



Friends of Hidden Valley, Inc.
The mission of the Friends of Hidden Valley is to provide support to the Lawrence Hidden Valley Committee, Inc., in programs, development, maintenance and goals that promote and benefit Hidden Valley Camp. www.friendshv.org

Fall Newsletter 2012

Spring Fling combined work and ceremony

Every three years, Friends of Hidden Valley plan a special spring workday, combining work with fun, for Girl Scout troops and our volunteers.

This year, Spring Fling fell on Earth Day – April 22. And we had a couple more reasons to celebrate: 2012 is the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouting in the USA, and Friends planned to dedicate our new cabin patio, with its new inscribed bricks, at the event,

Cindy Riling, Friends Board Member, chaired the Spring Fling committee. Also serving on the committee were Mary Beth Petr, Jeff Bandle, Margaret Townsend, Marcia West and Durand Reiber.

To celebrate the Girl Scout anniversary, scouts participated in games in Mary's Meadow, led by Jill Baringer, Friends Board Member. She had an old game - Red Rover - as well as a new one, Recycle Relay. In Dogwood Forest, Lynne Bodle and her crew set up an exhibit of Girl Scout uniforms throughout the years.

All of the troops who attended, as well as many other volunteers, completed service projects throughout camp. As the girls worked around



Planting trees at Redbud.



Cabin patio bricks dedication ceremony.

camp, they collected interesting finds of nature and then stuck them into huge grapevine wreaths. The wreaths still hang in Dogwood Forest, so girls are continually adding to them – feathers, lichen-covered sticks, seed pods, snake

skins, and much more.

Spring Fling 2012 also included the dedication of the brick patio. The patio is being re-paved with inscribed bricks, which are being sold (in an ongoing fundraiser) to raise money for the repair of the brick chimney at the cabin. Cindy Riling also chaired this “Bricks for Bricks” committee, promoting and selling bricks. The first batch of bricks has been placed in the south cabin patio and Friends plan to place brick orders twice each year. If you would like to purchase a brick to commemorate your experiences or friends at Hidden Valley or in Girl Scouting, please do so! Visit www.friendshv.org for more information.

For the dedication ceremony, Cadette Troop 7535 lead by Lysette DeBoard and Rebecca Ferm guided a quiet group of scouts and adults to the patio and took turns reading parts of the ceremony. This was repeated three times for different groups, so girls could easily hear and share their “friendship in scouting” stories. They did an excellent job. After singing “Make New Friends,” the guests were treated to cupcakes in celebration of the 100th Birthday of Girl Scouting.

Annual Meeting

Friends elect board members, present awards

The Friends of Hidden Valley board hosted the annual meeting on September 20, 2012.

Our newly-elected board members are Debby Francisco and Christine Graves. Returning board members who were re-elected to

the board are Sandy Beverly and Flora Wyatt.

Several Friends members attended as guests, as well as Friends board members, eating a catered dinner and looking over the new bricks in the south cabin patio before Sandy Beverly, Friends

President, called the meeting to order. She outlined Friends' accomplishments over the past year. Jill Baringer, treasurer, presented the treasurer's report and Cindy Riling discussed the ongoing fundraiser, Bricks for Bricks.

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Friends sad to lose three founders this year

During the past year, Friends of Hidden Valley lost three original members who contributed significantly to our mission. Evelyn Lenzen, Joseph Collins, and David Owen will each be remembered for their outstanding gifts of expertise and commitment and will each have an engraved brick in the memorial pathway at Hidden Valley Camp.

Evelyn Lenzen



Evelyn began her Girl Scout experiences as a young girl, receiving the 1st Class Award, the highest award given at that time. She continued her Girl Scout membership throughout her life.

Not only was Evelyn involved in Hidden Valley Camp as a troop leader and member of the Lawrence Hidden Valley committee, but she also served on the area Girl Scout Council and as a delegate to the National Convention. She was a trainer of Girl Scout leaders and volunteered at Hidden Valley Camp when it was considered “out in the country”.

