

# Anniversary Special Edition

Celebrating Huntley Meadows Park Anniversaries in 2015!

## Friends of Huntley Meadows Park

June 2015

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### Lies, Forgeries, and Murder:

The Scoundrel Who Unintentionally Created Huntley Meadows Park (HMP)

Marking the 40<sup>th</sup> year of HMP, the 30<sup>th</sup> of Friends of Huntley Meadows Park (FOHMP) and the 25<sup>th</sup> of Friends of Historic Huntley (FOHH), we reflect on a pivotal character in the Park's history.

Henry Woodhouse, born Mario Terenzio Enrico Casalegno in Turin, Italy, immigrated to this country in 1904 at age 21. Shortly after arrival he was arrested for killing a co-worker at a restaurant in Troy, New York. He testified that the man jumped into the knife he was holding while cooking. After serving four years in prison for manslaughter, Woodhouse set out to remake his life. He anglicized his name and hitched his wagon to the rising star of aviation. Articles on aviation by Henry Woodhouse began appearing in 1910. For a while he moved right along with the fast paced growth of aeronautics, gaining recognition for his writing on the subject, and becoming governor of the prestigious Aero Club of America.



Henry Woodhouse, second from right, at gateway to Air Junction. Alexandria Library, Lloyd House.

Some of Woodhouse's purported ideas were forward thinking such as air mail, seaplanes and making air travel economical. By 1918 his criminal past was brought to light by a rival in the Aero Club. He left the Aero Club in 1922 after losing a lawsuit he brought against it, and then joined the Aerial League of America, a group largely ignored by the aviation community.

After an unsuccessful investment in Turkish oil development, Woodhouse turned his attention to airports – the next BIG thing for making a quick dollar. And what better place to locate an airport than right by the nation's capital? A National Airport - one that would celebrate our nation's history and founding father George Washington, promote science, and provide a landing site for trans-Atlantic dirigible travel! In 1928, Woodhouse rolled into Alexandria's Hybla Valley in his Packard and started a land grab for his "George Washington Air Junction."

Woodhouse promoted the idea of creating the largest airport in the world with a runway of 7200 feet. He managed to get the ear of one politician, Congressman Roy O. Woodruff of Michigan, who announced the plan on the floor of the House of Representatives on December 10, 1928. Promotions included splashy advertising, opening celebrations with a huge decorative gateway (see photo), and VIP tours of Bert Harrison's house "Huntley." At the grand opening, Woodhouse claimed he had historic artifacts belonging to George Washington which foreshadowed his illicit activity in forgery and faked historic documents. It is interesting to note that the first history tours at the "Huntley" house were

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**SAVE THE DATE:  
SATURDAY, JUNE 13 at 5:30 p m**



- Birthday cake
- Lifetime membership certificates
- Fine food
- Fairfax County VIPs
- Evening wetland stroll
- Photo displays
- Kids' activities
- Great giveaways
- Dual membership promotion

# Happy Birthday Huntley Meadows Park

We're having a party! Join us for an evening of fun, food, and conversation as we celebrate multiple Huntley anniversaries.

40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Huntley Meadows Park

30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park

25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Friends of Historic Huntley

**5:30pm on June 13, 2015 at the Norma Hoffman Visitor Center**

- 5:30pm to 5:45pm Annual meeting of the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park
- 5:45pm to 6:15pm Reception with complimentary food and beverage
- 6:15pm to 6:45pm Walk to the Boardwalk
- 6:45pm to 7:15pm VIP speeches on the Boardwalk
- 7:15pm to dark Sunset frog symphony on the Boardwalk

*All members of Friends of Huntley Meadows Park and Historic Huntley are welcome. Event is FREE, and donations are always appreciated.*

Norma Hoffman Visitor Center  
3701 Lockheed Blvd, Alexandria, VA 22306  
703.768.2525 friendsofhmp@gmail.com



## Volunteer Positions Available

The Park is looking for floating weekend, as well as, the regular Volunteer On Duty (VOD) shift:  
1st and 3rd Thursdays from 1-5pm

The Park is also looking for program volunteers for both Nature and History programs.

If interested, contact Kathleen O'Shea at (703) 768-2525 [Kathleen.O'Shea@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Kathleen.O'Shea@fairfaxcounty.gov)

## Become a Lifetime Member of Both Friends Groups for \$150!

THAT'S TWO LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!

