Friends of Huntley Meadows Park

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Award Winning Board Members

Friends of Huntley Meadows Park (FOHMP) Board members have been busy winning awards in the month of October. Congratulations to Harry Glasgow, a long-time board member of FOHMP. Harry was awarded the 2019 Wildlife Hero Award by the Prince William Conservation Alliance on October 1, 2019.

This award honors Harry’s lifelong work and leadership protecting wild spaces in Northern Virginia through tours, talks and service on local boards and commissions.

Congratulations also go to Cathy Ledec, President of FOHMP, who was awarded a Fairfax County Environmental Excellence award on October 22, 2019. This award recognizes Cathy’s enthusiastic engagement on many local initiatives regarding natural resource protection, restoration, and land use. Cathy is an indefatigable public advocate, leader, and volunteer who works to incorporate environmental considerations and impacts into decision-making while inspiring others.

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Photography Contest

Submit Your Photos by December 1 - Submissions are being accepted for the 2019 Friends of Huntley Meadows Park (FOHMP) Photo Contest until December 1. NEW IN 2019, you can submit photo info and pay for your entries electronically! Contest rules, submission guidelines, and payment information can be found on our website at: http://friendsofhuntleymeadows.org/. Submission fees and any proceeds from sales are used by FOHMP to support Park activities. The traditional paper form entries are also available at the front desk of the Norma Hoffman Visitor Center.

You’re Invited! Join FOHMP, contest participants, and guests at the FOHMP Photo Contest show opening reception where our judges will reveal the 2019 contest winners. View the photos, mingle with the photographers, and enjoy light refreshments. The opening reception, held on December 8, will be begin at 1:00 pm and conclude at 3:00 pm. Held in the Norma Hoffman Visitor Center Auditorium at 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria, VA 22306.

The show will be available for viewing through mid-February 2020.

Harry Glasgow with his Wildlife Hero Award.

Egret Moon by Paul Lebras, 2018 FOHMP Photo Contest first place winner.
**2019 Summer Interns**

The interns of Huntley Meadows Park (HMP) are given an opportunity to interact with staff and to explore the natural habitats of a truly unique wildlife sanctuary. HMP interns bring their own talents and backgrounds to their summer positions with aspirations of improving their knowledge base. As they learn, these interns also give back to the Park in more ways than can be listed here.

My name is **Savannah Steblein**, and I was a 2019 summer Naturalist Intern. I just graduated from University of Mary Washington with a degree in English and a minor in Environmental Sustainability. Participating in this internship has been amazing, because I aspire to ultimately become a nature interpreter in park services or at a National Wildlife Refuge. The natural world has always been a large component of my life, as I grew up immersed in nature. Watching children learn and grow in environmental experience has brought me so much joy this summer.

In the past few years, I have been practicing my plant identification. Working at Huntley Meadows Park (HMP) has allowed me to expand my identifying skills and to learn about new trees and their natural history. I was able to impart this newly gained knowledge to campers. While learning a great deal more about working with children, I have especially improved the methods I use to teach different age groups.

Thank you Friends of Huntley Meadows Park for the opportunity to work here. Also thank you to all of the naturalists and employees at HMP who I have worked with that have made this experience a fun and educational opportunity. I love all the skills, experiences, life lessons, and stories that you have shared. I had a wonderful time here and hope to see you all again soon!

My name is **Andrew Loranger**, and I was one of the three 2019 Naturalist Interns this summer at Huntley Meadows Park (HMP). I just completed my senior year at Virginia Tech (VT), graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Planning. I will be returning to VT this fall to finish my second degree, Marketing Management, with a minor in International Business. At VT, I developed a strong passion for the environment, so I was very excited when I found out I had the opportunity to work this summer at Fairfax County’s largest-manned park, HMP.

