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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 16, 2022  
Re: Weekly Update

Greetings Everyone!

After weeks of planning and preparation, Raven Hill celebrated 30 years of memories and moments last weekend. Prior to commemorating the Center's past, staff and volunteers spent hours cleaning and sprucing everything up in preparation for the occasion. In the days leading up to a very special Open House, there was a ribbon-cutting for the new Connections Trail on Thursday and the 125<sup>th</sup> **FREE (Families Reaching for Educational Excellence) Second Saturday** on the day right before the big anniversary celebration. Sunday, over 80 guests gathered to remember all that the Center has accomplished, since it opened its doors in 1992. A picture is worth a thousand words, so enjoy these images captured over the past few weeks.



*Thanks to a grant award from Bay Harbor Foundation, artist Kirby Snively designed and built a foot bridge and a stile on the new **Connections Trail**. Stiles are steps that allow people, but not farm animals, to climb up and over fences! Try out the foot bridge and the stile on your next visit to Raven Hill.*



*The mushroom bells look as good as new with a fresh coat of paint, plus all the instruments in the **Earth Tones Music Garden** now have informational signs! Enjoy the sounds of music coming from the wood, metal and stone instruments in the **Music Garden** and learn more about how those sounds are made.*



*(Right) The **Print Shop** is now "shipshape" and ready for printmaking classes. The Center has both a working tabletop press and litho-press for class participants to use. The building also houses an antique linotype and letter press behind an Observation Wall. (Not pictured)*





East Jordan Chamber of Commerce and Charlevoix County Community Foundation joined Raven Hill current and former Board members for a ribbon-cutting to observe the official opening of the new **Connections Trail** that provides outdoor learning stations along a half-mile pathway.



Docent Sherrel Bergman and Kassia Perpich from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation admire the new **History Heritage & STEAM of Work (HHS)** exhibit featuring career pathways found right here in northern lower Michigan. Thanks to a grant award from the Foundation, **HHS** will travel into school and public libraries during the fall of 2022.



Clayton Faivor and daughters, Scarlett & Hazel, spend time exploring the Smithsonian **Labor Days History of Work** exhibit during Sunday's Open House. **Labor Days** is open to the public through the end of this year.

Summer hours are now in effect. Raven Hill is open weekdays from 10am to 4pm between Memorial Day and Labor Day. In addition, Raven Hill is open all year round from noon to 4pm on Saturdays and 2pm to 4pm on Sundays. Call 231.536.3369 or email [info@miravenhill.org](mailto:info@miravenhill.org) to make appointments for other times, including major holidays.

Make sure you mark your calendar for **Pedal Pig & Pint Bike Tour Event & Fundraiser** on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Register at [bikereg.com](http://bikereg.com) and enjoy lunch afterwards at Stiggs Brewery. This event supports both Raven Hill Discovery Center and Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association (TOMMBA).

Then join us for a **Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra** concert at 7pm on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> right here at Raven Hill. Help us continue to celebrate 30 years of connecting science, history and the arts.

Have a wonderful week,

Cheri

(Right) Michigan Humanities sent a note and beautiful flowers to mark Raven Hill's 30<sup>th</sup> year of providing informal learning opportunities. (Far right) Board member, Andrea Seese, enjoyed the flowers while she kept snacks & water readily available for guests.

Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Raven Hill! We wish  
you the best!  
From  
Michigan Humanities