To celebrate 40 years of Huntley Meadows Park, the Friends of Historic Huntley and the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park are jointly offering a special on our lifetime memberships. Hurry! **Offer runs through June 2015.**

Already a member of one of the Friends groups? *Join the other group for only \$50!*

Benefits:

- Become an advocate for preservation of the environment and historic sites
- Membership dues are tax deductible
- Receive a quarterly newsletter from Friends of Huntley Meadows Park and a semi-annual newsletter from Friends of Historic Huntley
- Receive discounts on Friends merchandise sold at the Norma Hoffman Visitor Center
- Receive invitations to members-only events
- Vote for the Groups' board members and officers



Please select one:

\_\_\_\_\_ (\$150)

I would like to become a lifetime member of the Friends of Historic Huntley and the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park

\_\_\_\_\_ (\$50)

I am already a lifetime member of Friends of Historic Huntley; please add me to the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park

\_\_\_\_\_ (\$50)

I am already a lifetime member of Friends of Huntley Meadows Park; please add me to the Friends of Historic Huntley

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Check: Please make checks payable to FOHMP

Credit Card: Type (circle one):                      Visa                      Mastercard

Card number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Drop off at the Huntley Meadows Park Visitor Center or mail along with your payment to:  
Friends of Huntley Meadows Park 3701 Lockheed Blvd Alexandria, VA 22306



Offer applies to lifetime memberships only. Annual memberships are not part of this special offer.

## **A Trip Down Memory Lane - Happy Anniversary** **Huntley Meadows!**

In 1972, President Richard Nixon initiated the Legacy of Parks Program. Three years later, in 1975, the federal government donated 1,262 acres of land to Fairfax County. The County dedicated that land as Huntley Meadows Park, and this year we celebrate the Park's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday!

In 1978, beavers built dams on Barnyard Run and created the largest non-tidal wetland in Fairfax County, one of the most productive and bio-diverse habitats in Northern Virginia. Much has happened since then, and it's happened under the watchful eyes and dedicated spirits of hundreds of volunteers, Park staff and Friends members - a team of passionate educators and conservationists. It has truly "taken a village" to raise and protect this regional gem.

Here's a look at the Park's history, and a few of its benchmarks, **from its birth in 1975 through its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2015:**

1972: Huntley placed on National Register of Historic Places

1975: 1,262 acres of surplus federal property transferred to Fairfax County and dedicated as a park on April 26.

1975: Citizens Alliance to Save Huntley (CASH) founded to fight a road planned to cut through the Park. Volunteer Norma Hoffman leads the charge!

1977: First staff member assigned to the Park – Manager Gary Roisum, who manages the Park for 30 years, retiring in 2007, leaving a legacy of resource protection.

1978: Beavers construct a dam on Barnyard Run, which floods the wide, flat swampy forest that had only recently regrown following the Navy's 1950's clearing for antennae fields. This beaver wetland became the Park's regionally known Central Wetland, with its soon-to-be-constructed wetland boardwalk.

1980-81: First boardwalk built on creosote-treated railroad ties by Young Adult Conservation Corps. Built low in the water with minimal engineering and excavation, it was perhaps the "most fun" of the Park's boardwalks, but was a maintenance nightmare for Park staff as it floated across the wetland after large storms or beaver floodings.

1982: Volunteer monitors recruited to care for duck nesting boxes

1983: Otters appeared for the first time, and raised young!

1983: The call of the Pied-billed Grebe is dubbed "the voice of the wetland"

1983: Weekly bird walks and record-keeping begin

1983: First visitor center opens!

1985: The Friends of Huntley Meadows Park established, <http://www.friendsofhuntleymeadows.org/>

1986: County issues "stop work order" after 620 tons of silt enter the Park from construction sites at Woodstone and Kingstowne developments

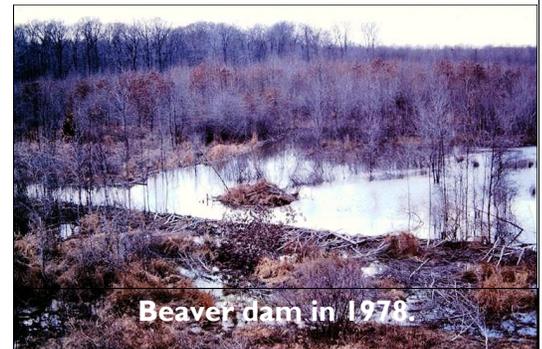
1989: County purchases Historic Huntley, a Mason family property built in 1825

1990: Friends of Historic Huntley founded, [http://www.historichuntley.org/Welcome\\_to\\_Huntley.html](http://www.historichuntley.org/Welcome_to_Huntley.html)

