



## Upcoming Activities



*Mystery flower*  
(see page 2)

Please join in! Our walks last 90 minutes or so. Activity lengths vary but stay as long as you can. Make sure you check our *Facebook* page for updates during these uncertain times, since events are subject to change.

All events are family friendly. Sorry, no dogs allowed at our activities. Questions? Contact us at [HollidayAssociation@hnpa.org](mailto:HollidayAssociation@hnpa.org) or via our *Facebook* page.

### ◆ Fall Color Walk and Work I

*Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m.* Koppernick Section, Koppernick Road, south of Joy Road, west of Hix Road. Fall walk on forest loop trail. Enjoy the color show and fresh air. Afterward, we will tackle a few projects: boardwalk repairs; remove trees that have fallen across trail; and cut some invasives. Just a couple hours. Come for the walk, the work, or both!

### ◆ HNPA Annual Membership Meeting

*Saturday, Oct. 22, 9 a.m.—Noon.* Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, east of Farmington Road, south of Five Mile Road. Entrance off the large parking lot. Long time no see, so would be nice to see our members. We need to discuss HNPA positions on various issues concerning the Preserve; make plans for 2023; and look at HNPA's future and perhaps how you fit into it! Good opportunity to share your comments, suggestions, ideas, and concerns. Light refreshments provided. We'll also share some funny stories, laughter and smiles. (See page 2 for more information.)

### ◆ Fall Color Walk and Work II

*Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m.* Cowan Section. Central City Parkway, west of Wayne Road, north of Warren Road. Early walk on forest loop trail. Enjoy the color show and fresh air. Afterwards, we tackle projects in the area: Clear trails; cut invasives; and pick up trash. Just a couple hours. Come for the walk, the work, or both!

### ◆ Early Winter Walk

*Saturday, Dec. 10, Noon.* Ellsworth Section. Parking at Nankin Mills on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail. A calming walk in the forest to help prepare for the hectic Holiday shopping season ahead.

## HNPA Annual Membership Meeting (Finally!)

**W**e are finally holding an annual meeting. It's on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, which is east of Farmington Road and south of Five Mile Road. The entrance off the large parking lot.

It's a morning meeting (our first). It's also our first meeting in a few years. Because of Covid, we could not meet for important conversations. Even now, Covid

must be taken into consideration. The room we have is large so we can "Social Distance." Feel free to wear a mask should you feel more comfortable. There are restrooms, a major consideration in selecting a meeting place.

Our agenda will cover Treasurer's report, Facebook report and President's report. We really need to talk about the future of HNPA; our positions regarding the

Preserve's future. We also want to answer your questions and hear your concerns and get your suggestions. We hope for a good turnout. It's important all members attend. If you cannot attend, please send an email with anything you would like to share to *HollidayAssociation @hnpa.org*



## Invasive Swallow Wort Update

**A** couple of years ago, the very invasive vine – Black Swallow-wort – made its appearance in Koppernick section of the Preserve. It was initially spotted on the Beech Trail, near the restroom floor ruins. We did have a work day identifying those vines and removing



them. It was late in the year, and the seed pods had already opened. This resulted in the affected area expanding.

In September, an effort was made to pick off seed pods before any released. However, it's likely some pods were overlooked. It would be very helpful if members took some time to just look for seed pods, bag them and then burn them at home.

## Name This Flower. Please!

**W**hat is this flower? Bill Craig, our HNPA President is stumped. Can you help? If you know what it is, either come to a walk and let Bill know or email us at

*HollidayAssociation@hnpa.org*

The photo will be posted on our Facebook page and we will post the answer when we get it.



**June 11 Wildflower Walk in Koppernick**

*Bill Craig, who usually leads the walks and takes a group photo at the end, could not attend. The walk did occur but no photos were shared.*

**June 12 Detroit Audubon Bird Walk in Koppernick**

*HNPA members guided Detroit Audubon on the Tulip Loop. The birders wanted to see the rookery. The egrets were done with nesting, but counting the empty nests was fun. The trail was under water in some spots so we did some wandering in the forest. We had a special treat: Jack Smiley, founder of HNPA and long time Audubon member told the golf course proposal story that originally galvanized support for the Preserve. He also pointed out birds high in the trees, and entertained us with his bird calls. Jack in Holliday, perfect.*



## Tonquish Creek Rescue and Update



**T**he big log jam we worked on upstream of Hix Road in 2021 remained open this May. We worked downstream on another blockage.



