

NUGGETS OF NEWS for SEPTEMBER, 2023

From the
SHAWANGUNK NATURE PRESERVE

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WILDLIFE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

10 am – 4 pm

[See Details Here](#)

Kimberly, Sylvia & August Behrendt will be representing SNP with an informative booth and fun crafts project for all ages. Come join the fun, support the Zoo, and learn about other Ecology projects & events in our area. Free admission is provided by the NY Power Authority.



Incoming freshmen & women students from Hamilton College camped at SNP during a program called; "Find Your Inner Lorax". They came from a tour of the Oneida-Herkimer Waste Authority and were headed to Ithaca next. They loved our trails, were delighted with the quantity of stars they could see in our un-light-polluted night sky and were inspired by what has been accomplished at Shawangunk. There were students from Texas, Ohio, Massachusetts.... Thanks to Hillary-Joy Pitoniak for facilitating this interesting & inspiring program!



Thank you, Kim!



DELVING DEEPER

by Timothy Hume Behrendt, Preserve Coordinator

Over the years, I have, as a lover of world proverbs, found some of them extremely important. (There's nothing like living life to check out the usefulness of old, treasured sayings.) One of these seems to really help make our lives more meaningful, based on what I have learned and have had confirmed by others; "Take it all one moment at a time." Too much daydreaming and romanticizing the past doesn't help keep us awake to the Now. And too much thinking: "I can hardly wait" can be a nuisance. Both in moderation however, make for a well-balanced, healthy, consciousness and life.

IT'S MUSHROOM TIME !

Here are a few samples. Check out our article in the September issue of Mohawk Valley Living magazine (always free) for more pictures of the amazing colors and shapes of these interesting life forms that occur at SNP.



WILD FRUIT AT SNP

The beautiful Wild Choke Cherries are edible, and not bad tasting, but leave a dryness in one's mouth. Too many are likely not good for you.

Tim enjoys some wild blueberries which were abundant this year until the rain knocked them off the bushes.



FAMILY FROM GERMANY

SNP HAS VISITORS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD!



FAMILY FROM SPAIN

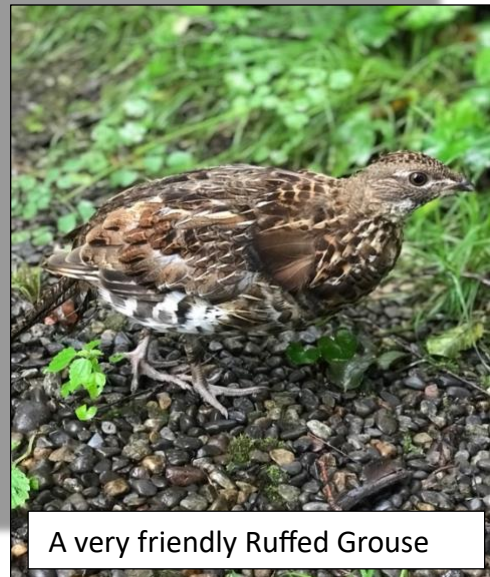


A very green grasshopper of some sort.

DIVERSITY;
The art of thinking independently together.
(Malcolm Forbes)



A Tunnel Spider makes its nest at the end of its silken tunnel out of a dried leaf.



A very friendly Ruffed Grouse

THE HARP CIRCLE CONCERT IN AUGUST WAS WELL ATTENDED & FUN!
WE HEARD DELIGHTFUL MUSIC FROM SURPRISE GUEST MUSICIANS AS WELL.



THE HARP CIRCLE

*Peggy Spencer Behrendt
Lauralee Driscoll
Annelise Gingrow*



**“There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it’s going
to be a butterfly.”**
BUCKMINSTER FULLER

**“Nothing great was ever achieved without
enthusiasm.”**
RALPH WALDO EMERSON