

Friends of Thorn Creek Woods

Thorn Creek News

Spring 2020

Harbingers of Spring

I fell in love with them before I ever knew their name.

When I was in elementary school we moved to a wooded hillside on a small country road in Pennsylvania. My major interaction with those woods was running uphill with my brother to a tree with a large “monkey vine”, grabbing on and swinging out over the hill as the ground dropped away underneath us. It was great fun!

My mom was a big nature fan. As we took weekend walks in the nearby Laurel Highlands she would point out flowers along the trails and share their names with us. My dad, on the other hand, referred to any and all flowers as Bachelor’s Buttons. These were a garden flower that did not grow in the woods but, since he liked hiking the trails with us, we forgave him and turned his nomenclature deficit into a running family joke. As we walked through the woods, my mom continued to point out ghostly Indian Pipes, delicate Trout Lilies, white Trillium and other wildflowers that appeared beside the trail. My brother and I were more interested in how to get across the creek that wandered through the park than we were in the flowers, however.



The first time I remember catching my breath at what I was seeing in the woods was in high school. I stepped out of the house to climb up to my favorite spot on the hill behind our house and realized that the dull brown of the late winter forest floor had transformed. I was surrounded by thousands and thousands of delicate pink blossoms that had seemingly appeared overnight. It was the first time I had noticed the annual appearance of *Claytonia virginica*. My mother, very happy at my newly expressed interest, called them by their common name: Spring Beauties.

A closer look at the individual blossoms revealed five separate petals. Some flowers were white and some a pale pink, but all had delicate veins of dark pink decorating each blossom. The flowers were tiny - 6 to 12 inches high - with narrow leaves. It was not their size that overwhelmed the dull winter brown, but their numbers. As I continued to explore the woods, I discovered that Spring Beauties were merely a harbinger for the many other wildflowers that appear in the woods before the trees above them put forth their leaves and block the sun. Each year, as the daylight lengthened and the weather warmed, I looked forward to their return.

I went off to Chicago to attend college a few years later and stayed for over a decade. The annual woodland display faded from my consciousness as other interests and activities took over my life. Then, in the 1980's, I took a job in Matteson and moved to the south suburbs. The man who would become my husband helped with the move. After the boxes and (what little) furniture my roommate and I had acquired were safely stowed inside, he walked over to check out the wooded lot across the road. He was excited to report that he and his friend Mark had identified at least five kinds of wildflowers, including Spring Beauties! He won my heart right then and there. As we explored the woods together I learned that they, and all the delicate wild flowers that appeared each year, were collectively called *spring ephemerals*. Ephemeral means fleeting or transitory. These graceful, delicate blossoms herald the coming of summer, blooming when the daylight begins to lengthen and then rapidly fading as the trees leaf out and shade the forest floor from the summer sun.



Rue Anemone

Steve and I have lived in or near Raccoon Grove, a wooded area managed by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, for three decades. Every year I venture out behind our house to seek out the delicate blossoms poking up through last fall's leaves. As Spring Beauties appear, so do other ephemerals with equally evocative and whimsical names. Dutchman's Breeches, their miniature white pantaloons-shaped blossoms dancing on slender green stems, are an especial favorite. If you walk the trail that wanders out from the Raccoon Grove parking lot you will also see Tooth Wort, red Trilliums, Bloodroot, Star Flowers, Rue-Anemones, pale Trout Lilies, Hepatica, Solomon's Seal and yellow Buttercups nodding in the spring breezes that quietly slip over the forest floor. Others,

like Spring Beauties, Virginia Blue Bells and Blue Eyed Mary's spread their glory over the ground like an embroidered cloth in a breathtaking display of color and elegance.

There are lots of opportunities in Will County to see this wonderful gift of nature. To find a trail to hike alone or with a friend uncovering examples of this beautiful and fleeting display of ephemerals, check out the Forest Preserve District of Will County website www.reconnectwithnature.org, click on "Events" and put "wildflowers" in the search box. You'll be glad you did.