She once shared that she put 250 miles on her station wagon as a “runner” for food and supplies.

In the 1990s, Evelyn funded a considerable amount of the costs to build an on-site storage garage with a loft to store the growing amount of equipment the camp was acquiring and storing in a small shed and basements and attics all over town. The building was dedicated as “Evelyn’s Attic” and is filled with equipment essential to the upkeep of Hidden Valley.

Throughout her life as a member of Girl Scouts, Evelyn received many awards and honors. In 2006 at the 50th Anniversary celebration of Hidden Valley Camp, Evelyn was named an Honoree. When interviewed about the history of Hidden Valley, Evelyn wore a treasured Girl Scout hat and vest she had preserved.

Joseph Collins



Joe is recognized as an outstanding herpetologist who studied native reptiles and amphibians and founded the Center for North American Herpetology and the Kansas Herpetological Society, which

is the largest academically oriented state herpetological organization.

Surely every girl who attended Day Camp learned about reptiles native to Hidden Valley and Kansas through “A Pocket Guide to Kansas Snakes,” a publication given by Joe to any child or land owner he met who showed interest. He distributed them by the hundreds, and the fourth edition was published just this year. Joe’s wife, Suzanne, worked with him and provided many of the photographs in his publications.

As neighbors of Hidden Valley, both Joe and Suzanne served on the board of Friends as it was established in 1999. Joe and Suzanne served as officers and committee members, participated in workdays, brought animals to show the Girl Scouts, led discoveries and work projects, and photographed events. In 1999, Joe led an older group of Girl Scouts in establishing a series of “watering holes” in the stream to hold water when levels were low.

Joe died unexpectedly in January while doing what he loved most, leading graduate students in a long-term herpetology project in Florida.

David Owen



David was involved in Hidden Valley long before the establishment of Friends in support of his wife, Ellyn, who worked tirelessly as a Girl Scout leader and served on both the Lawrence Hidden Valley and Friends of Hidden Valley boards. When Friends was established in 1999, both David and Ellyn not only joined as members but also led and participated in many work projects significant to the preservation and upgrade of Hidden Valley Camp.

David’s many contributions included dismantling an old shed to make way for Evelyn’s Attic, painting the cabin trim and the cache, working a chainsaw or operating the wood chipper during workdays, and converting a latrine into a storage shed.

Throughout David’s life, he was interested in preserving the environment and established the Trinity Environmental Stewardship Team (TEST), at Trinity Episcopal Church, to promote environmental awareness throughout the community. David and members of TEST honored the request by residents of Presbyterian Manor to construct a handrail to aid in their walks in Hidden Valley.

In 2005, David was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award by Friends, which he proudly framed to hang in his home.

Students remove old brick patio for class project



Three Free State High School students - Connor Aldridge, Blair Bracciano, and Stephen Fulton - came to the aid of the Friends of Hidden Valley last spring to remove the old bricks from the south patio in preparation for the laying of the south Cabin patio.

These students spent three hours in May removing over 700 bricks, for a class assignment of "kindness to strangers" as part of their Epic Traditions class work on Homer's *Odyssey*. Well done and many thanks from the Friends and the contributors to the new Memorial Patio!

Few but mighty work hard to whip trails into shape at June workday

Our Trail Maintenance Workday was held on June 2, and organized by Friends Board Member Marcia West.

Fourteen hardworking people were there. Mary Burchill took care of the check-in table. Cindy Riling, Mary Beth Petr, Leesa Terry and David Haugh chopped back honeysuckle and wayward limbs on the trail from

Mulberry to Hillside to Bishop's Glen.

Thanks also to Margaret Verhage, Jeff Bandle and Kyra Flummerfelt for cutting brush from Coral Berry to Osage Orange and Redbud. Anne Wilsey and her daughter, Arabella, worked on the trail from Brookside up to Cherokee Lookout and Westward Ho. Durand Reiber worked with

Grace and Phoebe Clark in the Rocky Road area. Marcia cleaned out honeysuckle near the cache and on both sides of the road near the camp gate.

