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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: April 15, 2020
Re: Update

The crocuses are blossoming in the yard and the leeks are up in the woods. The days are getting longer! Looks like spring is getting here. Hope everyone is taking advantage of this blip in time to stay positive and clean, sort & organize or just appreciate who we are, what we have and where we live. I have emptied 39 boxes! Have more to go, but looking forward to starting on the basement, after that!

Raven Hill remains closed to the public, but work continues behind the scenes! The **Labor Days** exhibit in collaboration with the Smithsonian has been rescheduled to August & September of 2021, although we will work on the research & design of the exhibit panels over the next 15 months. We submitted a grant application to Great Lakes Energy People Fund today and the next big task is to work on our spring newsletter, which will go out via email in May. Will miss all of you volunteers sitting around the table and laughing at my control issues with the folding and taping! Will also miss the great potluck lunches. Those days will come again! Meanwhile, I will keep adding to the refrigerator list!

We continue to post hands-on activities on Facebook and the website, which keeps me out of mischief for a couple of hours every day! The "Home Learning Opportunities" are a good way to connect science, history and the arts for people. An activity is posted **daily** to keep informal learning front and center for all ages. Don't forget to share the "lessons", as well as the Raven Hill Memories Photo Journal, which can be found on the Raven Hill website (www.MiRavenHill.org) A different facet of the Center is featured every day in photos. Thanks in advance for sharing and keeping Raven Hill alive for people.

After much discussion, the board has made the difficult decision to "hibernate" for 12 months. Opening for the spring and summer is pretty much impossible in this time of social distancing. Opening in the fall really doesn't make a lot of sense, because that is our hardest time financially. That leaves next spring as the best time to reopen and celebrate all that is good about Raven Hill and our world.

You are welcome to come out and walk the grounds any time, but please email info@miravenhill.org or text 231.675.6025 to let us know when you are coming, so that we can keep track of attendance and monitor how many people may be at the Center at any given time. We certainly want to keep the social distancing in place for now.

We think of you all often and appreciate all your positive thoughts and support during these trying times. Best wishes to all of you, stay safe and KEEP IN TOUCH. Call me any time: 231.675.6025. I would love to hear your voice and learn how you are doing.

Hugs from a distance,

Cheri