



Friends of Hidden Valley, Inc.

The mission of the Friends of Hidden Valley is to provide support to the Lawrence Hidden Valley Committee, Inc., in programs, development, maintenance and goals that promote and benefit Hidden Valley Camp.

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Summer Newsletter (September 2010)

Memorial Brick Path to honor dedicated Friends

Friends of Hidden Valley has established a new memorial area, the Memorial Brick Path, to honor the dedicated volunteers, supporters and contributors to Hidden Valley who are no longer with us. Initially, we will designate bricks for the 19 deceased Honored Friends who were among 44 people identified as standouts for the Camp's 50th Anniversary celebrations in 2006.

Friends created the Memorial Butterfly Garden in 2000, and dedicated it to Terrell Mallot Graham and Ruth Fauhl. It has always been part of the long range plan for the Memorial Garden to prominently display their names and to use this area as a memorial for others who have given so much to Hidden Valley.

The Memorial Butterfly Garden is centrally located and is an ideal space for such a memorial. The Memorial Brick Path was constructed this summer, and the names of the first 19 people have been inscribed on bricks to be installed soon.

The people honored with these first bricks are Dora Bice, Bob Billings, Ed Bishop, Marguerite Bishop, Carolyn Blaas, Ruth Fauhl, Terrell Mallot Graham, Delores Haas, Mary Hall, Emily Latimer, Marguerite Lockwood, Carolee Martin, Celia Miller, Galen Miller, Linda Penny, Jack Rader, Henry D. Remple, Mariana Remple, and Anna Stouffer.

In the future, individuals can purchase a brick in honor or in memory of a loved one. These bricks will be displayed in one

of two places, either the Memorial Brick Path or in the Cabin Honor Patio on the south side of Arcalooka cabin.

The Memorial Brick Path will be reserved for a select group who meet criteria established by the Friends Board.

Families, friends and scouts may also honor and recognize others by purchasing an inscribed brick for the Cabin Honor Patio, which will be established as part of Girl Scout's 100th Anniversary in 2012. Both of the brick areas are, of course, going to be fundraisers for Hidden Valley Camp.

What better way to preserve Hidden Valley than by honoring those who made it the natural treasure that it has become?

We will showcase the new Memorial Brick Path just prior to our Friends annual meeting on Sept. 16, 2010.

Friends will also plan a formal dedication of the Memorial Brick Path in 2011.



The new Memorial Brick Path in the Butterfly Garden will honor those who've given tirelessly to Hidden Valley Camp.



Day of Caring volunteers work in the Friends Memorial Butterfly garden, preparing the ground for the Memorial Brick Path and doing other gardening chores.

Friends of Hidden Valley, Inc., Annual Meeting Thursday Sept. 16, 2010

6 p.m.: Tour the new Memorial Brick Path in the Butterfly Garden, near Arcalooka Cabin

6:30 to 7: Dinner, Arcalooka Cabin

7 to 7:30 p.m.: Friends Annual Meeting and election of Board

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Henry D. Remple's passing marks an era at Hidden Valley Camp

Henry D. Remple, a great mentor to Hidden Valley and to Girl Scouts, passed away on April 9, 2010.

Henry D., as he was known to many of us, became an adult member of Girl Scouts in 1958, which was the same year that the second 20 acres for Hidden Valley Camp was purchased.

He remained a strong supporter of Girl Scouts with daughter Lucy Remple McAllister, and they, along with his wife, Mariana Remple (see related story, this page), were founding members of Mariner Troop 660, which still exists, as Troop 7660.

In 1981, when he retired as chief psychologist of the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Leavenworth, he opened a private practice in Lawrence. Being in Lawrence and close to Hidden Valley, he was Mariana's constant companion at the camp. They worked together planting, clearing brush and shaping the camp into



Henry D. Remple

what it is today, with the help of many Girl Scouts and other volunteers.

Henry D. would buy tools for Girl Scouts to use at Hidden Valley workdays, and spend time instructing them on using the tools. He also spent a great deal of time watering trees and plants with long

stretches of hose during the very dry summer months.