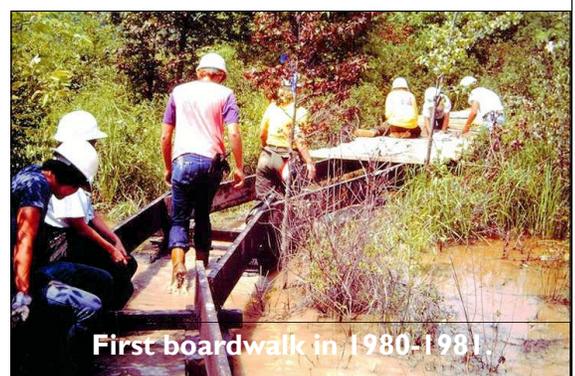
1990: Department of the Interior denies County permission for a highway through the Park

1990: Visitor center expanded with new exhibit room and auditorium

1990: Volunteer of the Year Award named after volunteer Ken Howard



Beaver dam in 1978.



First boardwalk in 1980-1981.

- 1991: The first Wetlands Awareness Day is designated as an event to celebrate the many benefits, environmental services and wildlife supported by large wetlands
- 1991: Herbarium Collection begun. Still operating as one of the most comprehensive collections of native plants in Northern Virginia
- 1992: 164 acres added to southwest corner of the Park
- 1992: Last year pied-billed grebes and least bitterns known to have nested in the Park, due in part to the deposit of silt by housing construction in 1986
- 1994: Original boardwalk replaced with a more stable boardwalk structure, including steel anchors, safety railings and slightly different route
- 1995: Population study begins to gather data on increasing deer numbers and their effect on native vegetation
- 1996: First year Hooded Mergansers found nesting in Wood Duck boxes, only the second record for nesting mergansers in Northern Virginia (Mason Neck Park beat us by one year!)
- 1997: Water Quality Monitoring Program begun to document stream and wetland health
- 1997: Last year Yellow-crowned Night Herons nest in Park
- 1998: Mississippi Kite first seen in Park
- 1999: Last year King Rails known to nest in Park. Ten years later, staff and volunteers were excited to see them nest and raise young again in 2009, but not again since. The wetland restoration project, completed in 2014, will hopefully bring them back on a regular basis
- 2000: Park receives National Association for County Park and Recreation Officials Environmental Award for programs to monitor water quality and control invasive plants
- 2001: Volunteer Karen Nyere debuts Café Cattail, a nature-themed, open-microphone coffee house where visitors shared artistic expression celebrating nature
- 2003-4: Beavers move down Barnyard Run, remaining in the Park, but temporarily neglecting their various dams and lodges within the central wetland
- 2004: Eight wild turkeys, a native bird whose populations had decreased due to hunting, were released in the Park by National Wild Turkey Federation
- 2005: A hole in an old beaver dam, temporarily neglected by the Park's beavers, creates drawdown and drought-like conditions in wetland
- 2005: More than 1,000 attend Wetlands Awareness Day!
- 2006: Barnyard Run Stream restored to stabilize banks and reduce erosion
- 2010-12: Restoration of Historic Huntley completed and opened to the public in 2012
- 2011: Boardwalk resurfaced with plastic boards made from 1 million recycled milk jugs – the most environmentally safe plastic lumber on the market
- 2013: The Park's Outdoor Classroom Teaching Pavilion completed. Funded entirely by donations and grants, structure allows students, scouts and families to enjoy a unique classroom-in-the-forest experience
- 2013: Visitor Center re-named Norma Hoffman Visitor Center to honor the 30+ years of advocacy and dedication of this special lady. She still volunteers in the Park every week and enjoys talking with visitors, especially children
- 2014: Restoration of Central Wetland completed. This ecological restoration project took over 20 years to plan, involved 60 public meetings, three environmental engineering firms, data-gathering from hundreds of volunteers and carried a three million dollar price-tag. In its first year the restoration project won several awards for its innovative design, soil and tree conservation construction methods and goals of local biodiversity and sustainable wetland habitat. To learn more, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/restorationproject.htm>
- 2015: The park - now 1,554 acres - turns 40!**  
(Thank you Carolyn Gamble for all your help in constructing this time-line!)



Visitor Center being built 1982.

