



HNPA Celebrates 25 Years of Service



In 1997, a proposal to sell a portion of the

Holliday Nature Preserve and create a golf course galvanized a community opposed to the idea and brought together people from all walks of life from near and afar. Virtually overnight, the Holliday Nature Preserve Association (HNPA) came into being thanks to the efforts of Jack Smiley and John Covert.

HNPA had two goals: to de-

pend the Preserve from that immediate crisis and to protect it into the future.

We are now 25 years into that future.

A lot has changed in the past quarter of century. Some changes were big and for the better: Jack Smiley, of Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy facilitated purchase of land that increased the size of Preserve by 40 acres. Some of the changes were small and for the better: Signage and boardwalks were added, mounds of trash removed; two new bridges were built; and vandalism such as mountain bike paths, painting and camping continue to be



Jack Smiley, John Covert and Phil Crookshank in an undated photo.

addressed. Bill Craig continues to be HNPA's leader and the Preserve's biggest champion.

Other changes were big and not—at least in our time-frame—for the better: Gypsy moths took a toll on mighty oaks, emerald ash borer killed hundreds of majestic ash trees changing the

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Join the Celebration 25th Anniversary Monument Dedication

Saturday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m.

Cowan entrance (Central City Parkway, west of Wayne Road, north of Warren Road)

For many decades, one of the first things one noticed upon entering the Cowan Section of the Preserve was a bronze plate recognizing Arthur J. Richardson for donating the land that is today the William P. Holliday Forest & Wildlife Preserve. That bronze plate is gone now (sadly, it was stolen), but we intend to unveil a new monument in its place and we hope you can join us

as we remember the man who gave us Holliday Preserve, thank those who helped form HNPA, and congratulate our board and our membership for a job well done. Please be there. After all, your continuing support has made this milestone possible.

We will serve light refreshments with a hike in the Preserve follows.

canopy above us, while invasive species like honey-suckle and garlic mustard have changed the look of the Preserve at ground level.

Urbanization continues closing in, degrading land around the Preserve's boundary and also degrading Tonquish Creek that flows through the Preserve.

Yet even with all the changes many things remain the same, including the peace and tranquility the



An early Rouge Rescue

Preserve offers, and an escape from hectic urban and suburban pace of life.

Twenty-five years have changed our Association. We still have many of you who have been with us from

the start. Some dear friends have passed, but new names continue to be added to our roster and so our membership remains stable. We have funds in the bank, a newsletter, a website and even a Facebook page.

Will HNPA be here another 25 years? Only time will tell. However, we can tell you this, as long as HNPA remain, so will its commitment to the Holliday Nature Preserve and to you, our members.

Boardwalks Added to Newburgh Area



Scout Tom Walkinshaw, Troop 854 from Canton, installed six more sections in the Newburgh section of the Preserve extending the boardwalk. Their efforts make it easier for Preserve visitors to cross an often muddy area more safely and come out with cleaner shoes. The first site visit was in April, with the work completed on June 15. HNPA matched \$150 towards the cost of materials.

Tom's team precut lumber and partially assembled each section off site. These

sections were then carried from Newburgh Road into the Preserve for final construction and placement.

Carol Clements, naturalist for Wayne County parks signed off on Tom's paperwork and Tom just needs final approval from his Board of Review and he will achieve the high rank of Eagle Scout.

HNPA thanks soon-to-be Eagle Scout Tom Walkinshaw for his high quality workmanship on this boardwalk project in the Preserve.



Upcoming Activities

Take a walk through the Preserve with HNPA volunteers.

Walks last an hour to 90 minutes regardless of the weather. Kids welcome. Sorry, no dogs allowed.

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Late Fall Hike

Saturday, Nov. 16, Noon
Hix Park entrance (Hix Road, north of Warren Road) The scent of fall, the crunch of fallen leaves, and chance to see a bit of wildlife.

Winter Walk Escape

Saturday, December 14, Noon
Cowan entrance (Central City Parkway, west of Wayne Road, north of Warren Road)

A quiet time away from the busyness of holiday shopping, coupled exercise and fresh air.

Rouge Rescue 2013



At this year's Rouge Rescue on May 4, we targeted the Wayne Road bridge—and with good reason. There was a lot of

work to be done: painting over graffiti cutting and chipping invasive honeysuckle and buckthorn, and remove trash from the Preserve and its creek.



Lutheran Church for use of their parking lot, Mr. & Mrs. Furbacher for allowing us



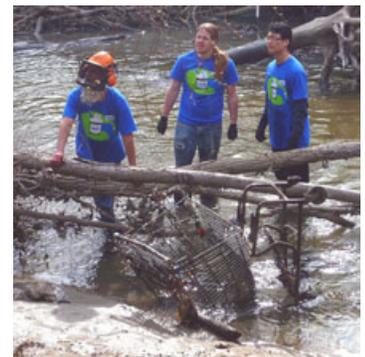
easy access to the site. We also owe thanks to crew leaders John Covert, Phil Crookshank, Brandon Scott and Steve Weiss.

All the hard-working volunteers helped make Holliday Nature Preserve a much cleaner and more enjoyable place to visit. Thank you all!



HNPA also wants to thank our members and supporters for purchasing the special paint and supplies needed to cover the bridge graffiti.

Lastly, HNPA offers a special thanks to Observer & Eccentric Newspapers editor Sue Mason, for covering our event in the May 9 Wayne/Westland Observer.



By the way, next year's Rouge Rescue is currently scheduled for May 17. The site within the Preserve is yet to be determined. Hope to see you there.

View photos on our website at HNPA.org or go to Flickr.com and enter HNPA in the search engine.



Volunteers came from all over Metro Detroit and a few came from Lansing. We had people from SOLAR, U of M, FOTR, DCDS, Girl Scouts, SEM, L&L Engineering and 10 Girl Scout Brownies and four adults from Troop

73569 in Ferndale...the list goes on. We also had that hard-working City of Westland crew chipping invasive shrubs and hauling trash.



Our accomplishments included removing six shopping carts, a submerged recliner, car seat, stroller, bed springs, tents and blankets. We also collected 60 bags of trash and 1.5 trucks loads of

chipped trees. And yes, we painted over the bridge graffiti.

It was hard, hot, muddy, messy work and it was all completed by noon.

HNPA is thankful to everyone, including Friends of the Rouge for supplies, City of Westland for its crew and equipment, Timothy



HNPA Mission

Holliday 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.

Thanks to our Supporters



The following people joined HNPA, renewed their memberships or made donations this summer. We thank them and appreciate the continuing support they and our other members give along with the trust they put in us. We will use the funds for the overall benefit of the Preserve.

Linda & Laurence Bernhardt

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Mickey & Sally Green

Fred & Celeste Hoitash

Dan & Janet Machowicz

Nick McNair

Ken & Lisa McQuade

Suzanne Pudelek

Mark & Rosemarie Rembisz

Carol Sullivan

Johann Sheibley

Gregory & Rita Zaremba

Become Part of HNPA!

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

sible 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.

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