This summer, I wanted to gain practical experience teaching children about the importance of Earth’s natural environment. I thoroughly enjoyed my time working with campers and engaging them in various lessons and crafts focusing on a wide range of topics. I was also given the opportunity to develop my own programs for the camps, which, once accomplished, was personally fulfilling. I loved learning about the native and invasive species of plants and animals at HMP from the naturalists, along with the Resource Manager Dave Lawlor. One of my favorite memories from the internship is assisting the Resource Management Intern Anna to conduct water quality surveys of the wetlands.

I would like to thank Friends of Huntley Meadows Park for giving me the opportunity to work in such a beautiful place for the duration of the summer. Prior to my internship, I had never been to HMP. I now realize how lucky I was to work in such a unique environment. I would also like to thank Kylie Stark, Program Manager at Huntley Meadows, and all of the staff at the Park for making this such a worthwhile experience. I cannot wait to use the lessons I learned during this internship in my future endeavors.
Hello! My name is Craig Epstein, and I served as a 2019 summer Naturalist Intern at Huntley Meadows Park (HMP) this past summer. I am from Charlottesville, Virginia, and am studying environmental sciences and economics at the University of Virginia. In trying to combine these two fields of study, I wanted to find an internship that would give me the opportunity to explore a natural resource, while also witnessing the inner workings of a large institution, such as a government body. Interning with the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) was a perfect fit, as I was able to teach campers about the diverse wetland at HMP, while also observing exactly what goes into running a successful park.

I enjoyed the variety of responsibilities given to the interns—creating educational materials for the visitor’s center, leading craft activities in summer camps, participating in water quality testing, and running the front desk. I found that my fellow interns and the full-time staff were welcoming and there to be a resource for the questions that arose throughout the summer. I appreciate the range of Park management duties that I have witnessed, since I was able to attend an FCPA Board meeting where impactful decisions were made and also interact with individual visitors at the Park.

This internship has displayed to me the importance of biological diversity not just for diversity’s sake, but for the sake of creating future environmental leaders. When I see how excited young campers become about visiting the plethora of plants and animals in the wetland, I know that I want to do my part in preserving spaces like HMP. In the future, I want to use this experience to vocalize the impacts of accessible parks on citizens’ well-being in an urban area. Too often, the positive health and inspirational impacts are overlooked.

Thank you to the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park for funding my internship; I would not have had such an impactful and enjoyable experience without your support.

My name is Anna Soroka, and I am a rising senior at Washington and Lee University, majoring in Engineering and Geology while minoring in Environmental Studies. After completing my senior year next spring, I plan to pursue environmental engineering in hopes of designing and implementing environmental restoration and conservation projects. This past spring, I was extremely fortunate to be selected as the 2019 summer Natural Resource Management Intern and to join the Huntley Meadows Park (HMP) community.

My main project this summer was collecting and analyzing macroinvertebrate samples from the wetland to determine water quality throughout the Park. Despite falling in my waders a few times and getting stuck in the mud, I was able to familiarize myself with all sorts of insects and get hands-on experience in aquatic entomology. Along with water quality, I assisted in rare plant surveys, invasive plant management, Canada Goose counts, vernal pool surveys, Bluebird box surveys, and pesticide application. I met contagiously enthusiastic ornithologists and lepidopterists and helped build Mallard Duck tubes for the upcoming spring.

Each of these opportunities have shown me the diverse range of responsibilities for a natural resource manager, and I cannot thank the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park enough for this experience. It has been an honor to add my water quality data to the history of the Park’s wetland. I feel more prepared for the next stages of my life with my enhanced skills in field research, invasive species management, and land stewardship. Every volunteer and staff member at HMP has made this summer one to remember, and I am grateful for each of them. I would like to especially thank Dave Lawlor (Resource Manager), Brian Moore (Maintenance Staff), and Steve Lindblom (Maintenance Volunteer) for sharing their knowledge of and commitment to the Park.
Catherine Kolo - Working as the 2019 summer Historical Interpretation Intern at Historic Huntley this summer has been a fantastic learning opportunity and a whirlwind! As an Alexandria native, it was a joy to return to a park I have loved since childhood and expand my knowledge about the historic site. In addition to enjoying time spent working with kids at summer camps, I am especially grateful for the opportunity I had to conduct my own research. This internship enabled me to become more acquainted with tools in special collections, libraries, and online - a skillset that will come in handy as I complete my final undergraduate year at the University of Virginia as a history major.

