

NUGGETS of NEWS, May 2023

from the Shawangunk Nature Preserve

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PUSSY
WILLOW
BLOOMS
and the
coming of
the ROBINS
are among
our first
signs of
SPRING

UPCOMING WORKSHOP – APPALACHIAN EGG BASKET (again)

Since the class was too full to accommodate all interested students, a second class is being offered on Saturday, May 13th from 10 am – 2 pm. If interested, please register by May 6th.

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This curiously shaped basket was created to manage safe egg transportation on the back of a mule or horse. It's sometimes called a Fanny Basket, to be descriptive. It's a pleasantly fun challenge to make with the opportunity to use different materials for your own unique interpretation.

Materials \$15. Meet at 217 Shawangunk Rd., Cold Brook. Please bring your own lunch and register by May 10th by calling Peg at 315 826 7405

“Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm...”

W. Churchill



The Appalachian Egg Basket Workshop was great fun, and everyone took home a beautiful basket!



DELVING DEEPER

by Timothy Hume Behrendt, SNP Coordinator

May is buds opening. May is flowers. May is children skipping rope and playing baseball. May is a rug being shaken out an upstairs window. May is sweaters and cotton dresses. May is digging in the garden and ice cream stands opening. May is a young couple holding hands and an old man sitting on the front steps. But most of all, May is a time when we can immerse ourselves in all this beauty and become filled with it.

“Fall seven times –
stand up eight.”

Japanese

WHAT'S NEW AT SHAWANGUNK?



A new BEAVER WATCHTOWER built out of dead trees with a platform of milled lumber now overlooks two beaver ponds. Conceptualized and constructed by volunteers Gael & Rebekah Audic, funded by Roy & Kathryn Henderson. It is accessed by climbing a series of log steps.

A new trail named the MUZYK TRAIL [A double entendre named after the previous land owner who was a friend of the family – and for the wonderful music one hears there from birds & frogs in the ponds.] has been blazed by the Audics, which follows the same three beaver ponds as the THREE POND TRAIL but on the opposite side. Much beaver and bird activity is easy to see and hear from here.



Three generations of Behrendt's contemplate how the beavers know when a tree they're cutting is about to fall, and how they avoid getting crushed.



VISIT THE ROOT GLEN IN CLINTON!

Hamilton College Arboretum

Tree Trivia #32

A mature tree removes almost 70 times more pollution than a newly planted tree.

Hamilton College Arboretum



Hackberry *Celtis occidentalis* 'Magnifica'

HEIGHT: 60 ft.
HABITAT: Québec to North Carolina,
Missouri
ZONE: 3

Although the specie tree is susceptible to insects and diseases that may disfigure its shape, this cultivar is resistant. Tolerant of most planting sites, air pollution and salty soils, makes this native tree one of the best for urban plantings.

Hamilton College Arboretum

Tree Trivia #41

Forested watersheds provide quality drinking water to more than 180 million Americans. As rain falls to the Earth, it is slowed and filtered by trees, helping it soak into the soil.

Root Glen offers interesting informational plaques like these throughout the grounds.



It's well worth visiting the Root Glen on Hamilton College Campus. Well groomed trails, flowers, good information, and awesome trees, (Tim hugs one here) .

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DID YOU KNOW?

A baby porcupine is called a "Porcupette." And a family of porcupines is called a "Prickle of Porcupines." Pictured above, is a resident of Shawangunk.

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OVERCOMING THE BLUES

"When one door closes, another opens. But we often look so regretfully upon the closed door that we don't see the one that has opened for us. Alexander Graham Bell

"Many of life's failures are experienced by people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up." Thomas Edison

"We are in life's school all our lives and the only way to fail is to quit learning. THB

"What did the ground say to the earthquake?"

"You Crack me up!!"

Did you feel the recent earthquake in our area? One family thought their dog was scratching himself too hard and shaking the house. We thought someone had come in the door.