After Mariana died in 2000 (Henry D. was 91 at that time) he ceased working at the camp, but he always wanted to know how Hidden Valley was doing, and he visited camp with daughter Lucy on occasion. He continued as a mentor to Girl Scouts through his relationship with Mariner Troop 660 until his death.

Henry D. had great adversity in his early years, but talking to him and listening to him made one think anything is possible.

Always a quiet, gentle, thinking man, he listened to people and what they had to say. He may have appeared to speak few words, but when he did speak, his words were meaningful and important.

Henry D. was a wonderful man and benefactor to Hidden Valley and Girl Scouts. He reminded us to have courage, confidence and character to make the world a better place.

Mariana Remple's vision contributed immensely to our camp

Mariana Remple was a wonderfully intelligent, gregarious red head, a nature loving person and one of the founders of Lawrence Hidden Valley Camp.

She, along with Mary Hall, was among the first people to see and approve the land for camp purchase. The first 20 acres of Lawrence Hidden Valley was selected from a 275 acre plat known as Jenny Wren Farm, which was owned by Clifford and Mary Davenport. Mariana was on the Lawrence Girl Scout Committee of ten women who decided that they would use the monies given to Girl Scouts of Douglas County through the will of Alfred Bromelsick, a generous businessman, to purchase these 20 acres. Mariana was one of three people empowered by this committee to proceed with the purchase of the land.

After the first 20 acres was purchased in October of 1956, Mariana worked at the camp seeing that native trees were planted, trails and camp sites were established and a latrine was built. Mariana was involved in the contract for the purchase of the second 20 acres, west of the previous property in July 1958, again using Bromelsick Trust money.



Mariana Remple

It was a busy time for Mariana and the Lawrence Girl Scout Committee. There was the planning for building a cabin, Arcalooka, as well as the naming of the cabin itself, which took place in 1959.

Mariana was tireless in her work at Hidden Valley and with Girl Scouts. She became the "Ship Captain" (leader) for Mariner Troop 660 (now Troop 7660) in September 1960. In the 1980s and 1990s she was on the Lawrence Hidden Valley Board continually and served as Hidden Valley Camp Site Chair. She was one of three people who researched the preliminary Challenge Course and equipment for

Hidden Valley prior to her death. Mariana continued to shape and influence Hidden Valley Camp with her own hands, the hands of many Girls Scouts and other volunteers.

Mariana Remple had been to her beloved Hidden Valley the day she passed away, September 19, 2000. Mariana is still in the hearts and minds of people who knew her, and we believe her spirit is still with us at Hidden Valley. When the first 20 acres was purchased, Mariana, Mary Hall, Eugenia Hartley and Mrs. Matthews wrote a "Policy" to be followed at Hidden Valley which included these words: "Girl Scout use of the campsite will be an indication of the way the Girl Scout beliefs come alive when girls act out the Promise and Laws. Have Fun doing it." Many of us can still see Mariana's big smile and the twinkle in her eye as she would say "and the Best Part is the FUN!"

The Mariana Remple Scholarship Fund is managed by Friends of Hidden Valley, and we are pleased to honor her memory with scholarships to older Girl Scouts pursuing leadership opportunities. Memorials for Henry D. were suggested to the Mariana Remple Scholarship Fund, such a fitting tribute to both of them.

Hidden Valley “Lifetime Membership” named for Ed Bishop

In 2007, Friends designed an updated brochure to share with members and people interested in Hidden Valley. Our brochure provides a brief history of the camp, the goals of the Friends, opportunities the camp provides, and benefits of membership.

One update was the naming of a new lifetime membership level, “Bishop’s Glen Benefactor.” The Bishop’s Glen Benefactor level is so named because of the long and significant history of Bishop’s Glen campsite.

Marguerite Bishop was a long-time Girl Scout leader, serving as a troop leader and Day Camp coordinator. Her husband, Ed, who was deeply involved in Boy Scouts, assisted her. Ed performed many tasks at the camp, such as planting and cutting trees. Ed later became the first member to donate \$1,000 to establish the lifetime giving level.

