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Raven Hill Discovery Center, incorporated in 1991,
is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation.

Open 10am-4pm weekdays, 12-4pm Saturdays and 2-4pm Sundays.
Open holidays and other times 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 31, 2025
Re: *Learning for a lifetime*

At Raven Hill Discovery Center, learning doesn't end with childhood. It deepens, expands, and evolves. Our programs are designed to spark interest and foster growth across a lifetime, inviting participants of all ages to explore science, history and the arts through hands-on discovery and meaningful connections. Whether you're revisiting a long-held passion, exploring a new pursuit, or learning side by side with your children and/or grandchildren, Raven Hill offers a welcoming space for reflection, creativity and wonder. This is a place for you to discover the joy of learning. Arrive just as you are and leave with a mind expanded by curiosity, inspired by discovery and excited by new possibilities.

Two adult workshops are scheduled in June with more to follow in July, August and September. Join fiber artist Jasmine Petrie on Friday, June 20, from 10 AM to noon for Weaving on Driftwood, a hands-on workshop blending the natural beauty of northern Michigan driftwood with the rich textures of woven fiber. The cost is \$55 per person. Participants will learn basic weaving techniques and explore color, texture, and personal

expression, as they create a one-of-a-kind, ready-to-hang piece of fiber art. This intimate class is limited to 10 participants, with a minimum of 5 required, so reserve your spot early and enjoy a relaxed, creative morning at Raven Hill. All materials are provided.

Artist Gayle Levengood will lead a creative and engaging Mini Mixed-Media Workshop at Raven Hill on Friday, June 27, from 10 AM to 2 PM. For \$50 per person, participants will use a thoughtfully prepared mini-collage kit to design four miniature panels—each a unique expression of texture, image, and meaning. Whether displayed individually or as a cohesive set, your creations will reflect your personal artistic voice. All materials are provided—just bring your creativity and enjoy a day of layered inspiration.

Multi-media



By artist Gayle Levengood

Weave



By instructor Jasmine Petrie

High school students between the ages 15 and 18 can **LEARN** and have fun in this dynamic series that explores both historic and modern technologies in science and art. Held on Sundays from 2 PM to 4 PM, each session offers hands-on activities that make learning both exciting and meaningful. Tuition is free in June, July, and August, thanks to support from the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street (MoMS) and the Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum. Participating students will experiment, observe patterns in science, and uncover how technology shapes and enhances artistic expression, both past and present. It's a unique opportunity to uncover the connections between innovation and creativity in a supportive, interactive environment.

French Serti



Modern form of ancient resist-dye

Slumped glass



Molded by time & temperature with elemental color exploration

Designed for youth ages 12 to 14 to **CREATE**, this program invites participants to dive into the world of inventions, innovations, and discover the creator within. Held on Saturdays from noon to 2 PM, the program encourages hands-on exploration—building bridges, sculptures, and simple machines; crafting art from natural and recycled materials; and experimenting with traditional art forms from around the world. Tuition is free in June, July, and August, again thanks to support from the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street (MoMS) and the Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum. It's a perfect opportunity for young creators to imagine, design, and build!

in science, history, and art. Held weekdays from 2 PM to 4 PM during June, July and August for \$20 per person per session, each experience encourages participants to expand their understanding of the world around them, develop new skills, and stretch their imaginations. Through engaging activities, students will deepen their appreciation for a variety of subjects while building both knowledge and confidence in a fun, interactive atmosphere.

Weekday programs offer children from ages 9 to 11 a rich opportunity to **GROW** through hands-on experiences

Marbled paper



Science of liquid density

Froggin' & turtling around



Exploring pond populations

Summer Adventure Classes for Kids (SACK) is a fun and flexible

PLAY program designed for children ages 5 to 8. Kids are invited to join Raven Hill staff to spark curiosity through hands-on exploration. Held weekdays from 10 AM to 2 PM (with the option for half-day mornings or afternoons), sessions can be scheduled by the day, half-day, or week to fit your family's needs. For \$40 per full day or \$20 per half day, children will enjoy a variety of exciting activities, from creating art and music to interacting with animals and playing outdoors. Each day offers new adventures filled with laughter, learning, and fun! Don't forget to bring a lunch if you are staying for the day!

Every program offers a meaningful journey into the worlds of science, history and the arts. Through hands-on exploration, participants of all ages are invited to engage deeply, think creatively, and connect with both ideas and each other. Whether you're drawn to the beautiful colors in a Shibori scarf, enjoy the marvels of the pond on a warm summer day, or get excited exploring time and technology at the Obelisk in the Ancient World, we invite you to experience Raven Hill. Learning is fun, imagination is welcome, and every moment holds the potential for wonder at the Center. Inspire your curiosity and enrich your spirit this summer. Spaces are limited, so register today and be part of the experience. A complete list of 2025 classes, workshops and events is attached to this email, plus the list is available on our website:

www.miravenhill.org

This is a wonderful time to visit the Center. Raven Hill is now open weekdays from 10am to 4pm; Saturdays from noon to 4pm; and Sundays from 2pm to 4pm, as well as holidays and other times by appointment. Admission is \$10 per person. In addition to classes, workshops and events, the Center is a perfect place for scout and 4H activities, birthday parties for youngsters & adults, retreats, weddings and other gatherings. For more information, email info@miravenhill.org or call Cheri at 231.536.3369.

Cheri

Shibori



Using the Japanese technique for creating designs on silk

At age 87, Michelangelo said,

"I am still learning."

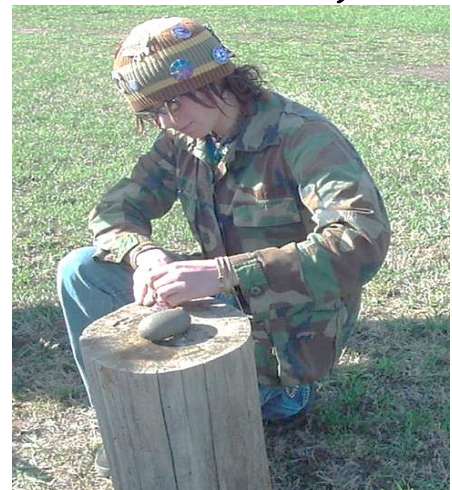
Whether through the lens of science,
the study of art or the echoes of
history, learning is a lifelong journey
here at Raven Hill.

Rocket launch



Distance and accuracy tested by adjusting the angle and force.

Copper planishing



Science, history and art of copper