Many thanks to all workday volunteers! Your hard work definitely made it easier for campers and leaders to use Hidden Valley for Day Camp.

Friends' Annual Meeting - continued from P. 1

Durand Reiber, Friends board member and chair of the volunteer committee, presented the awards:

- **Special Mention** - Cris Bandle, for continuing to help with the website even though she is no longer on the board.

- **New Board Members**, Debby Francisco and Christine Graves.

- **Honeysuckle Awards** - David Haugh, David Hooge, Bruce Nightengale, John Bilek and Mike Huslig.

- **Hazmat Award** - Jeff Bandle

- **White Gloves Award** - Sarah Corliss.

- **Best New Friend** - Anne Wilsey.

- **Hot Chick and Hot Dude Awards** - Margaret Verhage and Jeremy Raye.



Our Award Winners at the Friends Annual Meeting, were, from left, Sarah Corliss, Jeff Bandle, Cris Bandle, Jordana Arnold, Margaret Verhage, Margaret Townsend, Stephen Fulton, Anne Wilsey, David Haugh and Arabella Haugh.

- **Behind the Scenes Awards** - Leesa Terry and Claudette Johns

- **Eco Award** - Barb Culver

- **GS Arcalooka Award** - Jordana Arnold

- **2012 Volunteer of the Year** - Margaret Townsend.

Volunteers Flood Hidden Valley All Year!

This past winter and spring was an incredible time for volunteerism at the camp, thanks in part to the mild winter. Besides our annual workdays, approximately 10 KU and community organizations, businesses, and youth groups requested service projects from August through May, and helped quite a bit by clearing and burning honeysuckle in Dogwood Forest and along Bob Billings. In June, the Roger Hill-sponsored Volunteer Youth Corps hit the camp hard with nearly 20 teenagers, helping to prepare the camp for Day Camp.

Durand Reiber, Camp Manager, was especially excited about the formation of a weekly “Fenceline Crew” of volunteers that responded to a Roger Hill “How to Help” column



KU Alternative Break participants and KU Finance Club after clearing brush in Dogwood Forest in March.

Donation helps restoration efforts

Friends were fortunate to receive a very special donation in honor of Flora Wyatt, Friends Board Member. Knowing of her love and commitment to Hidden Valley, these generous and anonymous donors gave \$5,000 to be used as Flora desired.

Because she knew the donors love trees and natural landscapes, Flora decided the donation should be used to further our efforts of native woods restoration in Dogwood Forest.

We plan to use both volunteers and hired labor to continue clearing the understory of nonnative trees and shrubs (mostly hedge and honeysuckle) each fall and winter, followed by diverse plantings of

native trees, shrubs and woodland flowers by Girl Scouts each spring. Ultimately, the area will be an educational showcase of interesting native plants, and will be sure to include the necessary host plants for butterflies and to serve the needs of other native wildlife.

At this year’s Spring Fling, troops planted several native species. We anticipate the effort will continue for several years, and will eventually include tree tags and booklets. The slow but steady transformation of the area is amazing, as we watch many native species reclaim their habitats on their own.

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in the Journal World. Each Thursday, from January through early May, a crew of 3-7 volunteers met to work on clearing the entire fence line around the 40-acre camp. Several brought chainsaws, while others brandished loppers or hauled fire wood or brush,

An enormous amount of work was accomplished, including extensive clearing on Bob Billings. We want to thank the following hard-working volunteers for their weekly commitment to Hidden Valley; your help was greatly appreciated!: Chainsaw operators David Hooe, Bruce Nightengale, and John Bialek, with constant work by Mike Huslig and his loppers. Others that assisted on occasion were Jeremy Raye, Bill Algaier, David Bricker, Thomas Hodgson, Anne Wilsey, Brian Boyd, and Friends board members Jill Baringer and Sarah Corliss, and also Lawrence Hidden Valley Committee member Mary Beth Petr. This was a long overdue project and could not have been accomplished without you. Thank you!

