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# 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. [www.friendshv.org](http://www.friendshv.org)

## Fall workday: Lovely weather, work accomplished

Fabulous autumn weather again! Turnout was good, and much was accomplished.

About 70 Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts (including leaders, representing 9 troops) and about 39 community volunteers, so close to 120 wonderful people volunteered this year. Work was concentrated around Mary's Meadow and Dogwood Forest. Durand Reiber had done her usual amazing prep work, including responding to inquiries and RSVPs, helping publicize the event, organizing projects and equipment, and meeting with LHVC and FHV board members in advance to go over workday jobs.

Volunteers from the FHV and LHVC boards included Cindy Riling, Sandy Beverly, Jill Baringer, Mary Beth Petr, Debby Francisco, Marcia West, Vicki Collie-Akers, Christine Graves, Susan Cary, Jeff Bandle, Jordana Arnold, and Kyra Flummerfelt. Board members worked to assure volunteers could be engaged quickly in work by assigning jobs to volunteers; tending fires; and serving as adult volunteers stationed in particular areas to

instruct and supervise other volunteers.

Special thanks to new intern Ren Lui, who led a hardworking team at Zipline and Windmill, and to several others who regularly show up for work days, including Wanda Waugh, Dave Kyner, Margaret Townsend, Tim Keogh, Ron Francisco, and Karen Warner. Kudos to Girl Scout leaders who brought their troops, including Tammy Barta, Kim Taylor, Kim Cooper, Christina Clements, Lysette Deboard, Emily Malin, Jamie Gabriel, and Kelly Loudenberg.

Thanks to all volunteers, accomplishments included:

- Removed honeysuckle shrubs and vines, pulled invasive garlic mustard.
- Hauled and burned brush (and provided heat for marshmallows!)
- Collected seeds from flowers in the bioswale and spread into new



areas.

- Removed debris from wetland; spread seed and transplanted coralberry to help prevent erosion.
- Transplanted cedars, mulched and watered saplings.
- Cleared brush and vines from zipline posts and guide wires.
- Reorganized woodpiles and fire rings.

Thank you to all volunteers who made the work day a success!

*Please join us for the April Work Day on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 -4:00! More information is available on p. 4.*

*Girl Scouts worked to identify and eradicate honeysuckle during the fall workday.*

## Promoting Hidden Valley at Eagles Day!

Eagles Day was celebrated on January 25 this year in the Commons area of Free State High School. Hidden Valley had a booth to promote the presence of accessible nature, including wildlife, in Lawrence. We were part of about 25 organizations participating. We had our story board showing activities at Hidden Valley, scrapbooks with lots of great pictures, and live snakes and reptiles provided by David Reber, Biology teacher at Free State High School. Additionally, the always popular “feel what’s in it” boxes were available. The boxes engage children in thinking about environmental sustainability by asking them which of the items they could feel did not belong in a natural setting. Board members and Hidden Valley Friends were present to talk to kids and parents and explain about Hidden Valley. Brochures were available to all. Eagles Day attracts residents across Lawrence and Northeast Kansas and is a fine opportunity to see and learn about nature in Lawrence and Kansas and a wonderful venue for Hidden Valley.



*Friends of Hidden Valley Board Members, Liz Phillips, Cindy Riling, and Sandy Beverly speak to community members about Hidden Valley at Eagles Day on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014.*

## Volunteer spotlight: The Honeysuckle Warriors

For the third winter in a row, this hard-working, all-volunteer crew is meeting weekly to assist the camp manager in woods management and trail and fence line clearing. The crew, which varies from around 3-6 volunteers each Wednesday afternoon, meets for two hours to clear downed branches or cut down dead trees that pose hazards, and of course, cut out the large honeysuckle shrubs from the fence line, and along trails and campsites.

Ranging from college students to retirees, including a professional arborist donating his time, these men and women work hard at cutting, pulling, hauling and burning brush, stocking woodpiles and picking up litter, often in rough terrain. Some bring chainsaws, others wield loppers, and *all* manage to work up a sweat despite the cold weather! Our volunteers so far this year are: Jill Baringer, John Bialek, Sam Hosfelt, Mike Huslig, Ren Lui, Bruce Nightengale, Patty Roberts, Bob Topping, and Margaret Verhage Thank you!

Currently, 27 volunteers have signed on as Honeysuckle Warriors. They are emailed at the beginning of each week, to confirm the workday, which is sometimes rescheduled or cancelled due to weather. If you would like to be a part of this hard-working and fun crew (no weekly commitment required), please email Durand: [durandi@sunflower.com](mailto:durandi@sunflower.com). A big plus: it’s a *great* weekly workout!

# A note about dear and departed friends

## *Hazel Anderson*

Hazel Anderson passed away on December 5, 2013 in Lawrence, KS. Hazel was very active in Girl Scouting as a leader and mentor to her daughters and each member of their troops. Her troops spent time hiking to Hidden Valley which was in the country at that time, and traveled as a troop activity as well. One memorable trip in which Hazel enjoyed regaling listeners was a hiking trip in Illinois with one of her troops. She was blessed with a quick wit which was evident in all of her stories. Hazel was recognized in 2006 as one of 44 Honorees at a dinner celebrating Hidden Valley's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. She was honored as having been instrumental in the acquisition, development and maintenance of Hidden Valley, and having organized activities and events for Girl Scouts at Hidden Valley. She and her husband, Raymond (Andy), also supported and mentored their sons' Boy Scout activities. Hazel and her husband owned and operated Anderson Rentals in Lawrence for more than 50 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Jane and Mary, and two sons, Bob and Bill. She was predeceased by her husband, Andy, in 1996 and daughter, Gayle, in 2010. The family suggested memorials to Friends

of Hidden Valley or Lawrence Community Nursery School which she helped found.