As for the substance of my research, I hoped to supplement Huntley’s scholarship about the population of enslaved laborers and ended up learning about the lawsuits of enslaved laborers for freedom against their masters. Thomson Francis Mason was involved as an attorney for both enslaved plaintiffs and slave-owning defendants in various cases, and was himself the defendant of such a suit.

This summer, I did everything from wading in a marsh to discovering fingerprints in ink on letters from the 1800s. What more could I ask for? Thank you again to the Friends of Historic Huntley for this opportunity, and to my supervisor, Cheryl Repetti, Historic Interpreter and Historic Site Coordinator, for her guidance and help!

Springing into Art at Historic Huntley

While next spring now seems far away, it’s not too early to be planning (if not pining) for its arrival. The Friends of Historic Huntley (FOHH) will welcome next spring with a rendition of the mid-nineteenth century tradition of plein-air (outdoor) painting. Saturday, April 18, artists will be outdoors at Historic Huntley painting various sights and scenes of the Park. Of course, the key to this event is artists! If you are or know someone who is an artist who might be interested in harnessing the inspiring powers of Historic Huntley this spring, please contact Ms. Todi Carnes (todicarnes@verizon.net).

To enjoy art at Huntley right now, come to FOHH’s annual meeting on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 1:30 p.m. at the Sherwood Regional Library (2501 Sherwood Hall Lane). Mr. Mackenzie (“Mack”) Lenhart, Collections Manager for Longwood University’s Center for the Visual Arts will discuss their collection of art by William “Bill” Amlong, a member of the last family to privately own Historic Huntley.

Artist inspired by the views of Huntley.
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Find out more about the award here: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/environment/environmental-excellence-awards-current-recipients

FOHMP is lucky to have both Harry and Cathy working for Huntley Meadows Park!

Do You Need a Receipt?

The 2019 tax season is almost over. If you paid membership dues or made a monetary donation to FOHMP in 2019, these contributions may be tax deductible.

If you would like a letter of receipt, please send your request to friendsofhmp@gmail.com, and we'll be happy to provide one.

‘Tis the Season for Taking Action!
By: Cathy Ledec, FOHMP Board President

Recent research reports reveal significant declines in bird populations across all of the United States over the past fifty years. In case you missed the article in Science, here it is: https://science.sciencemag.org/content/366/6461/120 with a summary here: https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2019/09/three-billion-north-american-birds-have-vanished-1970-surveys-show. Mike Parr of the American Bird Conservancy, a co-author of the study, also published this “to-do” list, important for all of us. https://www.allaboutbirds.org/how-to-fix-the-bird-declines-a-to-do-list-for-government-business-and-individuals/. Insect population declines were also reported in research described here: https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/27/magazine/insect-apocalypse.html. This kind of news is being reported more often than we would like to hear. But at the same time, it is important that these researchers' studies continue to inform us on their scientific research. Their reports provide us with a basis to keep up to date on the health of the environment and biodiversity around us and with actions we can take to positively impact them.

The reported declines can seem overwhelming, but actions made by each of us may contribute to slowing, and possibly reversing, these declines locally. What can we as individuals do to make a difference? A good first step is learning about our local environment and the wildlife that lives here with us. I was told when I was growing up that knowledge is a powerful tool that should always guide one’s actions. I’m always looking to learn more about everything that impacts our natural world. Then I work to use that knowledge as a basis for informing recommendations on land use practices, environmental protections, and support for the conservation and protection of our natural resources here in Fairfax County. Reading these scientific research reports can be a downer at first, but the knowledge that I take away informs my actions.