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The “bridge crew” of Callahan Creek employees, who replaced rotten boards in the bridge while some of their colleagues worked in Dogwood Forest in April.

Also, Dave Baldwin, a self-employed carpenter, took on several repair jobs, ranging from repairing picnic tables and building shelves to overseeing a volunteer crew replace many rotting boards on a bridge. Thanks!



Teens in the Volunteer Youth Corps participate in a lunch break game during their week of service in June.

Lawrence Breakfast Optimist Donation

Many thanks to the Lawrence Breakfast Optimist Club for their \$1,250 donation to Friends of Hidden Valley.

The LBOC is a group of area residents who encourage youth development, and they have made several donations to Friends. Our chair, Sandy Beverly, recently spoke about the camp at one of their weekly meetings, finding them to be the most friendly and positive people she has ever met! Friends are very grateful for LBOC support!

Thanks so much, Friends of Hidden Valley members, for choosing to support our camp, year-in and year-out.

New Members (2012) Welcome!:

Bill Algaier
Charlie Bryan
Jeff & Christy Campbell
Danny Drury
Robert Fluker
Dr. Estela Gavosto
Marilyn & Roy Gridley
Gina Halsey
Pat & Ned Kehde
Erin Lawrence
Michele Passman
Lawrence Rader
Jeremy Raye
Carol Rose
Emily Russell
Albert & Jane Sellen
Doris Slocombe
Antha Spreckelmeyer
Charlie Stansifer & Mary Miller
Phyllis W. Talmadge
Elaine Taylor
Ruth Warren
Alex Weston
Jan Willey
Ron & Joyce Wolf
Carol Zhiri

Returning Members, 2012:

Opal Allison
Cris and Jeff Bandle
Jill Baringer
Mary Alice Barr
Mark & Paula Bastemeyer
Maynard Bauleke
Grace Beam
Bob and Joleen Bechtel
Joanne Bergman
Sandy Beverly and Kevin Ruland
Beverly Smith Billings
Lynne Bodle
Boy Scout Troop 55/Rick Heschmeyer
Mary Burchill
Suzanne Collins
Sarah Corliss
John Diehl
Sandy Dolezal
Vicki Douglas
Pat and George Duerksen
Kyra Flummerfelt
Ronald and Debby Francisco
Larry & Marilyn Fullerton

Rebecca and Joe Gant
Jill and John Giele
Sara J. Gillahan
Phoebe Godwin
Jack Graham (Graham Enterprises)
Christine Graves
Kitsy Gray
Margaret Hall
Don & Carol Hatton
Chris & Marsha Haufler
Allison Haworth
John and Nancy Hiebert
Barbara Hill
Marcia & Stephen Hill
Emily Hill & Burke Griggs
Susan and Earl Iversen
Jean Jamison
Claudette Johns
Lilly Kelly
Joan Kenny
Kathy Klocke/Perry Kennard
Nelson Krueger
Carol and Dave Kyner
Rhonda Parks
Linda Lungstrum
Gwen Macpherson
Dorothy M. Maxwell
Lucy Remple McAllister
George and Marilyn McCleary
Jeannie McClure
Drs. Earl & Shelly McColm
Jan K. McElwain
Dorothy McGregor
Lori Michel
Liz Miller and Lindy Eakin
Betty Jo Miller
Marna Moore
Howard & Ginger Mossber
Lorene Mosser
Mary Beth & Patrick Musick
Deborah & Brian Norwood
Diane Oakes
Dick & Georgia Orchard
Ellyn Owen
Mary Beth Petr
Michelle Powell
Rex Powell
Larry & Joyce Rankin
Dave Ranney
Durand Reiber and Martin Moore
Joan Reiber
Mary K. Ridgway

