Trail system expanded for visitors

In celebration of Earth Day, DEC Regional Director Abby Snyder announced the opening of additional trails at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve in Cheektowaga. "Our visitors have repeatedly asked for more trails to explore on their own," said Reinstein Woods Center Director Meaghan Boice-Green. "In keeping with the property's management plan, we are opening more of the gravel road system built by Dr. Reinstein for people to enjoy at their own pace."

Unlike other trails open to the public at Reinstein Woods, these trails do not contain wayside signs or posts with information about the trail's natural features. The trails provide a chance to commune with nature with fewer man-made distractions.

The new trails at Reinstein Woods total about a mile in length and open up the western end of the preserve to exploration by the public. With the addition of these trails, there are now about 3.5 miles of trails available at Reinstein Woods for the public to enjoy. These two trails make adjacent loops and provide views of West Pond and Lower Pond, ponds built by Dr. Victor Reinstein in the first half of the twentieth century. The trails can be reached from the north end of Hidden Pond trail, a short trail opened about two years ago, and end at an intersection near the Champion Beech tree, the largest forest-grown beech tree in New York State.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Annual Appeal Underway

Friends of Reinstein's annual Earth Day Appeal is underway, and we would like to extend a huge thank you to all the community members who have donated to date. The funds help Friends of Reinstein continue to provide quality environmental education programs for students, teachers and the general public through the year. Donations are still being accepted, so if you didn't receive a letter in the mail, feel free to contact the Woods to request one.

Thank you Appeal Donors:

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Christine Whalley and Kelley Kobel
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Welcome New Members!

Welcome to the following members who have joined Friends of Reinstein Woods in 2014:

Rose Antos
Linda Barrows
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Jean Bermel
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New Member Benefit!

Friends of Reinstein Woods has joined the Association of Nature Center Administrator's reciprocal membership program. Members of Friends of Reinstein can receive discounts on admission, store discounts and other benefits at participating nature centers across the United States and Canada. So before you plan your next trip out of state, be sure to check the list of participating centers on www.reinsteinwoods.org/join/ to find nature centers to visit!

Thank you for helping "Spring It On"!

Thank you to the following donors, as well as some anonymous donors, who gave to Reinstein Woods through the United Way's Spring It On Campaign:

Irene Benbenek	Judy Hendee	Gary & Maria Michalski
Meaghan Boice-Green	Deborah Henning	Dale and Carol Milsom
Gerry Casey	David Kennedy	Robert O'Keeffe
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Mary Ann Cortese	Mary Losi	Kristen & Chuck Rosenburg
Margaret Diamond	Kelly Mayer	Ben Sackmary
Mike & Carol Gettings	Sophia and Gaby Meyer	Vinod Suchak

Member Events:

Live animals with Mark Carra

Date: Saturday, June 28, 2014
Place: Reinstein Woods
Time: 1:30pm to 2:30pm

Join naturalist Mark Carra for a live animal presentation at Reinstein Woods. Registration is required. Please call 683-5959.

Tour of Hawk Creek Wildlife Center

(reservation pending)

Date: Saturday, July 26, 2014
Place: Hawk Creek
Time: 1:00pm to 2:00pm
(Meet at Reinstein Woods)

Enjoy a tour of Hawk Creek Wildlife Center and meet some of their residents, including an Andean condor, bald eagles, a river otter, and more! All tours will be led by one of their naturalists who will share natural histories and personal stories about the animals. The tour is conducted outdoors on a gravel walk, so proper clothing and footwear are a must. (no public bathroom facilities)

Eastern Monarch Butterfly Farm Presentation

Date: Saturday, August 9, 2014
Place: Reinstein Woods
Time: 6:30pm to 7:30pm

David O'Donnell will educate you on the full lifecycle of the eastern monarch butterfly and how to grow a butterfly garden! They sell kits with everything you need to raise your own beautiful Monarch butterfly!

Support Reinstein Woods While Shopping!

If you shop online at Amazon, you can designate Friends of Reinstein Woods as your official charity. Your prices stay the same, but Amazon will donate 0.5% of the cost of all your future purchases to the Friends of Reinstein Woods. You only need to sign up once and the process takes less than 30 seconds. To sign up, visit <http://reinsteinwoods.org/donate/amazon-smile-program/>. Thank you for your support!



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!

Summer 2014 Programs

**** Advance registration is required for these programs.
Please call 716-683-5959 to sign-up for a program.**

JUNE

Trail Tuesdays

Every Tuesday from April - August 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 Thursdays at 4:30 PM June 5, 12, 19 and 26

Kids and their parents or caregivers together can enjoy a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. For children in grades K through 5. No registration required.

Birding 101: Class #4

Wednesday, June 4 at 6:30 PM

*As we take a leisurely stroll through Reinstein Woods, we will continue to learn how to identify birds by sight and sound (some birds even say their own names!). Bring field guides and binoculars if you have them. ***

Nature Night Walk

Friday, June 13 at 8:30 PM

*Join us for a walk along the trails at night as we look for wildlife, stars, planets and the moon. Bring binoculars and flashlights if you have them. A stroller or wagon is recommended for children under age 6. ***

Meander in the Woods

Saturday, June 14 from 12:30 to 4:00 PM

*Join us for Friends of Reinstein's annual fundraiser to support Reinstein Woods! Enjoy a sweet and savory snack trail featuring foods inspired by wild edibles found in the Woods; live folk, Americana, and easy-listening music by Dan Laboski; and a basket auction and 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$30.00 and are available by mail with the order form found online at reinsteinwoods.org or at Reinstein Woods. **Tickets must be purchased by June 10.** Call 716-683-5959 for more information.*