-Kendra Reinshagen



Solomon's Seal

Thorn Creek Woods

In keeping with the Illinois stay-at-home order

Thorn Creek Nature Center is closed, programs are canceled and the porta potty is closed through May 30, 2020

Trails are open dawn to dusk for safe, responsible usage by visitors practicing social distancing. See the posted notice.

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Take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Thorn Creek Woods Nature Preserve May 1, 2020

In keeping with Gov. J. B. Pritzker's modified stay-at-home order, Thorn Creek Woods Nature Preserve will reopen its parking lot on May 1.

Through May 30, Thorn Creek Nature Center will remain closed, public programs are canceled and the porta potty is closed.

Thorn Creek Nature Preserve trails are open to the public and visitors are urged to adhere to the state's guidelines for their safety and the safety of others.

Members of the public must continue to help limit the spread of COVID-19 by practicing social distancing of at least 6 feet as recommended by health authorities. Groups cannot gather in numbers larger than 10, and they will be cited by police if they do so and it may be necessary to temporarily close the lot when social distancing is not being maintained.

TAKE PRECAUTIONS BEFORE VISITING THORN CREEK WOODS NATURE PRESERVE

The Commission is urging members of the public to adopt all outdoor recreation safety measures recommended by the state as they visit Thorn Creek Nature Preserve. Here are the guidelines issued by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources on Thursday, April 23:

- Bring alcohol-based hand sanitizer (containing at least 60 percent alcohol).
- Wearing a face covering at all times is encouraged.
- Practice social distancing by keeping at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and others.
- Stay home if you are sick or feeling any symptoms, such as fever, coughing, troubled breathing, and/or flu-like symptoms.
- Visit alone or with members of your household.
- Stay local; visit preserves that are closest to where you live.
- If you arrive at a preserve and crowds are forming, please return another time/day to visit.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper arm/elbow.

For information on the coronavirus contact your County Health Department.

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Thorn Creek Woods Management Commission

Thank You Fall 2019-Winter 2020

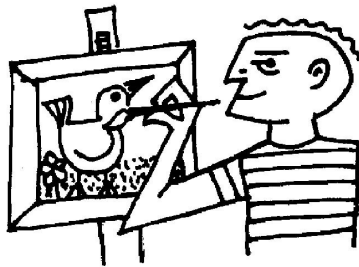
- Welcome to New Members: Terry Parsons, Sarah Hendrickson, Carol Zelensky
- Donations to Thorn Creek Woods Capital Fund from: Penny Chamberlain, Margrit Withers, Terri Morandi in memory of her son Mark Morandi, Jack & Peg Donohue, Kay MacNeil in memory of Geri Setzke, Linda Gattis in memory of Geri Setzke, Alice Hanes
- Donations to Friends General Purposes Fund from: Penny Chamberlain, Helen Wild, L.Robin Condro
- Many membership renewals.
- \$100 donation-Sharon Creamen, \$35-Karen Annichiarco, \$100-Garden Club of Park Forest
- Open Hours Volunteers: Penny Chamberlain, Carol Zelensky, Judy Mendelson, Bob Hernandez, Audubon Society (Alice McBride, Janice Richey, Lisa Bronson and Linda Bronson)



Assistance with Programs:

Linda Anderson, Will County Beekeeper led Nature Camp for Seniors. Penny Chamberlain provided and hosted lunch.

Sue Zelek led the Learn Your Birds By Spring classes.



Pat Moore led Drawing Owls.

Dave and Vicki Schmidt prepared to lead Animals in Autumn class. Dave assisted on a number of programs including Sounds of Insects, Fall Night Hike, Fireflies Night Hike

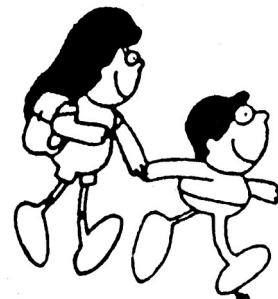
Bob Hernandez assists at all the programs, prepping and with parking and on trail. Jim Pisani also assists with parking at programs. Mike Edwards assisted at Learn Your Birds. Lisa Horvath assisted at Drawing Owls.

