



Upcoming Activities

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 since events are subject to change.

All events are family friendly. Sorry, no dogs allowed at our activities. Questions? Contact us at *Holliday Association@hnpa.org* or via our *Facebook* page.



◆ Winter Walk

Saturday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m. Koppernick Section, Koppernick Road, south of Joy Road, west of Hix Road. Slow walk on Beech Trail loop. Look for animal signs and activity.

◆ Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m. Livonia Senior Center, Conference Room. While members may attend, there will not be an opportunity for comments or questions.

◆ HNPA Membership Meeting

Saturday, Feb. 18, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Livonia Senior Center, east of Farmington Road, south of Five Mile Road. Entrance off the large parking lot. At our last meeting (see insert), members said they wanted more than an Annual meeting. So, please joins us to plan activities for Spring, including Tonquish Creek cleanup. Our new Board of Directors will have reports to share.

◆ Almost-Over Winter Walk

Saturday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m. Cowan Section, Central City Parkway, west of Wayne Road, north of Warren Road. Route is a bit hilly so be ready for a bit of slipping and sliding as we walk along the creek on a forest loop trail. Dress warm, embrace Winter.

◆ First Day of Spring Walk (and Work)

Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m. Ellsworth Section. Parking at Nankin Mills on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail. Likely muddy walk on floodplain. Starting at noon, after our walk, we'll cut invasive honeysuckle and pick up any trash. Just a couple hours and no mosquitos! Come for the walk only, the work only, or both

A Look Back at Recent Activities, Cont.

Early Winter Walk - Dec. 10

Nice to walk this trail in the Koppernick section without ice, mud, or big puddles of water. Just easy walk up and down the high ground, then across floodplain.

We pointed out sycamore, hackberry and walnut trees along the route.



REMINDER

HNPA memberships are generally valid for one calendar year (exceptions include those who renew in the fourth quarter of a previous year or those who have sent in additional funds to extend their memberships).

A new calendar year

Membership Renewal Time

means that we once again request your financial support for our—for your—organization.

We request a \$5 donation so we can continue to mail our newsletters, host a website, offer walks and purchase items for work projects, educate the community and promote the Preserve.

Please use the form on the back page of this newsletter.

BTW, thanks to many generous donations we've received over the years, (above the \$5 we request), we've not had to raise our donation request despite rising costs for printing, postage and web hosting.

Mystery Flower Named

In the last issue, we posted a photo of a "mystery flower."

Social Media Manager Pam Larson received several answers, and quickly we might add, when it was posted on our

Facebook page.

The flower goes by several names: Canada germander, American germander or wood sage. It's also a native flower and not an invasive.

Although the flower does

show in many guidebooks, we learned that there are several free "apps" that can be uploaded onto a phone to help one find the answer accurately and quickly.

2022 Annual Meeting Report



On Oct. 22, we held our 2022 HNPA Membership Meeting at the Livonia Senior Center. HNPA President Bill Craig presided. We had more than 20 members plus a couple of non-members. It had been three years since we had a face-to-face meeting. Bill Craig supplied donuts, cookies, coffee, juice, and water. Here is a summary of the meeting

HNPA Treasurer's Report:

Kathy Treppa gave the Treasurer's Report, which covered three years. We have a positive balance of funds thanks to memberships dues and many generous donations.

Communications:

HNPA Facebook manager, Pam Larson, explained the importance of LIKING, and said we had over 860 Followers. Our Facebook page has proven to be a very useful tool. Marty, Our Editor, is wintering on the Gulf of Florida, so HNPA President Bill Craig reported on website, domain name and newsletter.

Meeting Discussion Items - Audience Q&A.

Discussion comments were noted.

- ◆ What should we do with Treasury?
- ◆ What tools should we buy?
- ◆ What does the Preserve need? A color newsletter? A high-quality Preserve handout for distribution?
- ◆ What should be done about the bridges, trails, and parking lots in the Preserve?
- ◆ Is more signage needed in the Preserve to assist visitors in navigating the trails?

President's Report:

The COVID epidemic gives HNPA concern for the future of HNPA should any key officers suddenly not be able to serve. Bill suggested having a backup Plan B

Who would devise this Plan B? This led to a discussion about the need for an active Board of Directors. While we have actually had a Board of Directors in the past, we did not use it, so it faded in memory. After much debate, present membership voted to install an updated Board of Directors. Motion unanimously accepted by the meeting attendees.

This new Board of Directors will meet soon to decide on meeting schedule, and the tasks to address. Bill thought it was a good time to present some tasks for them to handle.

- ◆ Formalize Plan A: Dissolution of HNPA
- ◆ Draft Plan B: Steps to continue HNPA
- ◆ Position Letters: The Board could approve a number of position letters.
 - 1) Continue our 20-year-old position on bridges, that is fewer bridge are best.
 - 2) Continue our support that the Preserve should remain sectional. That is, no Through Trail.
 - 3) Support an ADA (Americans Disabilities Act) non-asphalt trail that would be created over existing service roadbeds in Cowan and Koppernick.

These position letters would be prominently posted on our website and given to Wayne County Parks.

Bill had four large panels with 1964 maps of the Preserve sections. Bill was able to point out flaws in any plan for a Through Trail, the good reasons to have Sectional use of the Preserve, and the corresponding reasons for fewer bridges. This discussion circled back to one of the earlier questions, in the Q & A part of agenda: What should we do with Treasury? HNPA should save some for legal expenses and public protest should any unnecessary, unsound, and destructive plans be proposed in the Holliday Preserve.

There were more items on the agenda. There was discussion on a Legacy Project, which would digitally save HNPA documents and photos for historical preservation. Our collection of newsletters will be saved to tell our story. The BEST was saved for last. 2023 will be the 35th Anniversary of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association. The audience agreed to have picnic on a Saturday in June, at Ellsworth Section. More information will be provided once the new board of directors finalizes plans.

The meeting room was scheduled for three hours. We were all engaged in discussing the future of HNPA and the work that needs to be done in the Preserve. We used the whole three hours. Many thanks to all that attended. We did good work and had a good time.

A Look Back at Recent Activities

Walk & Work I - Oct. 15



More than 20 walkers "Slinkyed" the Tulip Trail in the Koppernick Section, stopping to discuss the work done by Wayne County Parks to access the fallen pavilion (from early 1960s) for removal. Then they passed the cut open-

ing through the big fallen oak tree, which had blocked trail. Many questions were asked: What were those orange, fuzzy seeds? Answer: galls from small wasps. What is that strange plant? Answer: parasitic beech drops.



While the crowd walked, some people were already working, collecting seedpods from a VERY invasive black swallowwort and cutting its existing vines. Once walk ended, several people stayed to join in work. More work needed to reduce its spread.



Walk & Work II - Nov. 5



Social Media Manager Pam Larson's Facebook efforts enticed a few first timers to walk with us in the Cowan Section along the big loop forested trail.

Many have done this trail

several times over the years. Still, there is always something that catches the eye: a Garter snake, deer,

colorful leaves. This time the red leaves of the invasive burning bush were very noticeable.

Again, after the walk, some joined those already working at Preserve entrance. More honeysuckle cutting and stacking on a pleasant Fall day—a good day.



Who We Are and What We Do



Holliday 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 or on our *Facebook* page.

Thanks to our Supporters



The 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.

**Anthony's Pond HOA
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Thomas Carpenter
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A donation was made in honor of **Louise P. Gorack** by the **Gorack Family and friends.**

Become one of our Supporters

Membership in the Holliday Nature Preserve Association is only \$5 per calendar year. **With 2023 now about us, that means it's time to send in**

your renewal. 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.

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

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