The Bishop’s Glen campsite is a shady glen located near the creek behind Arcalooka and was cleared by Ed Bishop. The campsite was not originally a site for the Girl Scouts, but was reserved for the



Marguerite and Ed Bishop

children of moms who volunteered at Day Camp and who needed to bring along their younger children. Ed was largely involved in providing the organized activities for these children. After the first successful year, the campsite was made larger by Ed Bishop’s own Boy Scout troop. The site later became, and still is, a favorite used by the Girl Scouts during Day Camp.

The Bishop’s Glen Benefactor level is a gift of \$1,000 and provides a lifetime membership to Friends of Hidden Valley, Inc. Through their long history of commitment to Hidden Valley and a one-time gift of this amount, it is fitting that this level is named for Ed and Marguerite Bishop. Ed had many fond memories of all the time he and Marguerite spent at Hidden Valley camp.

Members of Friends are saddened at the news of Ed’s death on June 8, at the age of 90. We had shared the draft of this article with him before his death and he was very pleased.

Throughout the 54-year history of Hidden Valley, many leaders and volunteers have helped develop our unique camp. Membership in Friends includes many levels from the gift of volunteer time to the newly-established \$1,000 Bishop’s Glen Benefactor lifetime membership. The original gifts from the Bromelsick Trust, grants and annual membership giving support the camp and also the many improvements that make Hidden Valley such a special place.

Friends remember longtime volunteer

Galen Miller, a longtime volunteer at Hidden Valley, passed away on May 31, 2010, at the age of 86. He and his wife Celia were extensively involved with Girl Scouts

For years, Galen was instrumental in preparing the camp for Day Camp by making sure everything needed was in good working condition. He marked the borders of camp and drew a map showing where all the sewer lines were located. In one notable incident, a water leak was discovered, and Galen was called in on the emergency. He traced the leak from the entrance gate to Arcalooka cabin and thought the leak was at the creek bed close to what is now the Mulberry camp site. The area was dug up with a back hoe, but no leak was found. Galen later ascertained that the leak was created by KPL when they set a new pole next to Hidden Valley’s electric meter. KPL paid Hidden Valley for the water bill, the back hoe bill and reimbursed Galen for all of his time. It was probably the only time he received monetary compensation for his countless hours at Hidden Valley!

Thank you for thinking of Hidden Valley!

Many special gifts this year

We’d like to express our sincere thanks for the special gifts given by the following people this past year:

In Memory of Henry D. Remple

John McGrew, Mary Reardon, Durand Reiber, Frank & Joan Reiber, Valerie & John Roper, Diane Simpson, Harold & Joyce Vandegrift, Shalon Fund, Grace & Gail Daniels, Bill & Lily Kelly, Cleta & Vernon Wells, John & Janet Nicholson, Karen Warner, Glenda McCune, Helen Martin, Larry Ward & Constance Franz, Lawrence Hearing Aid Center, Tom & Darcel Luellen, Trust & Financial Advisors, Betty Alderson, Philip & Jill Baringer, Johnny and Gilda Beane, Donald & Janice Conrad, Jane Getto, Sara Gillahan, Dr. Phillip & Phoebe Godwin, Nancy & John Hiebert, Joseph & Lucille King, Marguerite Lohrenz, Rathnam Indurthy and Riling, Burkhead & Nitcher.

In Memory of Ed Bishop

Marion Willey, Nora Cleland and Sara Gilliland, Herschel and Sally Glover, Stan

and Janet Roth, Loring and Lucy McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. Kent McCullough, Gary and Patricia Husted, and Riling, Burkhead and Nitcher.

In Memory of Galen Miller

Loring and Lucy McAllister, Jan Elder, DST Systems, Malls Olde English Village Apts.

In Memory of Matthew Moore

Joanne Bergman, Mary Lou Wright, Friends of Hidden Valley, Inc. Board.

Special thanks to Beverly Billings for her annual donations in memory of **Bob Billings**.

Girl Scout Troop Donations

Pam Patrick and Troop #7603, for their \$130.48 donation; Cheri Drake and Troop #7535, for their donation of \$150 to buy new tents.

And a big thanks once again to the **Lawrence Breakfast Optimist Club** for their \$1,500 donation!