Monica assists April at most all programs and Monica led the talk for the Wild Animal Tracks.

Friends Fall Annual Meeting: Ralph Schultz, FPDWC gave a talk on Will County's Forest Preserves. Monica assisted. Sue Zelek chaired the meeting. Susan Inman, Linda and Lisa Bronson, Carolyn Gann, Penny Chamberlain, Janice Richey, Alice Hanes and Judy Mendelson set up refreshments, sold t-shirts and hosted a Friends of Thorn Creek Display. Karen Anderson, Mary Ann Ciesielski, Cosi Dean, and Marva King made baked items. Anthony Rozic funded cupcakes for the event.

Many donations of items:

Board and hardware-Jim Pisani; toothbrushes (for cleaning garlic)-Mark Bass; hack saw, plastic tarps and square measure-unknown; cases of water, mop heads & soap for our Swiffer, program materials-Linda and Lisa Bronson; food storage containers, plastic forks, Sony CD and cassette player-Judy Mendelson; shoe size storage containers & wall



hanging kits-Valerie Baxter; 14 shoe size containers, 4' level, rubber mallet, metal yardstick – unknown; Guide to North America Birding a National Geographic Course guide book and DVD– Alice McBride; battery charging set for Makita power tools –Mike Holden; sticky notes, blank note pads- Dave Schmidt; cases of water –Margrit Withers; Audubon Adventures newsletters – Thorn Creek Audubon Society Audubon; \$600.00 was paid for preparation of the video of the Historic Farm-Judy Mendelson; case of water, snacks-Skip and Diane Lund; 30 small fiber planting pots-April Richards; birdseed, suet, bucket, scrub brush, trail first aid kit, paper towels, Kleenex-Penny Chamberlain; soil poster- Paul Eisenberg.

Special projects:

Judy Mendelson, Susan Inman, Janice Richey, Penny Chamberlain, Carolyn Gann Livia Gann, Deb Harder and Mike Ploski collated and prepared the 2019-20 *Fall–Winter TC program brochure* for mailing.

Judy Mendelson, Susan Inman, Janice Richey, Carolyn Gann, Penny Chamberlain, Deborah Orr, Art and Marva King *cleaned the garlic* grown on the preserve's Historic Farm.

In 2020 Penny Chamberlain and Judy Mendelson prepared the *Friends of Thorn Creek Woods newsletters for mailing*.



Susan Inman, Janice Richey, Deborah Orr, Alice McBride, Judy Mendelson, Alice Hanes, Carolyn Gann, Bob Hernandez, Susie Lerner and Penny Chamberlain prepared the *2020 Spring-Summer TC program brochure* for mailing.

Judy Mendelson, Susan Inman, Linda Bronson, Lisa Bronson, Rob Dicosmo, Marcy Marzuki, and Janice Richey *sold garlic* at the Park Forest Farmers Market.

Dave Mauger, Carolyn Gann, Taylor Adamas and friend *planted garlic* at the Historic Farm.

Fall Workday-Dave Schmidt assisted. Tom Wegrzyn, Rick Rousseau, Will Rousseau, Nathan Pisarczyk, and Richard Pisarczyk cleared overgrowth and cut in channels to allow water diversion bars to drain, on the Nature Center Loop Trail. Carolyn Gann weeded the butterfly garden.

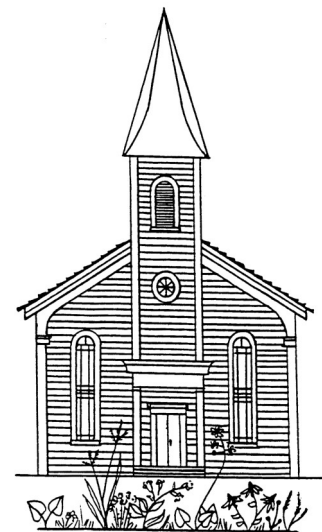
Georganne Higgins prepared 2 displays boards with her original TCW photographs- "Thorn Creek in Fall" and "Fungus of Thorn Creek".