## Monday Morning Bird Walk:

Thirty years with our neighbors at the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Alexandria

As we know, this is the year of Huntley Meadows anniversaries. We are celebrating the founding of the Park and several other events. Well, here is another Huntley anniversary: the 30th year of an agreement between Huntley Meadows Park and the U.S. Coast Guard Station that shares a boundary on the west side of the Park. For 30 continuous years, Huntley Meadows bluebird nesting boxes have been installed and monitored by volunteers on the grounds of the Coast Guard Station as part of the overall Huntley Bluebird nest box monitoring program. There are about 30 nesting boxes in this effort, and five of them are located on the Coast Guard Station. I have been monitoring these nest boxes for about 10 years. My friend Nancy Vehrs joined me three or four years ago.



Two things about this pact strike me as a bit unusual. The first is that such an arrangement involving constantly changing military personnel could last unbroken for such a long period of time. The second is that I can't seem to find any paperwork establishing the agreement. It's possible the whole thing sprung to life on the strength of a simple handshake. Certainly, the people who set it up from both organizations are long gone, and so we may never know, but the agreement lives on.

To commemorate this longstanding agreement, several Huntley Meadows staff members and volunteers were invited to attend the monthly Coast Guard "All Hands" meeting on February 12 at the Station. They presented a certificate to the Commanding Officer, Captain Watanabe, thanking the Coast Guard for its sustained community spirit and neighborly generosity for permitting this program to use Station property.

Harry Glasgow

*The Monday Morning Bird Walk has been a weekly event at Huntley Meadows Park since 1985. It takes place every week, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7AM (8AM from November through March), is free of charge, requires no reservation, and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the Park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd, Alexandria, VA. Questions should be directed to Park staff during normal business hours at (703)768-2525."*

## Volunteer Honored

On Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, Huntley Meadows volunteer Roberta Bucher was honored at the countywide Volunteer Fairfax Service Awards event with the "Rising Star" award. This award is given to "a new volunteer who has been with the same organization for at least two years, acquiring more than 350 hours of service."

Roberta has spent the last two years volunteering at Huntley Meadows Park, and is a vital part of the Volunteer on Duty team; serving at the front desk of the visitor center to greet visitors, orient them to the park's features and resources, answer the phone, and record the number of visitors who enter the center. Most recently, Roberta took on an additional task of editing the Friends of Huntley Meadows Newsletter while continuing with her Volunteer on Duty team responsibilities.

Kathleen O'Shea, Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator for Huntley Meadows Park says, "Roberta has become our 'ace in the hole volunteer'. She is generally scheduled for 16 hours a month, but often fills in for other volunteers and sometimes works in excess of twenty hours by the end of the month. Her help is invaluable."



Roberta Bucher (right) receiving her Rising Star Award from Chairwoman Sharon Bulova.

## **Celebrate with Huntley Meadows Park!**

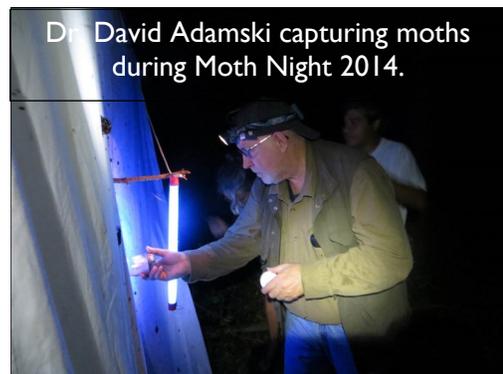
Huntley Meadows Park has become vital to the community, critical to the local environment, and both educational and entertaining to tens of thousands of annual visitors. Visit the park this year, and be part of the beginning of the next 40 years!

- June 13: **Friends of Huntley Meadows Park hosts an anniversary extravaganza!** Join us from 5:45-8:30pm for cake, archival photo displays, family activities, meet-and-greet with old friends and local VIPs, and a wildflower gift for everyone! Then join us for a sunset walk on the wetland boardwalk to listen for frogs, watch for beavers and enjoy the first stars.
- June 23: **Uber-Volunteer and life-long conservation advocate Norman Hoffman's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!** She'll be celebrating this special day with friends and family, but be sure to wish her happy birthday when you see her in the park this summer.



Norma Hoffman teaching a school group.

- July 18 & August 1: **Moth Night:** Celebrating 40 years of biodiversity and resource protection through night insect study with a Smithsonian entomologist!
- July 24: **Summer Wagon Ride program** with anniversary themes of the park's unique habitats, wildlife and conservation benchmarks over the last 40 years.
- Aug 21 & 30: **Hitching a Ride through Huntley's History** - a Wagon Ride program with anniversary themes of the park's significant cultural resources, local history and land use benchmarks.
- October: **The Friends of Historic Huntley's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary!** Visit Historic Huntley, explore their website, and become a member, [http://www.historichuntley.org/Welcome\\_to\\_Huntley.html](http://www.historichuntley.org/Welcome_to_Huntley.html)
- Oct. 28: **Visitor Center's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - visit the center, explore its interpretive displays, shop at the nature-themed gift shop and enjoy the bird feeders and recently excavated amphibian pond just outside the building.
- Nov. 12: **Friends of Huntley Meadows Park 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary!** Explore the FOHMP website, visit the park and become a member, <http://www.friendsofhuntleymeadows.org/>



Dr. David Adamski capturing moths during Moth Night 2014.

