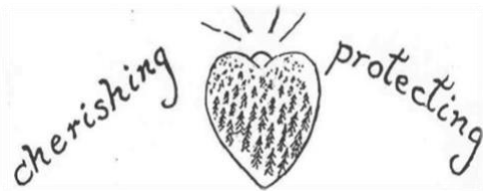


SHAWANGUNK NATURE
PRESERVE NUGGETS July 2023

Saturday, July 29, 10 am – Noon

ROCK WEAVING.

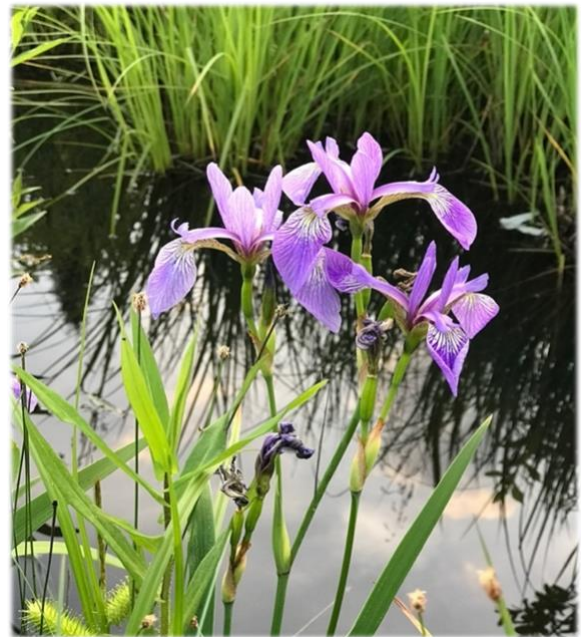
The art of binding a rock with decorative weaving has its roots in Japanese culture. It may be used as decoration, a focus for contemplation, or a way to distinguish a stone you found in a place that holds special memories. You should try to bring a smooth rock, about a size that would fill your hand. Close to an oval shape is advised. We will also have some. Then you may choose caning or artificial leather cord to bind it in a choice of beautiful decorative weaving patterns. Materials \$5.00. Please call 315 826 7405 or email us to register.



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SNP was recently visited by Oliver Patrick who, under the auspices of the NYDEC and Audubon is working on a five-year study of nesting birds for the NY Breeding Bird Atlas. Oliver found SNP to contain ideal habitats for this project.



Wild Iris in a Beaver Pond

OUR JUNE RUSTIC
FURNITURE CLASS
APPEALED TO ALL
AGES!



New glossy leaves sprung
Natural born artists dancing
I tell them everyone is an artist But they already know
What we lost
You are missing the point
Creating
If you think your human heart can be stolen
It's for you
To grow
To see
To feel
To express
If you only want to sell then your art is already replaceable
We will never stop
Touching
Exploring
Flying, soaring in the clouds of wonder
Pointing out the moon over and over again
Like it is the first time seeing it

“The
Moon
Spotters
”

A poem by
Kimberly
Behrendt

DID YOU KNOW?

The next full moon is July 3rd. It is sometimes called the Buck Moon because a buck's antlers are fully grown by now. It was also known as the Thunder Moon because thunderstorms can be frequent during July.

“Treasure the love you receive above all, for it will survive long after your good health has vanished.” Og Mandino

DELVING DEEPER by THB

The old quote: “if you get a lemon, make lemonade” is a wonderful proverb to take seriously. It is easy to say, and much harder to do, but that’s what Shawangunk is all about. There’s a lot of bad news around us about the environment; burning forests, air pollution, unhealthy diets... But the Shawangunk word to this is: “enough is enough.” We can make life around us as environmentally healthy as possible. That action and model can have a moving effect on others, learning by example. That’s what we’ve tried to do at SNP. It hasn’t been easy, but the whole adventure has been one we cherish. Thanks for your help! Let’s keep it up!



Noticing the variety of new growth tips on some of the evergreen trees in the Preserve

Clockwise from above: Balsam, Spruce and Scotch Pine. We also have white pine and hemlock in residence.

DOGWOOD



VIBURNUM/ARROWWOOD



The Preserve has many different textures of lovely, white flowering bushes in June.



HAWTHORNE



VIBURNUM/WHITE WITHEROD

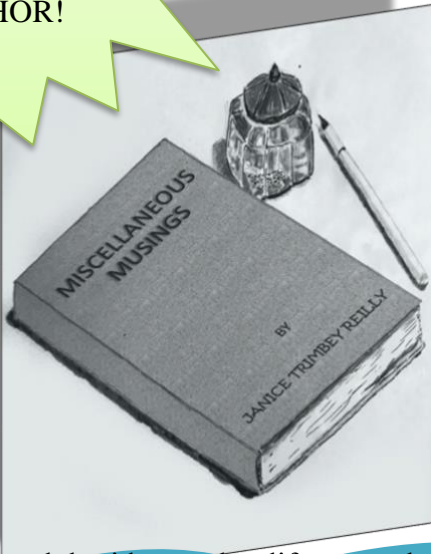
By *Henry Van Dyke*

“These are the things I prize
And hold of dearest worth:
Light of the sapphire skies
Peace of the silent hills,
Shelter of forests, comfort of the
grass,
Shadows of cloud that swiftly pass,
And, after showers,
The smell of flowers
And of the good brown earth –
And best of all, along the way,
friendship and mirth.”



Family explorations on a Three Pond Trail bridge.

NEW BOOK
RELEASED
BY LOCAL
AUTHOR!



Historian Janice Reilly, a long-time Preserve friend, released a new book. "Miscellaneous Musings" is a composite of very interesting, true stories tastefully gleaned from her personal experience and the Oneida County Historical Society archives. Each chapter covers different people, businesses, and time periods in the Mohawk Valley. Some are success stories, some are tragic, and some are quite amazing. It's full of colorful and fascinating characters who have struggled and thrived here. Amply illustrated in color and well worth perusing, it is available at the Oneida County History Center. 1608 Genesee St., Utica, NY 315-735-3642

"A vast fungal web braids together life on earth." Here is a link to a free NYTimes article about Merlin Sheldrake who is helping us begin to comprehend the far-reaching significance of scientific studies into a previously little examined branch of botany.

["The Man Who Turned the World onto the Genius of Fungi"](#)

Margaret Meads's Definition Of Civilization.
From Mary Hebard (paraphrased)

"The first sign of civilization in ancient culture was a femur (thigh bone) that had been broken and then healed. A broken femur that has healed is evidence that someone has taken time to stay with the one who fell, has bound up the wound, has carried the person to safety, and has tended the person through recovery. Helping someone else through difficult times is where civilization starts.

There's no better
time to garden than
in a warm rain.

"Children, marriages and
flower gardens reflect the
kind of care they get."
J. Jackson Brown, Jr.

"Weeds are flowers
too, once you get to
know them."
A.A. Milne



IN THIS PHOTO

Behind the walking man (Milliard Brenning) in Barneveld was one of the oldest or largest (not sure) NYS elm trees, before it died of disease.

The Mohawk River from Rt. 167 between Little Falls & Dolgeville

