



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.

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Twenty Years Celebrated with Special Recognitions!

On the evening of September 21, 2017, music, laughter and applause could be heard at Hidden Valley Camp. Friends of Hidden Valley members and guests came together to celebrate their 20th Anniversary during the Annual Meeting. The evening began with live music and social time while guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. The Annual Report (see insert) was provided to all and the results of the Board Members election were reported with the current and new Board Members being introduced. (see Elections, page 2)



Beerbellies "Lite" entertained guests. From left: Dave Hooze, Martin Moore and Mike Schwartzberg



Founding Member Barb Petersen, left, chats with BOD members Robin Robertson and Marcia West.

Durand Reiber gave a history of FHV from the origination as an Ad Hoc committee on the Lawrence Hidden Valley Committee, the forming of this 501 (c) 3 organization, and talked about some of the accomplishments and additions to Hidden Valley, thanks to the generosity of Friends. Cindy Riling gave an update on the Brick 4 Bricks program and shared the current goal of this fundraiser to build a stone fireplace/grill next to the Southern Shade Shelter.

Honored guests were the Founding and Charter members. These Honorees received special gift packets containing a poem by Edna Casler Joll written in calligraphy by Lucy McAllister; a bandana with the map of Hidden Valley printed on it; a collection of cards with activities and Hidden Valley information and a patch all from the 50th Anniversary of Hidden Valley event; and a SWAP from the 50th Anniversary Birthday Bash of Ar-ca-loo-ka Cabin. *Continued on Page 2*



Twenty Years continued: Honoring our Past and Present



Charter and Founding members in attendance, from left: Durand Reiber, Marcia West, Mary Beth Petr, Suzanne Collins, Barbara Petersen, Robin Robertson, Elyn Owen, Cindy Riling, Lynne Bodle, Joan Reiber, and Shere' Stoner.

Gwen Macpherson Receives 2017 Honored Friend Award



The next celebration was for **Gwen Macpherson** who received the Honored Friend of Hidden Valley Award as her name was unveiled on the Honor Bench in the Friends Memorial Butterfly Garden. Mary Beth Petr introduced Gwen and shared the many contributions that she has made to Hidden Valley Camp for over two decades. Using her seemingly unlimited knowledge, ingenuity and skills, Gwen has been instrumental in planning and overseeing numerous structures at the camp,

from bridges to composting toilets and more, with plenty of hands-on construction! Gwen was also a GS leader and has served on the LHVC board as the Site Chair. She continues to share her skills in many ways, from technology and GPS/mapping skills to volunteering at workdays. **THANK YOU GWEN!**

Throughout the evening there were drawings with the winners receiving items commemorating Hidden Valley camp and Friends of Hidden Valley. The evening concluded with the guests being invited to continue enjoying the food and drinks in Southern Shade or to join the tour of the Friends' newest addition, the Seasonal Display in the Yurt Nature Center in Dogwood Forest. Prepared by Ken Lassman and Jim Bresnahan, the exhibit highlights many of the amazing plants and animals one can observe at Hidden Valley each month. Ken led the tour.



Many positive comments were heard from the guests who enjoyed the evening and the chance to visit with old friends and meet new ones, who all share the same passion for Hidden Valley Camp.

Board of Directors Election Results & Welcome to Brigid Murphy

During the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors slate was approved, with Karen Lewis, Durand Reiber, Marcia West and Lily Yu returning, and Brigid Murphy newly elected. Officers and committee chairs were elected during the first board meeting in October:

Chair: Christine Graves

Vice Chair: Margaret Verhage

Secretary: Cindy Riling

Treasurer: Robin Robertson

Committee Chairs:

Fund Development: Robin Robertson

Membership: Carol Zhiri

Public Relations: Durand Reiber

Recognitions: Marcia West

Volunteers: Durand Reiber

Our Webmaster is Cris Bandle



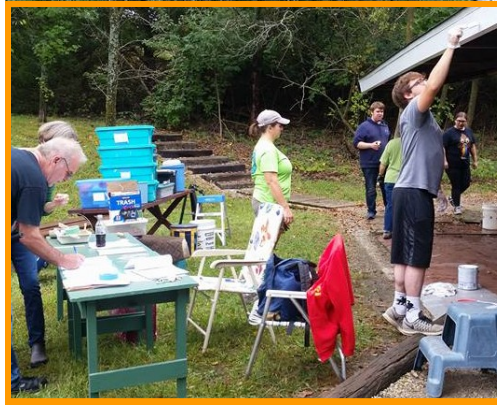
Welcome new board member, Brigid Murphy. Recently retired from 32 years as a public school art teacher at several Lawrence schools. Brigid received undergraduate degrees from KU in Fine Arts/Painting and Art Education and her Masters in Art Museum Education, also from KU. Brigid was a Girl Scout (into high school) while growing up in Topeka, and a GS Leader from 1980-1982 and 2005-2011, volunteering at Hidden Valley Day Camp.

Brigid's daughter, Aubin, a long time Hidden Valley camper and well known aide named Squid, is currently a freshman at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. Husband Jackson Clark is a retired architect with Gould Evans.

Fall Workdays a Proven Success!

The Friends-sponsored fall workdays have proven to be a huge hit for volunteers of all ages, and KU students continue to boost our numbers! The September 17 workday centered around the cabin and garden area had a record number of 112 volunteers, not to mention perfect weather!

The large November 12th workday covering Mary's Meadow and Dogwood & Sherwood Forests was not so lucky with gray overcast skies and chilly winds, but still brought an amazing 140 volunteers! In addition to so many projects, scouts visited the Yurt Nature Center to talk with KU grad students and helped decorate the Friends Festival of Trees donation. A hearty thanks to all who came, and the army of volunteers that helped coordinate the event!



September Workday from left: young Girl Scouts haul mulch; extensive cabin cleaning and painting of the trim; girls try to catch elusive monarch butterflies—no luck there, but they enjoyed catching and trying to identify many other butterflies, moths and insects.

Eagle Project benefits Hidden Valley Day Camp

Hidden Valley would like to thank Andrew Williams from Boy Scout Pack 53 for building eight new kitchen boxes as his Eagle Scout project, the highest award for Boy Scouts. Andrew designed these boxes, working to incorporate needed design changes to improve the ease of use and durability of Hidden Valley's cook boxes, then organized a group of young men to help him build them. After many hours of hard work, Andrew and his team delivered the boxes just in time for our 2017 Girl Scout Day Camp at Hidden Valley.

We appreciate Andrew's hard work and know the future holds great things for him.



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- ◇ Amazon will make a donation to Friends of Hidden Valley.

Thank you for your on-going support of Friends of Hidden Valley. Your generosity and support help make Hidden Valley Camp a treasure for present and future generations!.



Volunteers spruce up the Friends Memorial Butterfly Garden during the record-breaking September workday!

Calendar of Events



January 20, 8:30-4 pm: Eagles Day at FSHS. Come visit our booth at this annual event highlighting wildlife and nature! Fun for all ages.

April 14, 1-4 pm: Spring Workday at Hidden Valley!

April 21, Earth Day Parade & Celebrations in South Park. Visit our table!

June 2: Hidden Valley Trails Day... trail maintenance in the morning, followed by guided hikes and a peek into our Yurt Nature Center!

Coming this winter: Honeysuckle Warriors will be meeting weekly to clear and burn that ever-invasive honeysuckle. Ignite YOUR inner warrior!

Contact the Camp Manager at durandi@sunflower.com for all volunteer inquiries.

Friends of Hidden Valley is a partner organization with the Kaw Valley Native Plant Coalition: a network of like minded individuals and organizations dedicated to the goal of increasing native plants in the region. As a member, FHV will donate seeds of our native hibiscus plant collected from the camp, to the native seed portion of the Seed Library of the Lawrence Public Library. *Hibiscus laevis*, or rose mallow, prefers wet areas and grows up to 5' tall, bearing huge white flowers with a dark pink center late in the summer. It is easy to grow from seed, and makes a stunning plant in the landscape that attracts butterflies and bees.



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