Aquatic Exploration

Saturday, June 21 at 10:30 AM

*Join us as we grab nets and scoop in the pond in search of aquatic animals. **For children age 6 and older.** ***

Stroller Strut

Tuesday, June 24 at 10:30 AM

*Bring your stroller or wagon and share a sensory exploration of nature with your young child. **For children age 3 and under.** ***

Secrets of Wildflowers

Friday, June 27 at 6:00 PM

*What plant revered for its medicinal properties is named after a mythical doctor? Can you find a plant used by Native Americans to make rope? Learn about the hidden world of common plants and wildflowers on this guided walk. ***

Gardening Fun

Saturday, June 28 at 10:30 AM

*Bring your child for some gardening fun, make a garden craft and take a seedling home to watch it grow. **Materials fee = \$4.00/child; \$2.00/ Friends of Reinstein Woods members.** For children ages 6 to 8. ***

JULY

Trail Tuesdays

Every Tuesday from April - August 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. ***

Going Batty!

Wednesday, July 2 at 8:00 PM

*Bats are amazing animals but are often misunderstood. Separate fact from fiction, and learn about the only true flying mammals. ***

Stars of Stripes

Saturday, July 5 at 9:30 AM

*Celebrate Independence Day by learning about chipmunks, raccoons and other creatures "decorated" in stripes. Please note: This program will be held at Great Baehre Swamp on Hopkins Road in Amherst. ***

Birding 101: Class #5

Wednesday, July 9 at 6:30 PM

*Introduction to the thrush family—how many varieties do we have at Reinstein Woods? Learn to identify them by sight and sound as we walk through the Woods. Bring field guides and binoculars if you have them. ***

Family Nature Hour

Wednesdays, July 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 6:30 PM

*Hands-on activities enable families to investigate nature together on a different topic each session. Please note: This program will be held at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library at 1030 Losson Road in Cheektowaga. **Contact the library at 716-668-4991 to register.***

Full Buck Moon Walk

Friday, July 11 at 8:30 PM

*Join us for a walk in the woods as we look for whitetail deer growing new velvety antlers during this full moon. Bring binoculars and flashlights if you have them. A stroller or wagon is recommended for children under age 6. ***

Summer 2014 Programs

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

Summer Wildflowers

Saturday, July 12 at 10:30 AM

Search for seasonal wildflowers, and learn their uses and folklore. For adults and children age 8 and older. **

Pond Life for Kids

Saturday, July 19 at 10:30 AM

Bring your kids for a fun activity at the pond! Use nets to scoop for pond animals and learn how to identify aquatic insects. For children of all ages. **

Jewels of the Sky

Saturday, July 26 at 10:30 AM

On this guided walk, we will search for ebony jewelwings and tiger swallowtails, as well as other dragonflies and butterflies that may be in flight. **

Summer Institute: Schoolyard Habitats
Tuesday, July 29 and Wednesday, July 30
9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Explore new and exciting ways to reach your curriculum goals while enjoying the most under-used "classroom" at your school—the schoolyard! Learn outdoor classroom management techniques, how to identify common species, and effective ways to incorporate the outdoors into your curriculum. Each participant will receive a Project WILD activity guide with more than 120 standards-based lesson plans. Activities presented in the workshop are correlated to Common Core math and ELA standards. **Please note: Participants must attend both days. For educators of students in grades K-12. ****

AUGUST

Trail Tuesdays

Every Tuesday from April - August 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. **

Birding 101: Class #6

Wednesday, August 6 at 6:30 PM

What is a nuthatch? What is a grosbeak? Come find out as we continue our journey learning to identify the birds of Reinstein Woods. Bring field guides and binoculars if you have them. **

Insects of the Night

Wednesday, August 6 at 8:30 PM

The night offers a different world of insects that is rarely explored. Join us as we search for moths and other insects attracted by light and scent. For adults and children age 8 and older. **

Fairy Houses

Saturday, August 9 at 10:00 AM

Use natural materials to build a house to attract nature's fairies: butterflies! Once you learn how, you can make one anywhere. For children ages 5 to 10. Please note: This program will be held at Amherst State Park in Williamsville. **

Educator Workshop: Project Learning Tree

Thursday, August 14 at 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Project Learning Tree is an award-winning environmental education program featuring an interdisciplinary, hands-on curriculum that uses the forest as a window on the world. All activities are correlated to Common Core math and ELA standards. For educators of students in grades K-8. **

Knee-High Naturalists

Saturday, August 16 at 10:00 AM

Enjoy a variety of nature-themed activities with your young child, such as stories, games, crafts and snacks. For children ages 3 to 5. Materials fee = \$4.00 per child; \$2.00 per child for Friends of Reinstein members. **

Plants of the Woods

Saturday, August 16 at 2:00 PM

Learn about native and non-native plants that grow in Reinstein Woods and even in your own backyard. **

Educator Workshop: Project WET

Tuesday, August 19 from 9 AM to noon

Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) helps teachers use water to teach English language arts, science, math, and more! Participants receive a standards-based curriculum guide that includes lessons covering water's physical and chemical properties, cultural connections to water, and water resource management. For educators of students in grades K-12. **

Secrets of Reinstein Woods

Saturday, August 23 at 10:30 AM

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

Monarchs: Mexico or Bust!

Wednesday, August 27 at 6:30 PM

Come learn about monarch butterflies and their amazing flight to Mexico. Enjoy a short film about monarch butterfly migration, and then learn how to make your yard butterfly friendly. For adults and children age 8 and older. **

Introduction to Geo-caching

Saturday, August 30 at 10:00 AM

Participants will learn **how** to use a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit to find hidden clues and solve nature mysteries hidden in geo-caches. For adults and children age 8 and older. **

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