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is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation.

Open year-round on weekends – noon to 4pm Saturdays and 2pm to 4pm Sundays.  
Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, hours expand to include weekdays from  
10am to 4pm. The Center is also open other times, including holidays, 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: January 11, 2025  
Re: Planting seeds

We're excited to celebrate the current and future happenings here at Raven Hill that are making the Center more accessible and inspiring than ever! The new bridge welcomes visitors. The long awaited upgrades in the Evolving Technology Building are almost complete. An array of classes, events and workshops are in the works. Everything reflects our dedication to enhancing hands-on learning AND connecting science, history, and the arts.

In fact, January is the perfect time to dive into planning for the 2025 calendar year at Raven Hill! This month, we're laying the groundwork for an exciting lineup of classes, events, exhibits, and programs. The year is packed with opportunities: the **HOT Project** for local schools; **YIRA 2025** at area libraries; **FREE Second Saturdays** for families; the **31st Annual Middle School Career Expo** in May; DumDum's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday party in July; plus **Space Week** in August. Every plan we make now is like a seed that will blossom into engaging experiences for our visitors in 2025. With so much in the works, January is buzzing with ideas and preparation to make the upcoming year our best yet!



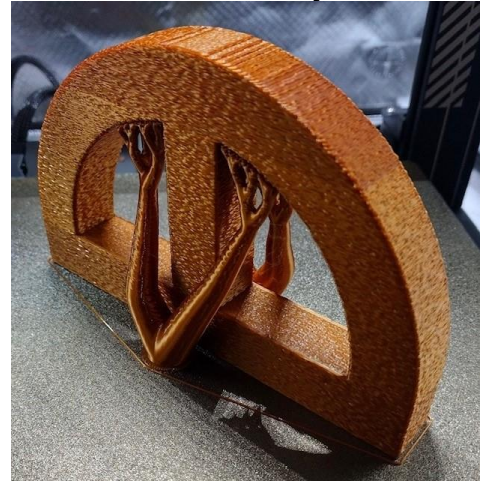
This year will feature a wide array of hands-on opportunities, like building your own 3D printer, crafting clay whistles, exploring the art of portraiture, and working together on another vibrant community mural for Raven Hill. These are just a few of the experiences taking shape as we plan for a year full of inspiration and connection. Stayed tuned—there's so much more to come!

We also want to hear from you! At Raven Hill Discovery Center, we're always looking for ways to inspire learning, creativity, and exploration. Have an idea for a class or workshop you'd love to attend? Whether it's a hands-on STEM project, a history deep dive, an art class, or something entirely unique, we'd love to know! Your suggestions help us create programs that excite and engage our community. Send us your ideas, and let's shape the future of discovery together. Reach out to [cheri@miravenhill.org](mailto:cheri@miravenhill.org) or drop by and share your thoughts!

At Raven Hill Discovery Center, our workshops, exhibits, and events are designed for everyone—schools, families and individuals alike. They reflect Raven Hill’s commitment to accessibility, innovation, and community engagement. Whether you’re here to learn, create, grow, play, explore or discover, there’s something for every curious mind. Help us celebrate these exciting opportunities together, as we connect science, history, and art in a hands-on, meaningful way that inspires all ages.

Raven Hill Discovery Center is open during the winter for regular weekend hours, which are noon to 4pm on Saturdays and 2pm to 4pm on Sundays. To make an appointment for weekdays or other times, call 231.536.3369 or email [info@miravenhill.org](mailto:info@miravenhill.org). Bring your family, friends and relatives out to enjoy a fun time of discovery and exploration. If you have been stuck inside and have a case of “cabin fever,” Raven Hill is the perfect place for the family to get out, take a class, learn something new and relieve the boredom of being cooped up at home! Remember also that the **Under Michigan & Beyond** exhibition remains on display during regular hours and other times by appointment. Come soon and often!

### 3D Printing



Section #1 out of 12 is 3D-printed for the 12” x 30” Medieval door, one of 16 doors in the **History of Doors** timeline at the ET Building! Even the hinges and latch are 3D-printed! The little “trees” shown here print out as supports for the arch to keep it from sagging during the printing process!

### Cheri

#### Opportunities

Here o There

# HOT Project

For Charlevoix and Emmet County teachers and students in your classroom OR at Raven Hill

Raven Hill’s **HOT Project** offers unique, educationally-diverse hands-on learning using a field trip or outreach model that will flex to meet your needs. The **HOT Project** brings each participant, whether school, grade-level team or teacher, your choice of science, history or art topic that connects learning. It’s designed to be accessible and customizable, promoting specific hands-on engagement. The **HOT Project has limited funding, so first come, first served.**

Help us spread the word—share Raven Hill’s **HOT Project** with teachers you know and help inspire the next generation of learners! Have them call 231.536.3369 or email [info@miravenhill.org](mailto:info@miravenhill.org) for information or to reserve a time.

### Happy Birthday, DumDum



Look for your birthday invitation coming soon and help us celebrate DumDum’s 25th!

Please donate



Support informal learning at Raven Hill!

### FREE 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 2025



Today’s visitors were almost equally divided between youngsters & oldsters—32 children & 31 adults!

### FREE 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 2025



The generator bike is a hit with the kids! It’s a fun way to spark curiosity about science & energy.