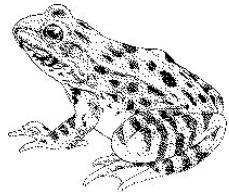


# FRIENDS OF HUNTLEY MEADOWS PARK



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## President's Message

After three years of serving as the president of FOHMP, I think that it's time for some fresh blood, as it were. So, I will not seek re-election when the officers of the organization are selected at the September meeting of the Board. I will continue to serve on the Board, but not as one of the officers. We all know the value of occasional changes in administrations. I think FOHMP will prosper with this change.

The Friends of Huntley Meadows is an organization with enormous potential. We have nearly 400 members drawn from communities of accomplished people of boundless capacity. We have not tapped that potential well in the past. I hope we can reach out more to our membership in the coming year and benefit from this staggering talent. We need your ideas and your energies. Talk to us! We have a number of challenges before us, and your assistance is essential.

Friends is deeply involved in the question of restoring the dam in the central wetlands; dealing with invasive species throughout the Park; reaching out to those elements of the public which a park like Huntley doesn't successfully attract. Generally these are non-English speaking immigrant populations seeking to assimilate into their new home. These and many more efforts need your help.

Thanks for your support, and we look forward to seeing you in the Park

Harry

## Election of Officers

Officers for the 2005-2006 year were elected at the September 19 Board Meeting. The new officers are:

President - Kathi McNeil

Vice President - Sarah Stromayer

Secretary - Glenn Curtis

Treasurer - Sally Cureton

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## Huntley Meadows volunteers receive awards

Two of our FOHMP members were honored at the Fairfax County Park Volunteer Excellence Awards event on October 1.

Marianne Mooney received the Resource Management Division's Volunteer Excellence Award and Andy Higgs was recognized for 10 years of service to the park.

Congratulations.



## **FOHMP Thank You Letter**

It's hard to believe that summer is nearly over! It feels like just yesterday I was lost out back, trying to figure out who Carolyn and Melissa were and how to even get in the building before 9AM. Now eleven weeks later, I'm reluctant to turn in my key because it means that my time here has ended. I've had such a great time working here; I can't thank FOHMP enough for sponsoring my internship.

In my short time here, I've done a lot. I started out with my personal project, which was renovating all eight of the exhibit area Discovery Boxes. Working on them was a lot of fun because I got to do a wide variety of things, including coating a turtle shell, researching birds and plants, spend lots of quality time with the paper cutter, and a summer long (unsuccessful) search for brown Play-Doh, among many other tasks. I also had a great time planning and putting together my big weekend family program, Buglover's Paradise. At first I thought I would never be able to fill up two whole rooms with information about bugs, but I actually ended up running out of space! It was a great weekend with over 100 people in attendance, most of them sporting butterfly hats and painted faces.

I've learned a lot about teaching from watching the best: Suzanne, Melissa, and Ann. I've also done plenty of teaching myself! Off site, on site, monthly programs, school groups, camps- I've done it all, culminating in the planning and leading of my very own Young Explorers program for 6-8 year olds. I've had so much fun doing all these things! I even had fun over on the "other side" doing water quality testing, wearing the ever fashionable hip waders and collecting macroinvertebrates from local creeks.

Now that the internship is over I'm heading back to Blacksburg for my junior year at Virginia Tech, where I'm majoring in Natural Resource Recreation. My internship here has really made me realize that I enjoy doing this kind of work, and that I'm heading in the right direction with this major. Thank you once again to FOHMP for letting me have this

incredible experience, and I hope to see everyone when I come back to visit on breaks. I'm really going to miss working here!

Kristen Clark

*Note: Kristen served as a park intern this summer. FOHMP supports this internship each year*

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## **FOHMP 2005 Photo Contest**

From 6 November until 11 January, Huntley Meadows Park will host a photography show mounted by the Friends of Huntley Meadows. The contest is open to all, the only requirement being that the photos have to be taken in Huntley Meadows Park. All entries must be in by 15 October. Entry forms and regulations and rules can be obtained at the Huntley Information Desk, or the web site <http://www.friendsofhuntleymeadows.org>.

