

NUGGETS of NEWS for AUGUST, 2023
From the
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Have LUNCHTIME
with the
HARP CIRCLE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19
Noon to 1
217 Shawangunk Rd. Cold Brook

Join "The Harp Circle" a trio of harpists for some delightful music from the Old World to the New. Bring along your lunch, enjoy the flowers, and follow it up with a pleasant hike on one of the beautiful Preserve Trails. No Fee.



"Each string of a wind harp responds with a different note to the same breeze. What activity makes you personally resonate most deeply?"

David Steindel-Rast

NEW CANOE LAUNCH at SNP!

SNP volunteer Gael Audic conceived and built a boat storage site next to beautiful Black Creek to facilitate ease of use for our guests. Each craft (two canoes & two kayaks) is easy to access and securely locked with a code that you may obtain by calling us. This also gives you access to the storage box in the middle which contains the paddles.

Glide through the waters of Black Creek and you are sure to fall in love!



DELVING DEEPER

by Timothy Hume Behrendt, Preserve Coordinator

In the many years I have done carpentry and building maintenance, I've discovered how important solid, non-leaking roofs are: It's the first thing I check for in the early spring on SNP's many buildings and sheds. Leaks cause moisture and rot and they attract and breed hungry, wood-eating insects who should seek other places to live out their lives. Our SNP vision is like a solid, leak-proof roof that helps, through its 9 beaver ponds, 4 streams, thousands of trees, and deep mosses, keep out life-damaging invaders like air pollution, water shortages, and global warming...Good roofing to you all, friends!

SNP PROVIDES HABITAT FOR REHABILITATED WILDLIFE

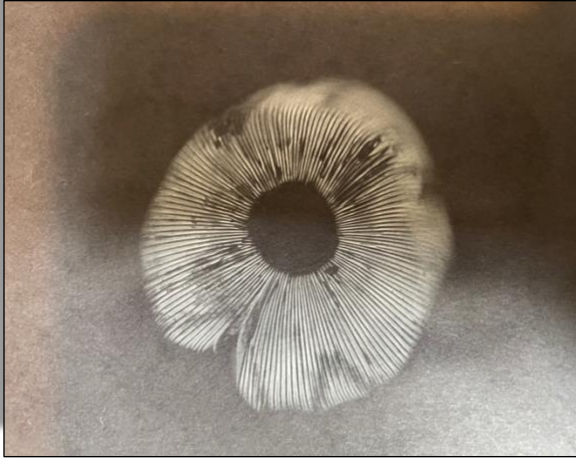


Kelly (far right) discovered two baby raccoons nursing from a feral cat alongside one kitten in Utica. When weaned, Lori and Mark (left) took care of them until grown up enough to manage on their own. They were careful not to imprint or bond them with humans. SNP board member Todd Behrendt helped take them to be released in a remote area of the Preserve by Black Creek where one immediately took to the woods and the other enjoyed exploring a crab apple tree and nibbling on things (perhaps tiny apples?)



"The wildlife and its habitat cannot speak, so we must and we will."
Theodore Roosevelt





“THE FASCINATING “SPORE PRINT” OF A WILD MUSHROOM.

To firmly identify a wild mushroom, one should take a spore print by setting the cap on a piece of paper that is half-dark & half-light and leaving it overnight so the spores may drop. The resulting print is unique to its identity.

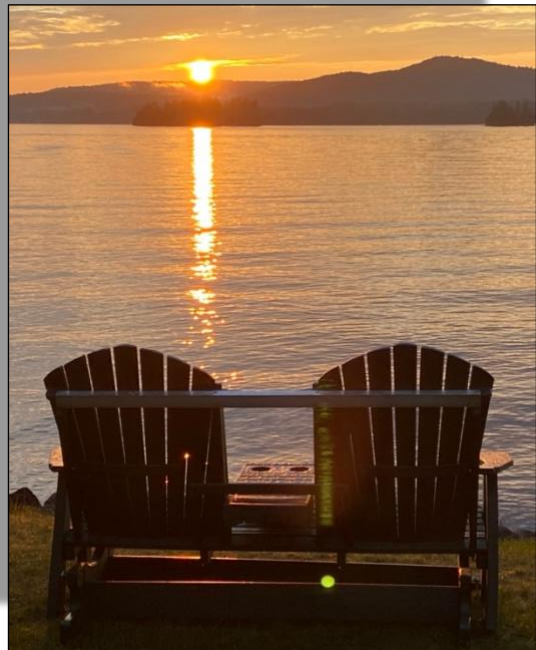
PLAYING WITH NATURAL MATERIALS.

Kim Behrendt works on an earthy basket woven with iris leaves.



“...Chasing meaning is better for your health than trying to avoid discomfort. The best way to make decisions is to go after what it is that creates [wholesome] meaning in your life and then trust yourself to handle the stress that follows.”

From a Ted Talk with Kelly McGonigal, Health Psychologist, Stanford University



WISHING YOU ALL SOME LOVELY TIME EXPERIENCING THE BEAUTY OF OUR WONDROUS PLANET!