What can you do? Stop using pesticides and herbicides. Without insects, our birds and other wildlife will not have the food they need to survive and reproduce. Welcome birds and other wildlife to your yard and

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A Message from Park Manager Karen Sheffield

A Cornell Lab of Ornithology study was published in the September issue of the journal Science and reports that the breeding bird populations in the U.S. and Canada have decreased almost 30% since 1970. Now that’s depressing. If you’re a long time birder, this study reflects what you’ve been witnessing and talking about over the years.

We are so fortunate that the Fairfax County Park Authority has acquired nearly 10% of the County’s acreage, much of it after 1970. As you know, Huntley Meadows Park was acquired in 1975, and the beavers dammed East Barnyard Run in 1978 creating the Park’s central wetland. With citizen support for the Park bond, the central wetland completed a restoration project five years ago.

The Park is an actively managed natural area, and we’ve seen some great successes. The Cornell study points to a 92 million population decline in red-winged blackbirds, a common species that successfully breeds in the managed central wetland here at Huntley.

At Huntley, meadow management and central wetland enhancements in addition to special breeding bird boxes help promote and protect breeding birds. These include eastern bluebirds, prothonotary warblers, red-headed woodpeckers, hooded mergansers, wood ducks, and mallards.

The Cornell study also points to great conservation successes primarily due to the eradication of DDT use and focused conservation efforts and funding. Conservation successes include raptors, wild turkeys and waterfowl. Although the Cornell study for North America shows an increase in many species of waterfowl, a US Fish & Wildlife study shows a decline in waterfowl in the eastern U.S. over the last 20 years.

Prior to the Dominion Powerline project at Huntley, a pair of Osprey regularly nested on the transmission poles. This caused conflict with power integrity, and total cost of service and the installed new poles are designed to disfavor nest creation. Up to two osprey platforms will be installed in the central wetland to provide alternative nesting options, and they may provide visitors with some great viewing opportunities!

Over the years, Huntley has recorded 246 bird species, many migratory. The 1985-1989 Virginia Breeding Bird Atlas listed 70 confirmed breeding birds in the two primary blocks that include Huntley Meadows. The second Breeding Bird Atlas survey is underway with one breeding season remaining (2016-2020). So far, 65 species have been confirmed for breeding in these same blocks. Please note that some confirmed breeding species areas in the two breeding blocks include businesses, places of worship, and neighborhoods. Thanks to everyone for providing a space for birds!

Much more habitat and potential habitat exists outside of natural protected areas. Cornell recommends seven simple actions you can take at home and in your neighborhood to promote bird life:

- Make windows safe (use fritted or angled glass)
- Keep cats indoors
- Sow less lawn, plant natives
- Avoid pesticides
- Drink bird-friendly coffee (from family farms in Latin America that provide forest-like habitat for birds)
- Use less plastic
- Watch birds, share what you see

Interested in learning more about how these steps help birds? Looking for recommendations to implement these ideas? Visit the Cornell site at https://www.birds.cornell.edu/home/seven-simple-actions-to-help-birds/. To read the journal article visit https://www.birds.cornell.edu/home/bring-birds-back.

Thank you for all you do to support natural protected areas and flora and fauna everywhere!
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neighborhood. Our wildlife performs important ecosystem services for us that we often take for granted. Wildlife consumes the insects in our yards and through activities outside our windows entertains and inspires us through natural beauty and resiliency. Speak up for the protection of our natural resources and our environment. Our elected officials need to hear that our natural resources and our environment are important to us. Our wildlife especially does not have a voice at the decision-making table - you need to be that voice. Volunteer for and work to influence your homeowner’s association (HOA) to improve environmental conditions on common area property. Northern Virginia has many forms of HOAs that have potential to manage their common area green spaces in an environmentally sustainable manner. These common areas should welcome wildlife, include native plants and trees, and improve environmental conditions for residents. Choose native plant species. Bring native plants into your gardens and neighborhoods. Natives support many more pollinators, birds, and other wildlife than do non-native plants. Reduce turf grass in your yard and garden. Planting beds do a better job absorbing and filtering stormwater and reducing the urban heat island effect. Plant native trees. Trees provide important protections for us from the impacts of climate change. These include protecting us from wind, absorbing large quantities of stormwater, holding soils and thus preventing erosion, cleaning pollutants from the air, reducing the urban heat island effect, cooling the ground around them through shade, buffering noise, and more. Contribute to the collection of scientific data on local wildlife. HMP volunteers collect data on numerous projects; watch the volunteer opportunity page for available openings here: https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/opp_search?orgid=71671&sortPredicate=publishDateUtc&sortByAttribute=date&sortRecordType=opp&sortReverse&view=list