Volunteers get it done at April & June workdays

April 11 Workday Report:

Fifty-one volunteers, ranging from Board and Friends members to Girl Scout troops, managed to slip in a day of hard work during this busy time of year. Concentrating on the eastern third of the camp, volunteers primarily worked on clearing and cleaning up the eastern row of large cedar trees along the perimeter fencing that helps so much to insulate the camp. Masses of choking vines were pulled and honeysuckle and volunteer tree saplings cut down. The litter fence was reattached (again!), and scout troops were sent in to finish up by collecting tons of litter. Streams were cleaned up, sumac bushes dug up from the prairie, and several unit sites prepared for summer activities. As usual, brush was burned, downed trees were cut into firewood, trails

were mulched, and tiny new cedars and redbuds were planted. The workday was followed up by a young Girl Scout troop planting 100 walnut seeds in the cleared out understory near the Mulberry unit site. The event was coordinated by Friends board members Sandy Beverly and Cindy Riling, and our intern Kylee Clendenen.

Special thanks to our intern Kylee and also Larry Maxey for tackling those thorny vines for hours on end; fire attendees—the hottest job around: Mary Beth Petr, Kyra Flummerfelt and her daughter, Christine Graves, Jill Baringer, and Cindy Riling; David Petr and Roy Wimmer for their chainsaw work; Karen Warner for overseeing plantings by scouts; scout leader Nancy Percidi for her persistence in digging up sumac long after her troop went on to cooler activities in the stream;

and all the others for helping to make this such a great day.

June 5 Trail Maintenance:

Thank you to the 18 volunteers who made the June 5, 2010, Trail Maintenance a success this year. Their hard work and dedication to getting the work done is admirable. Members of Friends of Hidden Valley and Hidden Valley Boards hauled and cut brush from Redbud to Coralberry Trails as well as hauled and cut brush to two other locations, at the old latrine near Osage Orange, and the mulch pile at Coralberry bridge. The volunteers also hauled and cut brush along Mulberry trail to the bridge before Locust and the four short trails from Flag Pole Hill, bushwhacked the brush along “lower” Osage Orange to Coralberry trail and



Board member Sarah Corliss, foreground, and other volunteers try to spread the fire during a spring prairie burn on Flagpole Hill.



Scout leader Nancy Percidi digs sumac bushes from the prairie.



The Youth Volunteer Corp, organized by Roger Hill Volunteer Center, pulled vines off cedar trees and fences.

Day Camp filled with tradition

The woods at Hidden Valley were ringing with the shouts of girls of all ages when Day Camp got into full swing during the weeks of June 14th – 18th and June 21st – June 25th this summer. The theme this year was “Girl Scout Ways,” so many of the activities centered around traditions that have been part of Girl Scouting for many decades.

All of the girls also got a chance to participate in a service project designed to help them take care of the camp. Due to extensive rain turning certain trails into streams and muddy rivers, each week girls cleared an alternative trail through the woods to circumvent the muddiest trail sections. Each unit then submitted trail names. The winning names were “Walk-a-rusa,” for the trail between Mulberry and

Hillside, and “RoSage” for the trail between Redbud and Osage Orange.

For Juniors, Aides and the more adventurous adults, the zipline was once again in operation. Another favorite activity was making handmade kites. But perhaps the best of all, eagerly anticipated every year, was the Friday afternoon visit by the fire department, who sprayed down the mob of jumping and screaming girls from the top of their fully extended ladder.

It was hot enough both Fridays that parents picking up their dripping charges afterwards really didn't mind the wet seats that resulted. Altogether the Day Camp served 262 girls the first week and 174 girls the second week, with 97 adult volunteers making it all possible.

swept and hosed down the Redbud Shelter. These volunteers were Fabulous! A special thank you to Cindy Riling, Sandy Beverly, Margaret Townsend, Jill Giele, Marcia West, Durand Reiber, Kylee Clendenen-Intern from KU-Assisting Durand, Judy Inverarity and Christine Graves.

We were thrilled to have the Roger Hill Youth Volunteer Corp's Summer of Service Program at the camp helping with our Trail Maintenance, as well. Eight students and one adult showed up to work with Durand hauling and cutting brush on the trail from Bridge to Locust, Hillside, Bishops Glen and the Wildlife Blind. They also made a natural water diversion above Hillside's fire ring, so when it rains it will help keep the fire ring from getting obliterated. The Youth Corp made a dent in cutting out a large amount of honeysuckle bushes as well. Thank you Youth Corps!

