

FRIENDS OF RETZER NATURE CENTER

SUMMER 2016

Summer has just started and it already feels like the dog days. Spring provided us with all our usual invasive plants, including garlic mustard and dames rocket. Much work has to be done pulling these plants and bagging in plastic. Garlic mustard is a biennial so will not be as bad next year. For more information on invasive plants, sign up for the Retzer “Invasive Plants Workshop” on Saturday, July 23rd from 9-11 AM. Fee is \$8.00.

Spring also provided all of the ephemeral plants, including trillium, blood root, may apples, trout lilies and many more.

The last weeks of school brought many classes to Retzer for hikes, catching frogs in the pond, catching bugs and generally learning more about nature. The Friends helped to make it possible for some school groups to partake in these programs by funding their bus expense or program fees.

Retzer is now in their summer mode of programs which include Friday morning bird hikes at 7:30 AM and summer camp programs for children, just to name a few.

Special Summer Programs

Wildly Creative Wednesdays – for kids aged 5 – 12 on Wednesday Morning 10-11:30

Aug. 17th - “Wildly Creative Wildflowers” - explores the variety of colors, shapes and sizes of wildflowers through creating a fun mixed media art project.

Aug. 24th - “The Shapes of Seeds” (see above)

The fee for these classes is \$20.00 per person with registration due one week in advance.

Explore the Natural World with an Art Journal – Fridays, July 15, Aug. 19 & 26 .

For Adults & teens 16 and older

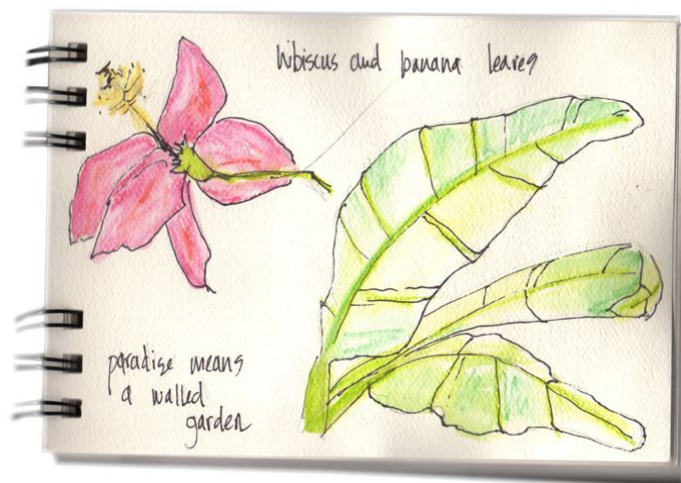
Art journaling or sketching is a way to explore our outer world and develop self-expression skills on paper. With a drawing tool and journal in hand, participants will explore Retzer landscape and discover their unique way of seeing it. Supplies and basic instructions on outdoor sketching techniques will be provided. Individual expression will be encouraged in all exercises.

Fee \$30.00 (includes journal and a variety of sketching tools for the 2 classes.)

Class 1 – Field sketching: Basic drawing skills, drawing wild subjects.

Class 2 – Field sketching: Beyond the basics, color and advanced techniques

Preregistration required.



APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL

The annual Friends of Retzer Nature Center Apple Harvest Festival is happening on Saturday, September 17th and runs from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The entrance Fee is \$5 per vehicle. Show your Friends of Retzer Membership card and get in free.

The county will be sponsoring the Apple Market with many varieties of apples for sale, along with fresh apple cider, homemade apple pie, and caramel apples. There will be a children's area for games and crafts. The craft exhibitors will be set up for purchasing unique items. Music will be performed throughout the day.

If you have any slightly used nature books (field guides, gardening, conservation, coffee table books, and especially children books on nature) and would like to donate them to the book sale, please drop them off at the front desk any time between now and the festival.

The Friends will again run the silent auction, and the book sale, both of which run from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We need volunteers in all three areas for any time you may have. We also have the hayride and need four volunteers selling tickets and four volunteers collecting tickets and assisting people on and off the rides. These shifts run from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm and from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. If you would like to volunteer to help on any of the Friends activities, please e-mail Elaine@FriendsofRetzer.org or Jerry@FriendsofRetzer.org. You may also call Retzer Nature Center at 262-896-8007 to volunteer for any of the other events that day.



Other Upcoming Events

Howl-O-Ween; Friday, October 14th from 6-9 PM The entrance fee is \$15.00 per vehicle. Again, if you show you Friends of Retzer Membership card you can get in free. Costumes are encouraged.

Photo Contest; Entry deadline is October 28, 2016. All photos must be taken at Retzer Nature Center. For more information on the photo contest, please pick up a brochure at the center or download it from our website. The reception and awards presentation will be on Sunday, November 6, 2015 starting at 1:00 PM

Upcoming trips: Please look for information on upcoming trips on our Website. Information on possible trips to Costa Rica and to Alaska. Also dates for informational meetings.

Friends of Retzer Nature Center new website

Our new website is fully operational. We will be adding additional features soon, including our Newsletter. Let us know if you would like to continue to receive the Newsletter by mail, or would like to read it on the website. See the new website at WWW://FriendsofRetzer.org. If you have not already renewed your membership, please do so now by either mailing a check to the Nature Center or via our new website. Your membership helps us support the Nature Center in many ways.

So many of the summer flowers are starting to bloom. Now is a good time to come alone for a quiet hike or bring the family to enjoy all the trails. While hiking with a group of children today we saw a doe with her fawn! Hope to spot all of our Friends on the trails, too.

Elaine Haberichter

\$20.00 Hummingbird (Individual)
\$25.00 Robin (Family)
\$50.00 Cardinal (Donor)
\$75.00 Owl (Donor)
\$100+ Eagle (Donor)

Current Membership Information

