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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: July 3, 2020  
Re: Update

Greetings to everyone,

Related to sumac and cashew nuts, this smoke bush garners its share of attention every year as visitors drive into Raven Hill. Even with no one to admire it this year, it stands at the ready to welcome guests and will do so again in 2021. It was originally planted too close to the driveway and has had many encounters with cars backing up into it, but it survives regardless! FYI, it is the seed pods that form the “smoke”, after the flowers have faded.



The daisies are growing all over the place right now! They have literally taken over the Earth Tones Music Garden. We hope to get some of them transplanted into one of the sixteen Medicinal Gardens at the Center. Daisies are native to western, central and northern Europe, but are naturalized in America. They were once used in medicine as a poultice for pulled muscles and bruises.

I am getting more trainings “under my belt” thanks to Traverse City Rotary Charities and Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, who are working to help non-profits upgrade their skills during this “down time”. Pretty soon, I’ll be able to set up my own Zoom meetings with the best of them! I actually zoomed with the birthday boy today! My grandson, William, turned seven years old today. The family went to the beach early this morning to celebrate and sent me this beautiful picture.



Thanks also to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for their recent grant award of \$5,000 for operational support and for their ongoing partnership with Raven Hill and other nonprofits in the community. It is much appreciated during these difficult times.

Have a safe and happy Fourth of July. I hope that you are staying home with family this holiday weekend, in light of the pandemic that still seems to be going rampant. As before—wear your mask, socially distance yourself and continue to stay safely isolated, whenever possible. And be careful in this heat to stay well hydrated! Keep in touch with friends & loved ones **and** with us here at Raven Hill. I am sending hugs from a distance to everyone.

Cheri