### **Lies, Forgeries, and Murder** - cont'd

conducted by Woodhouse. He also proposed leaving a part of the Air Junction in its natural state as a wildlife preserve. Unsavory character aside, Woodhouse was arguably the "first friend" of our organizations!

Woodhouse convinced ten landowners to sell him 1500+ acres. Most of this land would later become Huntley Meadows Park, and was in five pieces owned by Sager, Harrison, Tavenner, Betts and Thompson. Woodhouse's land grab put the pieces back together.

Even though Woodhouse lost the land through foreclosures, defaults and lawsuits, 1280 acres remained intact, held by the Washington Air Terminals Corporation as the "Thousand Acre" airport until they sold the land to the federal government for \$60,000 in 1941. After use by the Bureau of Public Roads, National Guard and Naval Research Laboratory, the land was declared surplus and transferred to the Fairfax County Park Authority for \$1 on April 26, 1975. One dollar! Now that is a scandalously low price -- just the sort of thing Woodhouse would have loved to have pulled off -- which, in a way, he did!

Carolyn Gamble, Friends of Historic Huntley

# News & Announcements

## Art Show

**May - June - Jenna Fournel**

Jenna's art show opened Wetlands Awareness Day, Sunday, May 3. Enjoy Jenna's multimedia artwork through June.

## Lifetime Members

The Friends of Huntley Meadows Park would like to thank the following new Lifetime members:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Kat & Chris Dyer                | Michele & Joe Keefe   |
| Kelly Campagne & Angelo Miranda | Meagan Keefe          |
| Peter Christensen               | Barbara Ballentine    |
| Ernest & Bonnie Baldwin         | Dana Bensusky         |
| Karen Connair                   | Barbara Kiker         |
| Nancy Roeper                    | Allen & Barbara Davis |
| Jeffrey Crocker                 | Steve & Ann Lindblom  |
| Mark & Debbie Husband           |                       |

If you would like to give a "lifetime" of support to Huntley Meadows Park by becoming a life member, please send a donation of \$150 to:

Treasurer  
 FOHMP, 3701 Lockheed Blvd.  
 Alexandria, VA 22306

## Website Relaunch

FOHMP has just relaunched our website! One great new feature is your ability to become a member, renew your membership, and make a donation using PayPal. It is a safe, secure, and a convenient option to support the Park. Visit us at <http://www.friendsofhuntleymeadows.org/> to see all the new features!

The screenshot shows the website layout for Friends of Huntley Meadows Park. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for ABOUT, MEMBERSHIP, NEWSLETTER, and CONTACT. A sidebar on the left contains buttons for Home, Visit, Programs, Resource Mgmt., Species Lists, Facility Rentals, and Resources. The main content area features a large event poster for 'Wetlands Awareness Day at Huntley Meadows Park' on Sunday, May 3rd, 2015, from 12-4 pm. The poster includes details about live raptors, hands-on activities, and education stations. To the right of the poster is a 'Who We Are' section describing the organization's mission and history. Below the poster is a section titled 'The Story of The Woman Who Saved Huntley Meadows Park' with a small introductory paragraph.

## President's Message

Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park!

Thirty years ago the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park (FOHMP) was formed by a group of concerned citizens whose goals included protecting Huntley Meadows Park (HMP) from development pressures. One of the group's goals was to prevent the possibility of a road cutting right through this important conservation area. While it took 15 years to stop the road project, thankfully this threat was stopped due to the efforts of all of our Friends and the strength and power of our combined voices. Wow, what an important historical legacy! There are so many people to thank for this achievement that it would be impossible to list them all here. So I take this moment to say to all of our Friends, thank you for your voices, thank you for your financial support, and thank you for all of your work on behalf of Huntley Meadows Park.