Mike O'Neal maintains our webpage tcwoods.org.

Bob Hernandez regularly cleans the inside of the nature center, vacuuming, cleaning floors and rugs and more.

Premise activities:

The FPDWC removed 2 large tree trunks over the N/S Boardwalk and a large tree trunk that was down on the new pans boardwalk on the Woodland Trail. They mowed and cleared Owl Lake Trail and around Owl Lake and out to the Wetland Overlook, and removed old rotten remains of the old boardwalk.



Jim Pisani repaired a broken board on the bridge over Thorn Creek and disposed of old round water bars that were removed from the preserve.

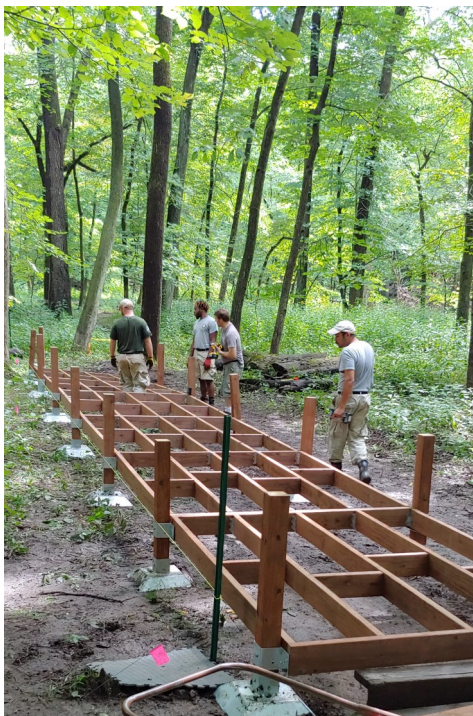
Crete Boy Scout Jason Drummond as his Eagle Scout Project removed 10 old round water bars from the Woodland Trail and installed 8 new square water bars. Village of Park Forest drilled holes in new water bars. Bob Hernandez assisted April.

Peotone Boy Scout, George Dalen assisted April in installing a channel post and trail closed sign at far end of Woodland Trail. He received service hours toward his Eagle Scout project.

Jerry Niendorf repainted trim board over the nature center front door and repainted both back and front porches.

The nature center ceiling was leaking into the balcony area on September 27 during a big thunderstorm. The Village of Park Forest made repairs to the roof.

Eagle Scout Bradley Tennison, Peotone Boy Scout Troop #315, built 4 Aldo Leopold benches, raised the funds for the materials and placed them at the Wetland Overlook, on the Owl Lake Loop Trail, and two on the Woodland Trail. Scouts - Richie Martz, Bille Tyler, Jack Allen and Mike Tennison (scout chaperone).

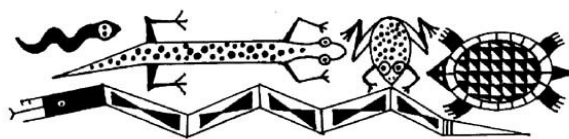


2019 AmeriCorps Project:

The AmeriCorps Team from Village of Park Forest removed the old 60 foot narrow boardwalk that crossed a swampy area just in front of the bridge over Thorn Creek. They carried the remains out of the preserve, and installed a 64 foot long, 6 foot wide pans style boardwalk in its place. This entailed carrying over 700 pounds of lumber out to the site plus the hardware and tools, leveling and placing each pan, as well as connecting the walkway to the pans. Also the team removed 5 rotted water bars and replaced them with new square lumber on the Nature Center Loop Trail. Jim Pisani, Dave Matthias, Kenny Anifer, Bob Hernandez, Nate and Daniel from AmeriCorps Team unloaded the lumber and hardware delivered for the pans boardwalk. Bob Hernandez installed 2 steps on the pans boardwalk. Eric Boos and Mike Holden assisted April.

