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is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation.

Open year-round on weekends – noon to 4pm Saturdays and 2pm to 4pm Sundays.
Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, hours expand to include weekdays from
10am to 4pm. The Center is also open other times, including holidays, by appointment.

MISSION: to provide a place that enhances hands-on and lifelong
learning for all ages by connecting science, history and the arts.

WHERE **SCIENCE****HISTORY****AND****ART** CONNECT

To: Raven Hill friends
From: Cheri
Date: May 4, 2024
Re: *Raven Hill 2024 Adventures*

Get ready to dive into a world of creativity and exploration! Our spring and summer programs are back, brimming with exciting events, exhibits and programs that promise endless fun and learning. Join us as we embark on a journey filled with science, history and the arts AND unforgettable experiences. Don't miss out – let the *adventures* begin!

First, join us this coming **Wednesday, May 8 at 9:30pm for Night Skies**, an awe-inspiring journey through the cosmos led by the local NASA

ambassador, Rod Cortright. Under the glittering canvas of the stars, Rod will guide attendees on an *adventure* exploring the heavens and in the use of telescopes. Adults and older children will be mesmerized by the night sky at Raven Hill's Moonbase, which is located on the hill by the Schoolhouse. Night Skies programs with Rod are weather-dependent, so please register by emailing info@miravenhill.org with a cell phone number. You will be notified via text if the session is cancelled.



Waiting for darkness! Stargazing has been a part of human culture for thousands of years, dating back to ancient civilizations and has remained a popular activity, evolving with advancements in technology and scientific understanding. Stargazing continues to captivate people of all ages as a timeless and enduring pastime. Hope to see you at Raven Hill this coming Wednesday, May 8 at 9:30pm for a new adventure .



*Raven Hill is popular, especially on **FREE Second Saturdays**. The Center provides a diverse range of adventures that appeal to families seeking entertainment, education, inspiration, and cultural enrichment. The Center offers a welcoming and inclusive environment all year round, but especially on those special days of free admission. Join us*

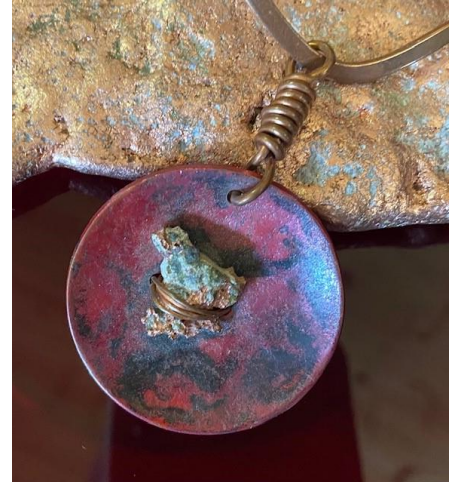
Second, next **Saturday, May 11, 2024, is FREE (Families Reaching for Educational Excellence) Second Saturday**. Experience the magic of Raven Hill Discovery Center with your family, absolutely **FREE!** Explore, discover, and engage in interactive exhibits and activities. Dive into a world of learning and fun—where every moment sparks wonder! These special days are back just for May, June and July of 2024, due to road construction later in the summer. For three months, May 11, June 8 and July 13, Raven Hill will offer free admission for family *adventures* from noon to 4pm. **NO groups, please**, as we need all parents to be watching their own children. 2024 **FREE Second Saturdays** are in honor of Diane Strzelinski, a Raven Hill volunteer and supporter for more than 25 years.

Third, be sure to visit on **Saturday, May 25 from noon to 4pm for the Grand Opening of Raven Hill's *Under Michigan & Beyond* exhibition.** This interactive and ever-evolving display of rocks and minerals from Michigan and around the world will engage and excite all ages. Prepare to be transported on a journey beneath the Earth's surface. Delve into the fascinating realm of rocks and minerals, from the depths of Michigan and Earth's exotic locales worldwide and how Earth's resources are used in our daily lives. Discover the hidden treasures of our planet and uncover their incredible stories. Don't miss this extraordinary interactive and ever-evolving *adventure!* ***Under Michigan & Beyond*** opens May 25 and will remain open through the end of 2025, so you can get involved in new rock & mineral *adventures* time and again right here at Raven Hill.