On a nice Saturday in May, Phil Crookshank again brought the HNPA winch and volunteers brought their muscles and smiles.

Those working the jam, did a partial removal of the blockage (called “clean & open”). They also removed several bags of trash and two tires. Other volunteers cut invasive plants along the trails. When the morning was done, we had a big pile of muddy logs, a few tires, several big piles of cut honeysuckle and some dirty, tired but happy volunteers.

Thank you, thank you all!



### July Update

Bill Craig passed the site in July and noticed the site was completely open (photo above).

Summer rains had washed downstream wood that volunteers had left in the stream when they cleaned it in May. The logs downstream may have formed a new blockage—and perhaps a project for our 2023 Tonquish Creek cleanup.

## Tonquish Creek Rescue and Update



### **April 24: Walk and Work in Newburgh**

*A group saw some early Spring wildflowers, while another group went straight to work on cutting invasive honeysuckle and autumn olive in an overgrown field. Once the walkers returned, some joined in the work. A good day in all.*

### **May 7 Walk and Work in Cowan**

*Again, we had a good number of walkers enjoying wildflowers along the loop trail, while some very ener-*

*getic types went to cutting honeysuckle choking the entrance portion of the trail. Again, we had a good day, and a lot of good work was done. Our many thanks to volunteers who helped at each event.*



## Mosquito Mystery

**D**id anyone notice something very strange about this long, hot summer? Where were the mosquitoes that make every outdoor event memorable (but not in a good way)? HNPA does not schedule any events after early June due to

heat, rains, humidity, and swarms of mosquitoes! When working in Preserve this summer, our HNPA President noticed a lack of his usual noisy, companions. There were a few but not the large swarms that usually keep him company.

Bill reported hearing a news story by a DNR person who said the mosquito population was down by 90%. Somehow this does not seem likely. Anyone with some facts to share? You can share them on our Facebook page or at our meeting on Oct. 22.

**T**rees fall all the time, and most of the time we rarely notice. However, there are exceptions and here are two.

### Old Beech is No More



For more than 30 years, we have been walking by

## Trees Tumble

a slowly-decaying Beech tree on the Beech Trail in Koppernick section.

Recently, only the hollow main trunk still stood, with its collection of fungi. That trunk has finally fallen. This Beech tree had a long life and will now decompose and recycle into the forest floor.

Do you remember taking time to look at this tree on our walks? I did many times. Children really liked this spooky tree.

### Triple-Trunk Oak Falls



A huge, triple-trunk Red Oak split,

with each trunk going different directions. Two fell directly on the Tulip Trail.

Of course, when these trunks went down, they took other trees down with them. HNPA volunteers went to work cutting these trunks, to open the trail. HNPA chainsaw fun!

## Collecting HNPA's History

**W**e are collecting documents from the 1988 founding of HNPA and we are asking longtime members to search their basements, attics and garages.

Fred and Celeste Hoitash

and others provided early flyers, minutes and newspaper articles. Founding member and past Editor, Bob Duda (at right), brought awards and assorted documents.

If you have anything from

our first meetings you would share, we

would enjoy seeing them.



# Who We Are and What We Do



**H**olliday Nature Preserve Association (HNPA) is a group of volunteers dedicated to the William P. Holliday Forest & Wildlife Preserve in Westland, Livonia and Canton.

The Preserve consists of 500-plus acres of forests and wetlands that run along tributaries of the Rouge River. HNPA seeks to nurture a greater appreciation of this unique resource by hosting walks, conducting improvement projects in conjunction with Wayne County Parks and promoting the importance of the Preserve to the quality of life of Western Wayne County communities. Our activities are free. Find out more at [hnpa.org](http://hnpa.org) or on our *Facebook* page.

## Thanks to our Supporters



**T**he following people joined HNPA, renewed their memberships or made donations. We thank them and appreciate the continuing support and the trust they (and you) put in us. We use the funds we receive for the benefit of the Preserve.

Connie & Jim Andres  
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## Become one of our Supporters

**M**embership in the Holliday Nature Preserve Association is only **\$5 per calendar year**. Your support makes it possible to mail our newsletters, host a

website, offer walks and purchase items for work projects, educate the community and promote the Preserve. New memberships paid now will be valid

through 2023.

Donations are used to benefit the Preserve. You may also earmark additional funds to extend your membership.

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