Some things have changed at HMP over the years and yet so many things are similar. We still enjoy the splendor that is HMP, our trees are taller, the beavers have eaten some trees, and many new trees have sprouted, we have Prothonotary Warblers visiting regularly; we are enjoying Ospreys fishing daily above the deeper pools, and many more new things just waiting for us to discover. The sounds of Huntley Meadows are still spectacular. Spring peepers and other frogs are calling, birds are singing, and insects are buzzing all around us. Sometimes (though not very often at HMP) nature is quiet. Nature changes it up for us every day and this provides us with some excitement and the joy of seeing something different every time we take to the trails. The Wetland Restoration Project, twenty plus years in the planning, is now completed and the wetland habitat has already brought back wildlife that we hoped to attract. It seems to be getting better and better here at Huntley Meadows.

I want to assure our Friends and members of FOHMP that you can count on me and my fellow Board members, 13 absolutely amazing individuals, to continue to work to protect this special place. I wish I could say that the effort will be less in the future, but with all of the pressures of in-fill development in the neighborhoods all around HMP, we must continue to be vigilant and to fight to keep these threats from taking over. We must keep HMP intact for future generations to enjoy. Do not let your guard down and please know that we are thankful for your financial and other support. We look forward to continuing to count you among our Friends!

We invite you to the FOHMP Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 5:45pm to 8:00pm where you can meet other Friends and the FOHMP Board of Directors. We will be pleased to welcome Fairfax County dignitaries who will join in the celebration of our 30th birthday and in the celebration of all that is HMP. Don't forget to see the May 2015 issue of [Washingtonian](#) magazine that features HMP on its cover!

### **Special GIVEAWAYS at the FOHMP 2015 Annual Meeting (ALL attendees are eligible to participate):**

**FREE NATIVE SEEDLINGS:** As a special thank you, we will be giving out free native seedlings to Friends who attend our Annual Meeting!

**3 NATIVE SHRUBS AS DOOR PRIZES:** Three native shrubs will be raffled off at the end of the Annual Meeting.

(A special THANK YOU to a private donor who funded this activity!)



I look forward to seeing our Friends at the celebration on June 13, 2015 beginning at 5:45pm.

Cathy Ledec, President, FOHMP

## Go Green

Would you like to receive your newsletter via email? The Board is moving toward providing the newsletter through email.

If you would like to be added to our email list please email us at: [friendsofhmp@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhmp@gmail.com)

1) Please indicate whether you would like to receive the newsletter via:

- Email
- Mail
- Both

2) Please indicate if you would like to receive occasional communications from FOHMP via email.



FOHMP DOES NOT SHARE OUR EMAIL LIST WITH ANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

## Summer Camps at Huntley Meadows Park

All programs **require reservations**, unless free. Sign up online using Parktakes. Search "Huntley" at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes), or call 703-222-4664. For help, call Huntley Meadows Park at 703-768-2525.

### **Reptile Rangers** Ages 4-6 \$190

Explore the world of reptiles & other cold-blooded animals, learn about the cool characteristics of creatures such as snakes, turtles & frogs. Activities include hikes to the wetland, arts & crafts, games, animal encounters & hands-on activities.

THREE Sessions offered 9am-12pm:

June 8 - June 12, Registration Code: 3402227101

July 13 - July 17, Registration Code: 3402227102

August 3 - August 7, Registration Code: 3402227104

ONE Session 1-4pm:

July 13 - July 17, Registration Code: 3402227103

### **Sense-ational Animals!** Ages 4-6 \$190

Investigate the many ways animals see, hear, feel, & smell the world around them. Each day focuses on a different animal & its super senses!

9am-12pm, June 15 - June 19, Registration Code: 3402957901

1-4pm, June 15 - June 19, Registration Code: 3402957902

### **Insect Safari** Ages 4-6 \$190

Come on a bug safari & explore the exciting world of bugs & insects that inhabit our gardens, woods & wetlands. Collect, examine & identify little creatures using magnifiers & microscopes! Learn about their important jobs as pollinators & decomposers through projects & investigations. 9am-12pm.

June 22 - June 26, Registration Code: 3402959301

July 6 - July 10, Registration Code: 3402959302

### **Nature Quest** \$295

Come explore at Huntley Meadows! Crafts, games, live animals & field study will be part of this weeklong adventure.

**Ages 6-10**, 9am-4pm

Insects - June 22 - June 26, Registration Code: 3402224701

Animal Classification - July 6-10, Reg. Code: 3402224702

Reptiles - July 27 - July 31, Registration Code: 3402224703

**Ages 8-14**, 9am-4pm

Birds - July 20 - July 24, Registration Code: 3402237501

Insects - Aug 17 - Aug 21, Registration Code: 3402237502

### **Scientists & Artists**

Discover nature & art through scientific observation using various mixed media, including pencils, paints, & photography. Activities include experimenting with color & light, games & building a naturalist journal to take home. Campers will explore habitats such as forest, meadows, & the area's largest non-tidal wetland!

