



## HNPA's Mission

**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, Michigan.

The Preserve consists of 500-plus acres of forests and wetlands that runs along tributaries of the Rouge River.

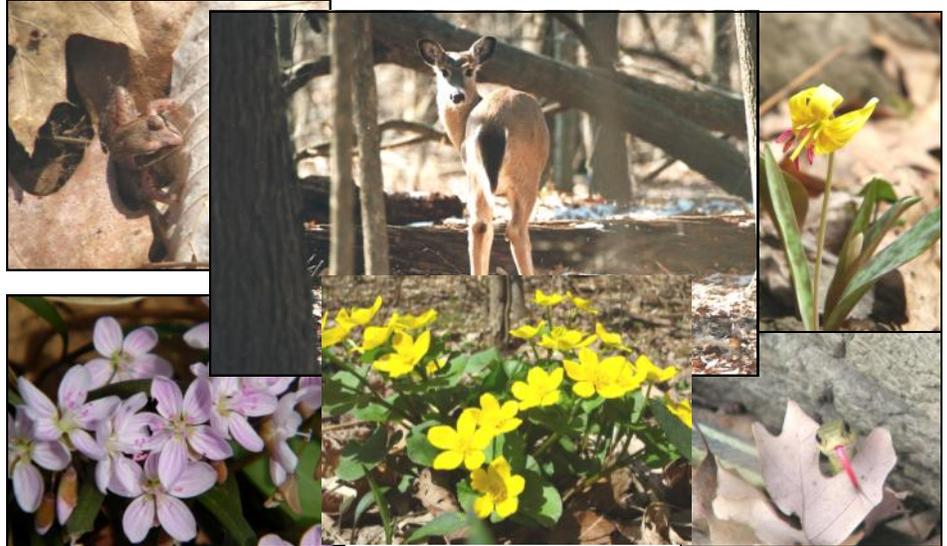
The HNPA seeks to nurture a greater appreciation of this unique natural resource by hosting walks, conducting maintenance improvement projects in conjunction with Wayne County Parks and promoting the importance of the Preserve in improving the quality of life in Western Wayne County communities.

Our activities are free and open to everyone. Find out more at [HNPA.org](http://HNPA.org).

## Thanks for your Donations

**T**hanks to all who mailed in your 2012 dues. Names appear on page 4. (Please let us know if we missed yours.) And if you still haven't mailed in your dues for the year (they are \$5), please use the form on that page.

Your support is much appreciated and helps us mail out this newsletter, maintain our website and help carry out projects in the Preserve.



*Spring is when the Preserve REALLY comes alive. Take a walk on the semi-wild side. Photos by Rose Treppa and Bill Craig.*

## Upcoming Activities

**T**ake a walk through the Preserve with HNPA volunteers. The pace is leisurely and the atmosphere informal. Our walks last from an hour to 90 min-

utes and are held regardless of the weather, so please dress for conditions.

Questions? Contact us at [HollidayAssociation@HNPA.org](mailto:HollidayAssociation@HNPA.org) or go to [hnpa.org](http://hnpa.org).

### Spring Wildflower, frog and snake walk

Sat. April 28 — 10 a.m.

Hix Park entrance ( Hix Rd, north of Warren) Trail will be wet.

### Spring Wildflowers and Folklore—Co-sponsored event

Sat. May 12 — 1-3 p.m.

Cowan entrance (Central City Parkway, west of Wayne Rd, Register at (734) 996-3190. See our website ([hnpa.org](http://hnpa.org)) for flier.

### Rouge Rescue in Holliday Preserve— Presentation

Thurs. May 17 — 7 p.m.

Westland Public Library (6123 Central City Parkway)

Contact: Andy Schuck, Librarian at (734) 326-6123

### Rouge Rescue

Sat. June 2 Registration begins: 8:30, Event: 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Cowan entrance (Central City Parkway, west of Wayne Rd.

See page 2 for more information.

# Rouge Rescue 2012

## ***HNPA, City of Westland and Friends of the Rouge again partner for June 2 event at Cowan.***

**T**his year Holliday Nature Preserve Association will host its Rouge Rescue on Saturday, June 2 at 8:30 a.m., at the Cowan entrance to the Preserve (north of Westland Mall). We will need about 50 volunteers.

We will again partner with The City of Westland and Friends of the Rouge, and many of our activities will be similar to those conducted last year.

