



# Raven Reports

## Local Communities Partner for *Generations*

Local historical organizations and chambers from Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet & Otsego counties are sharing the fascinating stories of their towns & villages, both past and present. *Generations* is a chance to highlight the importance of northern Michigan's history through a collection of photos and text from local communities to be shared with Raven Hill visitors. Exhibit hours are September 1 to Oct 12, Saturdays, Noon – 4pm and Sundays, 2pm – 4pm. *Generations* is also open at other times by appointment. Call 231.536.3369 or email [info@miravenhill.org](mailto:info@miravenhill.org) to set up a time to visit *Generations*.

### Generations Career Festival

On Saturday, September 28 from noon to 4pm, Raven Hill visitors can enjoy the *Generations* exhibit and learn about careers from both the past and present. Volunteers will be here to demonstrate their careers such as spinning, 3d printing, ham radio operators, drones, rope-making and surveying, both old and new. The Center is still looking for more volunteers. Anyone wishing to join in and demonstrate a vocation or avocation can call 231.536.3369 or [info@miravenhill.org](mailto:info@miravenhill.org)



### Smithsonian Collaboration in the "Works" for 2020: Labor Days

Raven Hill Discovery Center has been selected to participate in a Smithsonian pilot project to develop a unique humanities-based exhibition about local work history. The project will allow Raven Hill staff and volunteers to learn about the exhibition development process used by the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street (MoMS) program. The Center is one of only ten in the United States to be chosen for this pilot project. Participating sites include Pikeville, Kentucky; Haverhill, Massachusetts; Blytheville, Arkansas; Globe, Arizona; Grinnell, Iowa; Meridian, Mississippi; Aurora, Nebraska; Troy, New York; Lyons, Kansas and Raven Hill.

The national overview for the exhibition will be provided by the Smithsonian and will be completed by Raven Hill using local historical images, art and artifacts, video clips and oral histories. 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 in August 2020. Anyone interested in local history is invited to help. Call Cheri at 231.536.3369 or email [info@miravenhill.org](mailto:info@miravenhill.org)

### "Steppes" Provide a New Look

Visitors can't help but notice the new and improved entryway to Raven Hill Discovery Center. Thanks to grant awards from the Great Lakes Energy People Fund, Charlevoix County and Petoskey-Harbor Springs

Area Community Foundations and private donations, the capital improvement project Raven Hill is well underway. The new "Steppes" improve accessibility & safety, decrease maintenance and provide a gathering place for families and school groups, as well as offering a unique stage for outdoor exhibits. Still to come: artworks, benches and lighting. Donations are appreciated. Call 231.536.3369 for more information.

# SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

## Third Coast Conversations

With help from the Michigan Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities, Raven Hill hosted two *Third Coast Conversations* that focused on the historical importance of “Water”.

A related exhibit titled: *All Things “WATER”* was on display from June 1 to June 21.



## Watercolor Workshop

For the novice beginner, intermediate, or the more advanced & accomplished watercolor artist, Luke Buck, watercolor artist, returned to Raven Hill for the 11th year to facilitate a watercolor workshop for local painters.



## Camp

Campers from 4 to 14 enjoyed science, art, history and nature lovers’ day camps this summer. The two nature lovers’ camps were sponsored in part by Friends of the Jordan River.



## Space Celebrations

This year was 50th anniversary of man's first landing on the moon and Raven Hill celebrated! An exhibit titled *Space: To the Moon and Beyond* was on display from July 1 to 21. The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra performed a Celestial Summer concert under the Pavilion and on July 20, visitors enjoyed Space Day. The highlight was packaging a raw egg to simulate a lunar module landing on the moon's surface. Visitors then watched

their Eggdrop packages fall 1000 feet from a plane flying over the Center. Retrieving the Eggdrop packages and seeing the results was great fun.



## Active in August

August was the month to "Get Active" and an exhibit from August 1 to 21 featured the *Physics of Motion*. Posters illustrated topics like speed, flexibility, agility and balance, highlighting both suggestions for improving and the sporting relevance for each. Events included the 4th annual 5k Raven Run on Saturday, August 3, at Raven Hill and the 2nd annual Pedal, Pig & Pint Bike Event on Sunday, August 4. On Saturday, August 17, Raven Hill sponsored Mind, Body, Spirit by the Water sessions at Peninsula Beach in Boyne City.



## Summer Magic Family Festival 2019

Those families who turned out for the *Summer Magic Family Festival* in July enjoyed science, history & art stations. In addition to the hands-on museum, animals and outdoor exhibits & facilities, there was slime, laser tag, rockets, fossils, dry ice, robotics & more!



## COMING UP...

### Community Mural Sign

Artist Kelly Boyle of the Lansing area returned to facilitate another Community Mural Painting for Raven Hill. The event was held in conjunction with the Mind, Body, Spirit by the Water sessions. Participants helped paint a mural that depicts Raven Hill's mission: to enhance learning that connects science, history and the arts. This fall, look for the finished sign welcoming visitors to the Center.



### NASA Educator Workshops

Join us for the free *NASA Workshop for Educators* on November 12 and 13 from 8:30am to 3:00pm each day. Lunch is provided. The two hands-on, minds-on STEM workshops are presented by Susan Kohler, EPDC Education Specialist of NASA Glenn Research Center. Check the website: [www.MiRavenHill.org](http://www.MiRavenHill.org) for more information. To register or if you have questions, please call 231.536.3369 or email [info@miravenhill.org](mailto:info@miravenhill.org). Attend one or both days.

### Save the Date for our Garden Party!

To kick off the 2020 summer season, Raven Hill is hosting a garden party! On Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 4pm, join us for food, fun and a live auction with auctioneer, Scott McKenzie of Boyne City. The auction will feature garden art created by local artists. Garden art and plant donations are appreciated. To volunteer or for more information, please email Holly Sasso at [holly.sasso@gmail.com](mailto:holly.sasso@gmail.com)



# FREE Second Saturdays Continue

Join us from 12-4pm on September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14 and beyond. 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](mailto:info@miravenhill.org)



*Thank You  
All!*

Raven Hill would like to give a "shout out" to all members, donors and volunteers who have supported connecting science, history and the arts for the last 28 years!

## *We Need You!*

*Interested in getting involved as a volunteer or joining the Board of Directors at Raven Hill? Perhaps you would rather serve on a committee? Or maybe you know a young person, who might be interested in interning here? Email Cheri at [info@miravenhill.org](mailto:info@miravenhill.org) for more information or to join us in supporting informal learning opportunities. Also, if you would like to receive our newsletter electronically, email [info@miravenhill.org](mailto:info@miravenhill.org) and we will add you to our list.*

## *Planned Giving*

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