Cindy & Mike Riling
Robin Robertson
Ronna Robertson
Jerry & Jane Rogers
Mr. & Mrs. L.J. Rose
Stan & Janet Roth
Robert Russell
Al & Joyce J. Schild
Janiece & Joe Scribner
Susan Shackelford
Cris, Tanya and Mason Sherman
Pat & Nancy Slabaugh
Deb Smith
Lucy Smith
Mary Kay Stephens
Shere Stoner
Margaret Townsend
Jane Tuttle
Galen Uhrich and Beth Rundquist
Joanne VanHoesen
William & Edna Van Schmus
Margaret Verhage
Evan & Carol Ann Vernon
John & Susan Wachter
Chuck & Karen Warner
Wanda and Truman Waugh
Deb & Bob Werts
Marcia West
Elise & Curt White
Eleanor A. Woodyard
Mary Lou Wright
Paula Wunder
Benji & Flora Wyatt
Ella Mary Yoe

In Memorium:

Joe Collins
Evelyn Lenzen
Ronald McGregor
Russell Mosser
David Owen

Other Gifts:

Cub Scout Pack 3072/Laurie Kallenback
Dorothy McGregor
Lucy Remple McAllister

Lifetime Members:

Carol Francis
Dorothy McGregor
Elaine Taylor
Ed Bishop

Rewards and Scholarships 2012

The Friends of Hidden Valley honored Girl Scout Troop 7675 with a Troop Reward. Marcia West, Friends Board Member, presented the award at the Girl Scouts of Douglas County Service Unit 716 Appreciation Night on April 16.

Led by Troop Advisor Kyra Flummerfelt, Troop 7675 is comprised of older scouts – Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors.

The troop provided service at Hidden Valley Camp on January 15, providing the much-needed service of burning brush for 3.5 hours. Three girls from the troop, Amber Jameson, Robyn Flummerfelt and Emily Squires



Marcia West, left, presented the Troop Award to Kyra and Robyn Flummerfelt.

completed the service project and mentioned that they also had a cookout that day, so they combined the hard work with some fun.

Each year, Friends of Hidden Valley invites Girl Scout troops to apply for the Troop Reward. The selected troop receives \$50 and a certificate.

An army of tree waterers . . .

This terrible drought has really taken its toll on the 200 or so young trees we planted at camp last spring.

Durand put out a plea in mid-summer for people to volunteer to water saplings in a particular area once a week. Several helpers responded and we think (fingers crossed) we save most of the young trees.

We aren't sure if the drought will abate or not. If you are interested in being on the tree watering list after the winter, please let Durand know by emailing her, Durandi@sunflower.com



Camp will take on huge planting project in wake of utility work

This past winter, Friends officially began a long-term project of planting Eastern Red Cedars along our fenceline on Bob Billings.

Cedar trees are extremely hardy natives, provide great benefits to our wildlife, are easy to maintain along a fence line, and rarely need to be cut back. When grown closely together, they also create a great, year-round visual and physical barrier.

Although we were thinking about the future and increased car traffic and noise, our plans did not include what came next: the Lawrence Hidden Valley Committee has been informed by Westar Utilities that they will be installing transmission lines down the camp side of Bob Billings. That means that the large, beautiful trees lining Bob Billings will be severely cut back or taken out completely, and the recent cedar plantings will also be lost during the project.

Our camp will need you more than ever to help reestablish our barrier! Plans call for intense planting of native shrubs in the cleared areas, followed by rows of cedars further back, away from the utility lines. Please stay tuned for updates and a Friends' call for volunteers (or donations) as we embark on the largest planting project ever in the history of Hidden Valley Camp!



Friends participate each year at Eagles Day, and the next one is for January 19, 2013. Its always a lot of fun, having the chance to tell the community about Hidden Valley

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Cindy Riling, Vice Chair
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