**Ages 6-9**, \$190

9am - 12pm, July 6 - July 10, Registration Code: 3402239201

**Ages 8-12**, \$295

9am - 4pm, June 22 - June 26, Registration Code: 3402235501

### **Native American Survival Skills** Ages 6-11 \$295

Discover what daily life was like for the Eastern Woodland American Indians. From animal tracking to shelter building, children learn survival skills through outdoor activities, games, crafts & stories. 9am - 4pm.

July 27 - July 31, Registration Code: 3402229801

### **Wilderness Survival Camp** Ages 8-12 \$235

Can you survive in the wild? Through hikes, talks, games & activities campers will learn & practice wilderness survival skills while exploring the Park. No camp July 3<sup>rd</sup>. 9am - 4pm.

June 29 - July 2, Registration Code: 3402232201

### **Extreme Naturalist** Ages 8-12 \$295

Spend each day with Park naturalists visiting different habitats, conducting field surveys, recording observations & exploring the Park through lots of hands on activities! 9am-4pm.

July 13 - July 17, Registration Code: 3402232601

August 3 - August 7, Registration Code: 3402232602

### **Dig It! Archaeology Adventures** Ages 9-12 \$295

Discover new treasures & learn how our ancestors lived. We spend two days off site helping the County's Cultural Resources Team. We will visit an active dig & the archaeological research lab in Annandale where we will investigate artifacts found in the County. 9am-4pm.

July 6 - July 10, Registration Code: 3402227901

August 10 - August 14, Registration Code: 3402227902

## Boy Scout Merit Badges\* (Ages 11-17)

**Forestry:** Saturday, May 30, 10am - 2pm

Registration code: 3402740301 \$28

**Archaeology:** Sunday, May 31, 10am - 3pm

Registration code: 3402739701 \$35

**Bird Study:** Saturday, June 6, 9am - 1pm

Registration code: 3402740001 \$28

**Citizenship in the Community:** Tuesday, August 25, 10 am - 2 pm

Registration codes: 3403749001 \$28

**Citizenship in the Nation: At Historic Huntley,**

Wednesday, August 26, 10 am - 2 pm

Registration codes: 5783739901 \$28

**Citizenship in the World: At Historic Huntley,** Thursday, August 27, 10 am - 3 pm

Registration codes: 5783749101 \$35

\*All programs satisfy most of the requirements to earn these badges.

## **Storytime in the Forest**

(Ages 3-5) Join us for nature stories followed by songs, crafts, outdoor exploration, and other activities. \$7/child/session.

### **Monday, June 1**

Registration Code: 3402865007, time 10:00-11:00am

Registration Code: 3402865008, time 1:30-2:30pm

### **Monday, June 15**

Registration Code: 3402865009, time 10:00-11:00am

Registration Code: 3402865010, time 1:30-2:30pm

## Family and Adult Programs

*All programs **require reservations**, unless free. Sign up online using Parktakes, search "Huntley" at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes). Or call 703-222-4664. For help, call Huntley Meadows Park at 703-768-2525.*

### JUNE

#### 6 Saturday - Evening Stroll

(Ages 6-Adult) 8-9:30pm. Walk with a naturalist in the evening to watch and listen for nocturnal residents. \$6. Registration Code: 3403827902

#### 12 Friday - Twilight Hilltop Tour

(Adults) 7:30-9pm. Visit Historic Huntley after hours to see the house in a different light. Light refreshments served. \$8. Registration Code: 5782833903

#### 13 Saturday

##### Wetland in Bloom

(Ages 5-Adults) 1-2:30pm. Take a wetland plant hike during peak bloom. \$6. Registration Code: 3402842201

##### Wetland Watchers

(Ages 4-8) 2:00-3:30pm. Parent and child will take a walk to the wetland for a story and scavenger hunt. \$6. Registration Code: 3402826103

##### Park Manager Walk and Talk

(Adults) 4-6pm. Join Park Manager Kevin Munroe to learn about the wetland restoration project and the wildlife for which the Park is known. No reservations needed. FREE

#### 20 Saturday - Summer Solstice Campfire

(Families) 8-9pm. Join a naturalist at the campfire to hear stories of summer solstice traditions and roast marshmallows. \$6. Registration Code: 3403877901