The Audubon Society’s Christmas Bird Count season begins in mid-December. This is a great way for each of us to gather data on our local birds and better understand the environmental conditions in our neighborhood parks and natural areas. New participants are always welcomed. I participate annually in the Fort Belvoir Count, which will take place on December 29, 2019. This citizen science event covers many parks and natural areas in Fairfax County, including Huntley Meadows Park. I will also participate in the DC Christmas Bird Count on December 14, 2019; this count includes several important remaining natural areas in eastern Fairfax County. More details can be found here: https://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count.

Which action item will you take? I will be doing some of each of these, and I look forward to running into you doing the same!

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**Huntley Meadows Park Announces Volunteer Opportunity**

Have you ever walked the boardwalk and wished you could share your passion for nature and history with other visitors? Now you can! Huntley is offering a brand new Roving Trail Naturalist volunteer position for multiple individuals. This position will involve being out on the boardwalk and trails with biofacts, binoculars or scopes, and sharing all the wonders of Huntley with others.

Staff is recruiting for this position through January 1, 2020. There will be an interview process. Selected candidates will take part in a training class through the winter. If you’re interested, please read more and apply at https://go.usa.gov/xVJmK.

Engage with visitors to Huntley in a new volunteer position.
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Christmas Shopping Can Earn Money for Huntley!

Did you know you can earn money for Friends of Huntley Meadows Park (FOHMP) while you shop? FOHMP is one of the non-profits that participates in the AmazonSmile program. It’s a simple and automatic way for you to support FOHMP every time you shop at Amazon, at no cost to you.

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you’ll find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as at Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your designated charitable organization. To set or change your charity to FOHMP, use this link: https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1338505, and thank you for choosing FOHMP as your charity of choice through AmazonSmile.

Merchandise

Get your Friends of Huntley Meadows Park (FOHMP) swag! Stylish ball caps, winter beanies, and zip up hoodies with a FOHMP logo are available in the Norma Hoffman Visitor Center gift shop.

All FOHMP logo merchandise (pins, cinch bags, long sleeve t-shirts, hoodies, ball caps, beanies, and a collection of used books) can be found at the gift shop, and proceeds are used by FOHMP to support Park activities. In addition, staff has cultivated a diverse collection of nature and history related books and other items for sale.

Free Bird Walk Every Monday Morning

The Friends of Huntley Meadows Park hosts a weekly bird walk on Monday mornings, which all are invited to join. 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 October-March), is free of charge, requires no reservation, and is open to birders of all interest and identification levels. Birders meet in the parking lot at 3701 Lockheed Blvd, Alexandria, VA. Questions should be directed to Park staff during normal business hours at (703) 768-2525.

Birders enjoy comradery and bird watching on the year round Monday Morning Bird Walk.
Friends of Huntley Meadows Park
Membership and Renewal Form

Please support Huntley Meadows Park by joining our Friends group. 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:

Friends of Huntley Meadows Park
3701 Lockheed Blvd.
Alexandria, VA 22306

Dues information (Annual):

___ $15 Individual
___ $20 Family
___ $10 Student/Senior
___ $150 Lifetime Membership
___ Donation

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________

Telephone: __________________________________________________________

Alternatively you can use our PayPal feature on the Membership page of our website http://www.friendsofhuntleymeadows.org/membership.html.