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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.

Happy All Hallows' Eve*

October 31, 2022



--from the Raven Hill Broom Collection

Brooms are one of the oldest human inventions. Cavemen used them. They symbolize good luck—sweeping away bad fortune and protecting against evil. The proverb, “a new broom sweeps clean, but an old broom knows the corners” has come to mean that a new perspective can make great changes, but experience is also valuable.

French poet Martin Le Franc wrote a manuscript in 1451 called *Le Champion des Dames (The Defender of Ladies)*. It contained the first drawing of *witches flying on broomsticks*.

*The word Halloween is the Scottish form of All Hallows' Eve, observed on October 31st, the evening before the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day (All Saints Day), which is celebrated on November 1st.