#### 27 Saturday - Evening Stroll

(Ages 6-Adult) 8-9:30pm. See 6/6. \$6. Registration Code: 3403827901

#### 28 Sunday

##### Dragonflies

(Ages 12-Adult) 9am-Noon. Learn about the life cycle, behavior, and identification of Huntley's many dragonflies and damselflies. Canceled if rain. \$6. Registration Code: 3403842301

##### How to Draw Your Dragon (fly)

(Ages 12-Adult) 12:30-2pm. Join naturalist/artist Margaret Wohler to learn tips and techniques for drawing dragonflies and other insects. \$6. Registration Code: 3403820101

### JULY

#### 5 Sunday - Sketch Hike: Historic Huntley

(Ages 11-Adults) 10am-Noon. Join Park naturalist/artist Margaret Wohler for a hike through history. Meet at the Norma Hoffman Visitor Center and hike up to Historic Huntley sketching along the way. \$6. Registration Code: 3403899401

#### 11 Saturday - Evening Walk

(Adults) 8-10pm. Join naturalist PJ Dunn to look and listen for night animals. \$6. Registration Code: 3403881801

#### 12 Sunday

##### Birding for Beginners

(12-Adult) 8-11am. Learn about the birds and basic identification skills. \$6. Registration Code: 3403842501

##### Naturalist's Choice 'Behind the Scenes'

(Ages 10-Adults) 10am-Noon. Celebrate HMP Park's 40th Anniversary with guided walk through seldom seen places. Dress for going off trail. \$6. Registration Code: 3403031401

#### 18 Saturday

##### Historic Huntley Summer Social

(Families) 1-4pm. Enjoy lemonade, games, try making ice

cream, or build a kite. \$8. Registration Code: 5783899801

##### Park Manager Walk and Talk

(Adults) 4:00-6:00pm See 6/13. FREE

#### 19 Sunday

##### Dragonflies

(Ages 12-Adult) 9am-Noon. See 6/28. \$6. Registration Code: 3403842302

##### How to Draw Your Dragon (fly)

(Ages 12-Adult) 12:30-2:00pm. See 6/28. \$6. Registration Code: 3403820102

#### 25 Saturday - Evening Stroll

(Ages 6-Adult) 8-9:30pm. See 6/6. \$6. Registration Code: 3403827902

### AUGUST

#### 8 Saturday - Evening Stroll

(Ages 6-Adult) 8-9:30pm. See 6/6. \$6. Registration Code: 3403827903

#### 15 Saturday

##### Poetry Sketch Walk

(12-Adult) 10am-Noon. Take a walk that combines nature study, drawing, and poem craft in nature. \$6. Registration Code: 3403034101

##### Park Manager Walk and Talk

(Adults) 4-6pm See 6/13. FREE

#### 16 Sunday - Birding for Beginners

(12-Adult) 8-11am. See 7/12. \$6. Registration Code: 3403842502

#### 21 Friday - Hitching a Ride through Huntley

(Families) 4:30-6:30pm. Take a wagon ride to discover the Park's role from World War II through the Cold War. Meets at the South King's Hwy. parking lot. \$6. Registration Code: 3403821701

#### 22 Saturday - Evening Walk

(Adults) 8-10pm. See 7/11. \$6. Registration Code: 3403881802

#### 30 Sunday - Hitching a Ride through Huntley

(Families) 10am-Noon. See 8/21. Meets at the South King's Hwy. parking lot. \$6. Registration Code: 3403821702

### Summer Wagon Rides

(Families, children 4 years and up).

Enjoy a 90-minute tractor ride with a naturalist to the wetland and back. Pause for a snack at the observation platform. Rides leave from the South Kings H highway entrance. \$6.

#### 07/24

Registration Code: 3403842101, time: 9:30-11am

#### 07/24

Registration Code: 3403842102, time: 3:00-4:30pm

#### 08/14

Registration Code: 3403842103, time: 9:30-11am

#### 08/14

Registration Code: 3403842104, time: 5:00-6:30pm

#### 08/28

Registration Code: 3403842105, time: 9:30-11am

#### 08/28

Registration Code: 3403842106, time: 5:00-6:30pm

**Friends of Huntley Meadows Park  
Membership and Renewal Form**

Please support Huntley Meadows Park by joining our Friends group. By becoming a member, you will help to protect and preserve the Park. Dues contribute toward funding new initiatives and programs, and your membership support will help us to be stronger advocates for the Park.

Fill out this form and mail the application to:

**Dues information (Annual):**

- \$15 Individual
- \$20 Family
- \$10 Student/Senior
- \$150 Lifetime Membership to FOHMP and FOHH (see pg3)
- Donation

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