

SHAWANGUNK NATURE PRESERVE NUGGETS June 2023



Stop to smell
the Apple
Blossoms!

June is a likely
time to see Lady
Slipper Orchids in
bloom at SNP!



Sat. June 10th 9:00-12

RUSTIC FURNITURE MAKING

Using fresh, local branches and twigs, you'll learn how to attach them to a nice board to form a small bench or table. Bring a portable drill, 1/8" drill bits, Phillips head screwdriver and Phillips head drill bit, a small pruning saw & hand pruner. Materials \$20. Reserve your space a week ahead please. Call 315 826 7405 or email the preserve.



Sat. June 17th 10:00-1

BARK BASKET

You'll love the piney scent and rusticity of this sturdy, natural balsam-tree bark basket in your home. We'll peel the bark fresh from a tree; score it; bend it into shape; and stitch it with decorative techniques. Hands are guaranteed to become sticky and fragrant with balsam sap, but don't worry; it washes off with warm soap and water! Materials 20. Please reserve a week ahead by calling 315 826 7405 or email the preserve.



DELVING DEEPER

By Timothy Hume Behrendt, SNP Coordinator

As an avid and life-long lover of world wisdom, I have seen the hidden truth in this statement; *"I don't understand why there is so much month left at the end of the money."*

It is a truth in many people's lives, including my own. The deeper truth behind and beneath this is "desire." In fact, one of the major world's religions is founded on dealing with the desire that is a part of everyone's life, beginning at conception with fetal development. Do infants express it? They sure do, with great vocal authority!

We must learn to live with and supervise this innate quality. One thought that I find helpful is: "Accept, and master it with moderation!"



We keep our distance from certain residents of Shawangunk

FROST.

A poem by Kimberly Behrendt

Spring

Life emerging from EVERYWHERE

Excitement

Colors

Dragone Champagne, Lime

Marmalade, Solenia Cherry, Fruit

Punch EXPLODING

Hiemalis begonia, thunbergia alata,

tagetes subulata, viola x wittrockiana

Must have them all NOW

Crisp air

Too early

FROST

Death

Breathe

Regroup

Replant

Regrow

Spring



SAVING THE EARTH

"What I stand for is what I stand on." Wendell Berry

"I think the environment should be put in the category of our national security. Defense of our resources is just as important as defense abroad. Otherwise what is there to defend?"

Robert Redford

"Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed." Mahatma Gandhi



BUNCH BERRY BLOSSOMS



CINNAMON FERN SETTING SEEDS



PULMONARIA (Pink buds and blue blossoms!)

SPRING
BLOSSOMS
IN SNP



CRAB APPLE BLOSSOMS



BLUEBERRY BLOSSOMS

GOOD NEWS!

from the

Humane Society of the United States

Maryland has become the first state in the nation to pass a law requiring animal labs to fund alternatives to animal testing.

You may access the Humane Society newsletter at HumaneSociety.org



An elderly resident of Shawangunk



A small hiking group enjoying the view from the bench at the end of the Beaver Pond Trail!

ON KINDNESS

"You cannot do kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible."

The 14th Dalai Lama

REPORT ON THE PLANNED SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE PRESERVE.

THANKS TO ALL WHO EXPRESSED CONCERN AND SHOWED SUPPORT FOR THIS SITUATION.!

We had three SNP board members, and three SNP supporters attend the Planning Board meeting. The developer seemed like a decent person but with a very limited scope of environmental impact. "The places I've logged in the past have come back with bigger and better trees." And about wildlife? "They take care of themselves." (I'm paraphrasing.) He also pointed out that if he wasn't doing the subdivision, someone else would be.

Good questions were asked by all, and much information was disseminated. The Board member in charge seemed to be environmentally sympathetic. I asked what criteria it would take to disapprove the sub-division. Answer: finding an endangered species that needed this land. Since it's recently been logged with much activity and vehicular traffic on the property, we realize it would be next to impossible to discover anything of that nature.

There are environmental laws that will come into effect when the parcels have been purchased and the new owners wish to do things on the land. There's nothing else we can do now but hope that the new owners will be environmentally and socially responsible people.

IT TOOK THREE CLASSES TO ACCOMMODATE ALL THE STUDENTS WANTING TO TAKE THE EGG BASKET CLASS!



Misty Brook is a lovely, safe place for children to play and explore. You may access it at the SNP Picnic Park by the side of Shawangunk Road.

Our youngest basket maker has no trouble finding pretty things to put into her new basket.

June Berry trees (also called Shad Berry or Service Berry) are the first trees to bloom abundantly in Spring, with lovely masses of white! Their deliciously sweet fruit is now forming. It's hard to beat the birds & wildlife to get some though!

