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Labor Days Takes Shape

Raven Hill Discovery Center continues to work with the Smithsonian on *Labor Days: A History of Work*, a pilot project to develop a unique humanities-based exhibition about local work history. As one of only ten in the United States to be chosen for this pilot project, Raven Hill is super excited! The framework for the exhibition is provided by the Smithsonian and is being completed by Raven Hill and area history organizations using vintage images, art and artifacts, video clips and oral recordings.

The resulting

exhibition will reflect the strong history and culture of work around Lake Charlevoix and connections to work in northern Michigan, the nation and around the world. Look for this special Smithsonian *Labor Days* exhibit to open on August 15, 2020. The Calendar of Events includes a Career Day, *Labor Days* Family Weekend and a Transportation Day. Look for more information coming soon. Anyone interested in local history is invited to help. Call Cheri at 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org for more information, to volunteer or to help sponsor this exciting event.



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STEM Plus Outreach Program



Thank you, Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area and Charlevoix County Community Foundations, for your continued support of Raven Hill Outreach Programs into local schools. With funding from the two community foundations, Raven Hill staff will offer **STEM Plus** to area elementary schools. Despite the important role that **STEM** (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) plays in today's world, the arts and humanities play an equally important role. **STEM Plus** will encourage students to connect the arts and humanities skills of communications, collaboration (team-working), problem-solving, critical and creative thinking with **STEM** to help students enhance their abilities to connect learning within and between branches of knowledge and prepare them for a future, where adaptation to new and, as yet unknown occupations, is crucial. Schedule a day for your school soon.



Artist Kelly Boyle facilitated another Community Mural Painting for Raven Hill in 2019. About 30 participants helped paint a mural that depicts Raven Hill's mission: to enhance learning that connects science, history and the arts. The mural is now the sign that invites visitors to explore Raven Hill.

Watercolor Workshop: Why Barns? June 25th & 26th

Luke Buck, watercolor artist, returns to Raven Hill for the 12th year. The focus this year is on "old barns" in conjunction with the *Labor Days: A History of Work* exhibit scheduled for August and September. The watercolor workshop runs from 10am to 3pm both June 25 and 26. Cost is \$275 and lunch is included. This workshop is designed for the novice beginner, intermediate, or the more advanced & accomplished watercolor artist. The workshop will emphasize the construction of barns, noting the interesting variations and styles of barns found throughout the country and the beauty in art that they portray. The class will be studying painting techniques in textures, from the woods to the shingling and metal roofs, as well as the unique compositions derived from the placement of barns in accordance with their terrain or use. This is one of Luke's favorite special interest subjects. Luke, a native "Hoosier", grew up and studied art in Indiana. His nostalgic paintings of Americana landscapes and American wildlife show a love for life, art, and nature. Register by calling Cheri at 231-536-3369 or emailing info@miravenhill.org



Discovery Camps are Expanding

Starting this summer, Raven Hill will be an officially licensed camp site and program. In addition to focused lessons in science, history or the arts, campers will spend more time outside and apply their science, history or art focus out there.



Camps are open to kids from 4 to 14 years old. Watch for more information in the May newsletter, but sign up today to ensure a spot for your kids! Call 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org to register or for more information.

Art Camps ~ June 22 to 26 | June 29 to July 3
History Camps ~ July 6 to 10 | July 13 to 17
Nature Lover's Camps ~ July 27 to 31 | August 3 to 7
(sponsored in part by Friends of the Jordan River)
Science Camps ~ August 10 to 14 | August 17-21

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Double your Impact with FJR Donation Match Opportunity

For the last three years Friends of the Jordan River has co-sponsored our Nature Discovery Camps. Nature week camps are offered at a discounted price thanks to the FJR sponsorship. **This year, FJR is providing a Matching Donation Challenge!** For every dollar donated to Raven Hill or to FJR for Nature Camp through May 31st, FJR will match that donation up to \$2500! Double your impact today and help send kids to camp! Some summer camp scholarships are available through your local health department or Raven Hill. Contact info@miravenhill.org for more information about camp or info@friendsofthejordan.org for more information about this donation matching opportunity.



We are having a Garden Party!

To kick off the 2020 summer season, Raven Hill is hosting a Garden Party! On **Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 5:30pm**, we invite everyone to join us for food, fun and a lively auction with auctioneer, Scott McKenzie of Boyne City. The auction will feature garden art created by local artists, as well as trees & plants from local nurseries. Garden art and plant donations are appreciated. To volunteer or for more information, please email Holly Sasso at holly.sasso@gmail.com.

NASA Educator Workshops

Susan Kohler, Education Specialist from NASA Glenn Research Center, will join us once again for two free NASA STEM Workshops for Educators. The dates are **Wednesday, March 4** and **Thursday, March 5 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm** each day. Lunch is provided. Check the website: www.MiRavenHill.org for more information. To register or if you have questions, please call 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org. Teachers may attend one or both days. SCECHs are available too.



Choose Your Wheels

Join us for a bigger, better **Pedal, Pig, and Pint Bike Event** the first Sunday in August. This year the **Top of Michigan Bike Association** will be joining Raven Hill and a mountain bike event will be added to the road ride. Stiggs will provide a great lunch and finish celebration that promises to



be bigger and better as well. So, put Sunday, August 2, 2020 on your calendar. Bring your family and friends and join other bikers to support Raven Hill Discovery Center. The **Pedal, Pig & Pint** ride is a family bike touring opportunity to enjoy beautiful lake scenery. All levels of riders are welcome. Register

at bikereg.com or 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 2 at Boyne City Pavilion. Registration includes pig roast & a pint at Stiggs in Boyne City following the ride. For more information, contact Holly Sasso at 517.231.3341.

FREE
(Families Reaching for Educational Excellence)
Second Saturdays Continue



Since 2010, Raven Hill has invited families to reach for educational excellence and visit the center at no charge on the second Saturday of each month from noon to 4pm throughout 2020. Come play in the hands-on museum, hold some animals and explore the outdoor exhibits. These days are free admission for families. No groups please. For more information or to sponsor a day, call 231-536-3369 or email info@miravenhill.org.



Opportunities abound at Raven Hill. The Center is a perfect venue for reunions, retreats, birthday parties and scout programs (both day and overnight). It is also a wonderfully unique setting for bridal showers or weddings. Call 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org for more information.

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