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Mission: Raven Hill provides a place that enhances hands-on and lifelong learning for all ages by connecting science, history & the arts.

To: friends and family everywhere
From: Cheri and Raven Hill
Date: October 31, 2020
Re: Happy Halloween from Raven Hill!

Last weekend, our weekly update included ideas for celebrating Halloween during COVID. Since today is REALLY Halloween, I thought of some more connections! At Raven Hill, costumes lead to year round fun. Whether you dressed up for one of the Center's past Summer Magic Festivals or celebrated the Winter Solstice out in the Ancient World, dressing up isn't just for kids nor is it just for Halloween! In fact, the word, **costume**, means fashion or custom. Costumes and "personal adornments" can include apparel or clothing, as well as hairstyles, jewelry and more.



The Roaring '20's came alive at Raven Hill in 2004, complete with cars & costumes.



Fathers Christmas and Time made their appearances at the Winter Solstice to celebrate the coming of spring and the new harvest season.



Participants get creative in fashioning felted masks for themselves during summer classes.

In lieu of braving the crowds this holiday season, you might want to consider scheduling small, COVID-safe classes for your special bubble—family or friends who have been interacting regularly. Many of Raven Hill's art classes are all about personal adornment! The Center is trying to gauge interest in Bubble Art Classes, including Shibori scarves, copper pendants, fused glass pendants, beaded earrings, felted bracelets and more. Email Cheri at 231.675.6025, if you are interested in setting up a time for a group session.

Getting back to Halloween, I was reminded last week that I forgot to include spiders and bats! So, here is more Raven Hill art in celebration.



Spiders appeared 380 million years ago in geologic history. You can find this impressive sculpture along our Jurassic Park walkway.



Which came first: flight or echolocation? About 52 million years ago, the earliest bats were day-fliers and used their eyes. Raven Hill's bat was created of paper mache by artist Lori Hough.



If you trying to figure out **where** this was taken, the photo was snapped on the way back to Raven Hill from the Ancient World. The photographer was standing by Todd Cemetery and facing north.

With the pandemic creeping ever closer, I will say once more, please, stay home if you can and stay safe, even today during Halloween. My son called yesterday to say the family was celebrating Halloween the traditional Leach way this year: get some bags of candy, rent a couple movies, turn out the porch light, STAY HOME and enjoy!

Take care of yourselves every day. Remember to wear your mask, watch your distance and wash your hands often. Email anytime at cheri@miravenhill.org or you can text or call my cell—231.675.6025. I enjoy hearing from all you.

Hugs from a distance,

Cheri

Before the snow flies, I wanted to include one more fall picture taken at Raven Hill. This was sent to me last week. I used it on Facebook, but I just have to pass it on to you too. The autumn symmetry is stunning!

Finally, knowing that this coming week may be tumultuous, I came across this thought from author and columnist, Caryn Sullivan, “in the face of adversity, we have a choice. We can be bitter, or we can be better.” Let’s all focus on being better and bring some of the sunshine and beauty of this wonderful fall weekend into next week with you.

On a lighter note, this came my way recently and may be just as appropriate for this coming week!