All supplies and small tools for AmeriCorps and other work projects-Anthony Rozic; new battery powered drill/driver set purchased by Friends of Thorn Creek Woods; all wood, pans and fixtures for new boardwalk donated by Capital Fund of Friends of Thorn Creek Woods.

Thank you for your support and kindness



Seasons of Thorn Creek Woods Volunteers

Thorn Creek Woods as a nature preserve represents a *peoples'* effort led by the Thorn Creek Preservation Association with its beginnings in the 1960's. From the start, caring people have given their time, funds, efforts and support to preserve these woods as a natural resource that everyone can enjoy, and a place where plants and animals can live in peace.

Through all the seasons of the years, Thorn Creek Woods volunteers continue this tradition of lending time and talents, not only to protect Thorn Creek Woods, but also to make it a resource for all times and all people.

We remember and honor all the Thorn Creek Woods **Volunteers** with a listing of **Volunteer** names shown in the decade where each person began service to Thorn Creek Woods.

October 15, 2000; Updated February 20, 2020

1960's & 1970's OWLS: These wise owls provided the vision, ingenuity, tenacity and plain hard work of the early years.

1980's WHITE OAKS: These stalwart oak trees held firm in preserving the land, establishing the management commission and developing the nature center.

1990's SALAMANDERS: These years saw, in addition to preservation, management & education, expanded and diversified studies of the natural communities & species.

2000's CICADAS: The Cicada volunteers emerge whenever help is needed with repairs, programs and displays, and the sounds of their efforts reverberate throughout Thorn Creek Woods.

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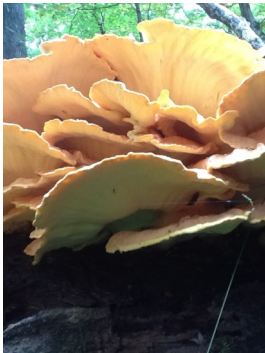
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Fantastic Fungi: The Magic Beneath Us

“Fantastic Fungi, directed by Louie Schwartzberg, is a consciousness-shifting film that takes us on an immersive journey through time and scale into the magical earth beneath our feet. Through the eyes of renowned scientists and mycologists like Paul Stamets, best-selling authors Michael Pollan, Eugenia Bone, Andrew Weil and others, we become aware of the beauty, intelligence and solutions the fungi kingdom offers us in response to some of our most pressing medical, therapeutic, and environmental challenges.”

You can watch the film at Fantasticfungi.com by either renting it or buying it for viewing on computer.

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___ I am donating \$_____ to the **Thorn Creek Woods Capital Fund**
 for improvements in the Nature Center building & in the Preserve.
 In memory of _____ In honor of _____

___ I am donating \$_____ to the **Jim Marzuki Fund** for Thorn Creek
 Public Programming.

___ I am donating \$_____ to **Friends General Purposes**.

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Spring Renewal

With spring's welcome arrival, the Friends of Thorn Creek Woods annual membership renewal date of May 1 is here!

Memberships are still just \$20 for a regular membership, \$200 for a life membership, and \$50 for organizations or businesses. New and renewed memberships will be valid through April 30, 2021.

Thank you for your past support and we hope you will renew.

You might find it convenient to buy your 2020 membership on-line.

- Go to: www.tcwoods.org

- Click on *Donate* and follow directions to order your membership using PayPal.

Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated and can also be made on-line to:

- The Thorn Creek Woods Capital Fund for improvements in the preserve and in the Nature Center Building. The Capital Fund is focusing on trails – adding more trail improvements, additional boardwalks, water bars and signs, and planning for a bypass trail.
- The Jim Marzuki Memorial Fund to support Thorn Creek public programming.
- The Friends General Purposes Fund for the purchase of equipment, supplies and displays for the nature center and preserve, plus for Friends mailings and newsletters.

Join us!