Sarah Stromayer



**2004 first prize "A New Way of Being"**  
By Jamie Reaser

## BEX Collection Drive

This past spring FOHMP sponsored a drive to collect used birding equipment to donate to the Birder's Exchange program. Administered by the American Birding Association, the program puts used optics directly into the hands of scientists and others who work on bird conservation in Latin American countries. It is a great program that helps scientists in poorer countries and that directly benefits conservation of neo-tropical migrants. It also helps birders do something useful with those dusty, (not-too-old) binoculars.

We had a great collection drive. 28 binoculars were donated along with a tremendous six scopes and six tripods. One very nice SLR camera was donated by the park staff (along with three pairs of binos) and we also received 3 backpacks, 11 field guides and four bird tapes. Betty Petersen of Birder's Exchange was most grateful for our efforts and for all the donations.

On behalf of the FOHMP board, I'd like to thank all those who generously donated items for our drive: Wells Burgess, Jessie Bynum, the family of Mary Floyd, Alan and Becky Hedia, Fred and Norma Hoffman, Ben Jesup, Cathy and George Ledec, Judith McGuire, Paul Mocko, Marianne Mooney, Thomas Nardone, Barbara and John Perry, Joe Sasfy, Chuck Studholme, Priestley Toulmin and the park staff. We also had some anonymous donations and thanks go out to all those donors as well. Thank you all so much for your generosity; your donations will directly benefit those neo-tropical migrants that grace our park each year.

Marianne Mooney



U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Bob Savannah

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## Historic Huntley Fall Open House

Saturday, October 15  
2-4pm



Enjoy this twice-a-year opportunity to visit historic Huntley, a Federal-style villa built in 1825 for Thomson F. Mason

Sponsored by:  
Friends of Historic Huntley  
FREE

# Friends of Historic Huntley

## RAFFLE



Wooden bowl, handcrafted by local woodworker  
Don Johnson. Salvaged from 112 year old  
Historic Huntley white oak.  
Valued at \$200.

Drawing December 1, 2005.

Enter at Huntley Meadows Park  
3701 Lockheed Boulevard  
Alexandria, VA  
703-768-2525

1 ticket for \$5  
3 tickets for \$10  
All proceeds donated to  
Historic Huntley Restoration Fund.



October 2004



November 2004



December 2004



January 2005

Don't let the colder weather keep you from enjoying Huntley Meadows. There is plenty to see and enjoy every month of the year.



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# Are You A Member?

*Please*

help support Huntley Meadows Park and join

## *The Friends of Huntley Meadows Park!*

Become a member of FRIENDS OF HUNLEY MEADOWS PARK. (FOHMP) and help to protect and preserve the park. Your annual dues (tax deductible) will keep you informed and help support the nature center's programs. Please fill out and mail this application today!

### *Membership Information*

*Note*

Our new dues schedule is as follows:

◆ Senior	\$5.00	◆ Family	\$15.00
◆ Individual	\$10.00	◆ Lifetime Membership	\$150.00

— Yes! I would like to join FRIENDS!

— I'd like to renew my membership. Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_.00 annual dues for a \_\_\_\_\_ membership. (Please make checks payable to FOHMP.)

Additional \$\_\_\_\_\_.00 donation enclosed.

— I have some comments and/or suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

— I'm interested in learning more about volunteering at the Park.

— I would like to volunteer at the Park.

If you checked that you would like to volunteer, please help us by indicating your areas of knowledge and/or interest. \_\_\_\_\_

FOHMP Volunteer Coordinator     Park Watch     Promoting Friends     Special Events     Mailing

Phoning Members For Lectures and Special Events     Letter Writing Campaign     As Needed

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