*Mock-up of Barney's Canyon Gold Mine, one section of the coming **Under Michigan & Beyond** exhibition.
More to come!*

Fourth, the **SACK (Summer Adventure Classes for Kids) Program begins Monday, June 17** for kids 5 to 14 years old. Raven Hill has fun and instructional classes for younger and older explorers. Embark on an odyssey of artistic, historic and scientific discovery. Dive into the wonders of our world with hands-on experiments, thrilling *adventures* and endless fun! Sessions are available morning, afternoon or both with countless *adventures!* Summer classes can play a significant role in a child's development by providing countless opportunities for growth and learning, such as extended education to exploration of interests, socialization, confidence building, independence, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. **SACK Programs** are Monday through Thursday. Kids can come for a four-day morning or afternoon class session or children can bring a lunch and attend both morning and afternoon class sessions. Children can also sign up for a single morning, afternoon or full day of class. Pre-registration is appreciated and there are no minimum numbers for the **SACK Programs**. For more information you can email info@miravenhill.org or go to Raven Hill's website www.MiRavenHill.org to download a **SACK Program** flyer.



Learn the science, history and art behind copper planishing and take home your own copper pendant. Call 231.536.3369 and make reservations for this and other interactive *adventures* during Raven Hill's ***Under Michigan & Beyond*** exhibition. The Grand opening is Saturday, May 25 from noon to 4pm.



*Summer classes provide a valuable extension of learning beyond the school year, offering children opportunities for academic, social, emotional, and physical growth and development. Don't miss our new summer adventures in science, history & the arts. Raven Hill's **SACK Programs** start June 17. Sign up soon!*

Finally, unleash your creativity in an immersive ***Serendipity Multimedia Art Workshop*** with artist **Kelly Boyle** on **Friday, June 21, and Saturday, June 22, from 9am to noon!** Dive into a world of vibrant colors and boundless imagination. Get ready to ignite your artistic spark and take home your masterpiece after two unforgettable mornings! Kelly returns to Raven Hill in 2024 for this two-day *art adventure*. The workshop encourages participants to branch out and use a variety of media for their own creation. Boyle will demonstrate the steps, share her techniques and everyone will go home at the end of the two days with their own piece of art. Kelly's art workshops always produce a special energy with people painting together – "a peaceful, purposeful excitement." This informal workshop is appropriate for beginner, intermediate, and accomplished artists, with everyone motivated and inspired by friends and fellow artists. Register by calling 231.536.3369 or emailing info@miravenhill.org to join in on this exciting *adventure!* Adults can also enjoy other science, history and art classes with the flexibility of scheduling individual or group art and other classes at their convenience. There is no minimum number of participants for adult classes.

Please remember that summer hours go into effect this month. The Center will be open daily ***between*** Memorial Day and Labor Day for family and friend *adventures*. Weekday hours are 10am to 4pm—Monday through Friday. Weekend hours are noon to 4pm on Saturdays and 2pm to 4pm on Sundays. All other times, the Center is open by appointment. Call 231.536.3369 or email info@miravenhill.org for reservations.



Multimedia painting art, which combines various traditional and non-traditional materials within the context of painting, has gained recognition in the art world. Artists, like Robert Rauschenberg, Jean-Michel Basquiat and David Hockney, have pushed the boundaries of traditional painting techniques, embracing a multidisciplinary approach to create visually compelling and conceptually rich works, as 2024 participants will discover during the **Serendipity Multimedia Art Workshop** at Raven Hill in June.

–Photo from **2023 Garden Art Workshop**



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*Petoskey corals are not the only fossils to be found in Michigan. The coral reefs that were here 500 to 300 million years ago provide lots of fossil hunting adventures for us today. If you are a hunter of fossils, you may find brachiopods like these or you can visit our **Under Michigan & Beyond** exhibit with all its fossils!*

Cheri



*Chain corals lived here 443 to 419 million years ago, when Michigan was covered in a warm, shallow sea. What an *adventure* it is to find a chain coral fossil! Try your hand at fossil hunting, you'll like it! Remember to look for this chain coral fossil when you come to see Raven Hill's upcoming exhibit, **Under Michigan & Beyond**.*