Westland will provide a chipper, truck and crew to carry away more invasive honeysuckle plants. (Even though we removed three truck loads last year, many more choke the Cowan entrance to the Preserve.) We cannot use herbicide to do a really thorough job of controlling this nasty plant, so we must revisit our work area to suppress new growth. The work is important if we want to enjoy the growth of native wildflowers.

We will also remove shopping carts and tires from Morgan Creek and Tonquish Creek.

To satisfy those who like to get wet and muddy working on log jams, we will clean and open a log jam, IF it is still there in June.

Volunteers will remove the trash from the creek: lots of

sports balls, water bottles, and non-deposit containers. We may even have a team of skilled chain saw operators to clear fallen trees from the trail system. So you

can see we have plenty of different tasks to work on.

HNPA has loppers and saws to cut honeysuckle, but we need people to use them and others to carry brush to the chipper crew.

Volunteers are needed to collect trash from creeks and people to get trash bags back to dump truck. Additional people are needed to get into the creek to dig out shopping carts and tires, then others will rope them, haul them out and carry them back to dump truck. All this hard work makes the Preserve a much more enjoyable place to visit.

Friends of the Rouge will be providing gloves, trash bags and T-shirts. They also provide paperwork that **MUST** be signed. We will need volunteers to staff the very important registration table.

If you want to help make the Preserve better, if you want to be earth-friendly, if you want to do community work, if you want to meet



*It's no day at the beach but you will still have a ball and help the Preserve and our environment at Rouge Rescue 2012.*

some nice people, if you want to do something to make your "place" better, then join us on June 2. Parking is across the street from the Cowan entrance, on Central City Parkway.

Wear long pants, long sleeves, old shoes. HNPA does not support use of plastic water bottles – so we will have picnic jugs of water, a clean up station, City of Westland support personnel and mosquitoes.

For updated information on HNPA, visit ***hnpa.org***. Additional information can also be found at ***therouge.org***.

### **Why we ask you to register**

Volunteer must register! This is important for two good reasons; FOTR can use the volunteer time as in-kind credit for grants, which support the good work they do in the watershed, AND for legal and insurance purposes.

# Unneighborly Neighbors



A few issue ago we reported that someone was cutting trees in the Preserve, probably for firewood behind homes at end of Jermaine Street in Westland. That activity is illegal and damaging to the Preserve.

A report was made to Wayne County Parks. The site was checked again during the winter and the illegal activity had progressed with the clearing of a trail further into the Preserve to access more trees. HNPA made another report with photos.

On March 14, a HNPA

member raked leaves back on the trail, covered trail with branches and needlessly cut saplings and scattered the logs used to line the sides of the trail. This was done to send a message this type of activity is not allowed or condoned.

On March 26, HNPA met with Lawrence Hemingway, Assistant Director, Wayne County Parks and requested signage be posted stating that cutting of trees and vegetation and building of

trails was illegal. They agreed and signs will be posted soon. Any further illegal activity will be handled by Wayne County Sheriff.

HNPA made follow-up visit to check restoration work. The Preserve is healing and one can hardly tell where trail was. All was natural looking, with May apples, trout lily and spring beauty brightly showing through the decomposing leaves – and it was only March!



*Trail before restoration*



*Trail after restoration*

## Recent Photos



*Hikers on our February hike in the Cowan section of the Preserve.*



*There is no shortage of trees in the Preserve but it can get crowded sometimes. Here, a Blue Heron is building its nest before the watchful eye of the Great Horned Owl. This nest is in the Cowan section of the Preserve.*



# Thanks to our Supporters

The following people have joined HNPA, renewed their memberships or made donations in the first quarter of 2011. Thank you. We appreciate your continuing support and will use the funds for the overall benefit of the Preserve.

Howard & C. Behr  
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## Become Part of HNPA!

Membership in the Holliday Nature Preserve Association is only **\$5 per year (Jan. 1—Dec. 31)**. Your support makes it possible to **distribute**

**our newsletters, host a website, support Rouge Rescue, offer walks, educate the community and promote the Preserve.**

Any additional funds over and above are used to benefit the Preserve. You may also earmark additional funds to extend your membership.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

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Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

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Annual dues are \$5 per household. Additional donations are appreciated. If you send more than \$5, please indicate how additional funds should be used:

( ) **Donation** ( ) **Extend membership**

Please make check or money order payable to the **Holliday Nature Preserve Association** and mail to: **HNPA, P.O. BOX 532243 Livonia, MI 48153**