Final phase of the Schultz Environmental Restoration Grant:

Native seeding and a flowering bioswale

The final project from the restoration grant in Dogwood Forest was dealing with the soil disturbed by the sewer project and the resulting clay and continuously “mucky” areas. After mixing in good topsoil along the whole stretch above the new sewer line last summer, Bohmann Excavating then dug a 250-foot long trench that will collect rain runoff and direct it toward a small low area. This “bioswale,” which is similar to a rain garden, was then planted with native wildflowers and grasses financed by the Friends.

Over several weeks in the spring, board members and scout troops planted nearly 600 plants, all of which are very attractive to birds and butterflies. The plants can tolerate wet periods as well as

times of drought. Additionally, the Kansas Forest Service provided us with two species of small Button Bushes, which have delightful pink flowers. This bush is recommended for erosion control along streams, ponds and other wet areas. We will be helping the KFS in their research comparing their keystone species with another.

Thanks to a native seeding program by the Soil Conservation Service that assists landowners, Hidden Valley received help in our process of converting from domestic grasses (and lots of bothersome, fast growing weeds such as foxtail) to low-growing native grasses in Dogwood Forest and Mary’s Meadow. Jim Weaver of SCS enlisted the help of Kansas Wildlife and Parks, who used their new equipment

to drill in the seed. Because the native grasses do take several years to become established, we will be working in different sections each year.

The native grasses consist of buffalo grass, sideoats grama and bluegrama, all late (warm) season grasses that grow only 6-8 inches tall. In small areas where it has already been established, it is doing very well. Although we will have to mow frequently the first years to prevent unwanted plants from going to seed, eventually we hope to cut way back on mowing, perhaps just once a year to prevent woody species from encroaching on the open fields. Mowing throughout the season is an expense we would really like to reduce, and the native grasses will improve our wildlife habitat as well.

Hidden Valley fortunate to find GREAT KU intern!

During a Volunteer Fair sponsored by KU last fall, Camp Manager Durand Reiber discussed internship possibilities with several interested students.

Kylee Clenenden was chosen to participate in a pilot program for the school year, and we couldn’t have asked for a more enthusiastic student.

While working three other part-time jobs and completing her senior year in Environmental Studies, Kylee performed many maintenance duties over the year, ranging from painting, mulching, litter cleanup, keeping the cabin and other structures ready for use, clearing the fenceline, maintaining trails and unit sites, helping with the prairie burn, planting the



Hidden Valley intern, Kylee Clenenden, tackles the briar vines strangling the cedar trees.

bioswale, and so much more.

Kylee helped coordinate all of our workdays throughout the year, and also helped prepare for and assisted during Day Camp. Cold or hot weather, rain, thorns, chiggers and ticks never deterred Kylee, always willing to lend a hand no matter what the circumstances were, and always with a smile and a laugh.

We will be actively engaging with the Environmental Studies department at KU to participate in their official internship program during the 2010-11 school year. Thank you Kylee, and good luck with your next phase of life: pursuing your master’s degree!

Camp Workdays Calendar

September 12, 2010, 1 to 3 p.m.: Arcalooka Cabin and the Friends Memorial Butterfly Garden.

November 7, 2010 (raindate Nov. 14) 1 to 3 p.m.: Mary’s Meadow and Dogwood Forest: cutting and burning brush.

April 9, 2011 (raindate April 16) 1 to 4 p.m.: General maintenance of eastern portion of camp.

June 4, 2011, 8 a.m. to noon: Annual trail maintenance workday.

If you would like to receive notices of our workdays, please contact Durand Reiber at durandi@sunflower.com, or call 785-841-3567 and request notice by e-mail or postal mail. Thank you!

If you would like to receive your Friends of Hidden Valley newsletter via e-mail, please let us know by sending your request to Jill Giele at jillcgiele@hotmail.com

Thank you Hidden Valley Friends!

Our membership continues to grow

Membership dues are the primary source of revenue for Friends of Hidden Valley, so renewals and new memberships are critically important to our mission of supporting Hidden Valley Camp. Thanks so much to our Friends!:

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