Friends and relatives who donated to FHV include: Sunflower Rental, Karen Carlsen, Helen Smith, Bob & Vicki Dingman, Cindy Riling, Jill Giele, Alice Hansen, Lawrence Feed & Farm Supply, Lucille Smith Trust, Jane Drury, and Riling, Burkhead & Nitcher.

A brick with Hazel's name will be installed in the Memorial Garden Pathway. Hazel's contributions to Girl Scouting and Hidden Valley are invaluable and will be remembered for generations to come.

## *Mary K. Palmquist Ridgway*

Mary K Ridgway, an Honored Friend of Hidden Valley, passed away October 9, 2013, in Albuquerque, NM, where she spent her last months to be near her daughter, Kristin. Mary K first became involved in the camp as a Girl Scout leader for her daughter's Junior troop, and served on the Lawrence Hidden Valley Committee board in the 1960's. This decade was a busy time for the board, as the city was quickly developing around the camp, and the board had to contend with many issues. Camp improvements included large tree planting efforts for the sake of much needed shade.

Mary K renewed her friendship with Hidden Valley

when she joined the Friends and attended the First Annual Members Meeting in 1999. She participated in the preparation of The Friends Memorial Butterfly Garden, dedicated in 2001 in honor of Terrell Graham, one of her daughter's friends in scouting. Mary K was named an Honored Friend of Hidden Valley during the 50th Birthday Dinner Celebration in 2006. A brick with her name will be installed in the Memorial Garden Pathway. Mary K will forever be remembered for her kindness to others and beautiful, endearing smile.

## *Irene Rose*

The Friends of Hidden Valley would like to thank the family of Irene Rose for their inclusion in her obituary of donations to FHV as a preferred way of acknowledging her life. Irene was a neighbor of Hidden Valley and loved the wilderness that was to be found so close to her residence. She was a great supporter of our activities and was also a charter member of Friends of Hidden Valley. Friends and relatives who have donated to FHV are Mary Clausen, Carol Rose, Edwina Eisert, Lorraine Volker, Marcia Wilson, Mrs. Arthur Beeman, William Thach and Dorothy and Steven Ottery. Thank you one and all.



## Welcome, New Friends!

A hearty welcome to our newest Friends: Monica Biernat and Chris Crandall, Vicki Collie-Akers, Lee Gerhard, Rybecca Goscha, Ren Liu, and Patricia Miller. We're delighted to have you work with us to protect our green space and support our Scouting program.

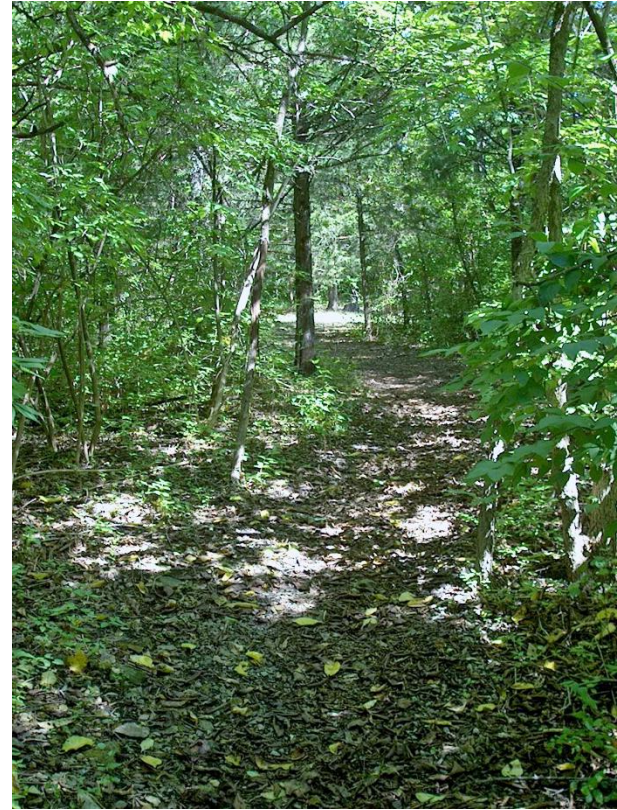
We invite you to join in all of our activities so, please check our newsletter, our website, or the *Journal-World's* volunteer column for year-round events. We also encourage you to hike throughout the seasons; we know you'll linger and savor the valley's serenity.

Let us know how you would like to participate; we eagerly embrace everything from artistic talent to expertise with chain saws! Simply contact camp manager Durand Reiber and we will happily get you involved.

Thank you for supporting Hidden Valley and our beautiful wildlife oasis. We value your collaboration as we strive to build an enduring "green" legacy.

## JOIN US FOR NATIONAL TRAILS DAY! ®

The first Saturday of June is National Trails Day ®, which also just happens to coincide with our annual Trail Maintenance Workday! The purpose of National Trails Day ® is to encourage people of all ages to find a trail in their area to either help maintain or go for a hike. With that in mind, we are inviting Friends members and the public to help us with our trails on June 7, anytime between 8 to 11:30 am, AND/OR enjoy a guided hiking tour of our camp from 11:30 am to 12:30. Trail Hosts will be leading short tours covering about half the camp at 11:30 and 12:00. The longer tour, covering most of our trail system, begins at 11:30 am and will last about an hour. After your tour, enjoy trail mix and lemonade and meet the membership committee if you'd like more information about the camp's mission, history, or how to get involved. No reservation needed, but all volunteers and guests must sign in. Please wear appropriate clothing, including totally enclosed, durable shoes, and apply insect repellent. No strollers or dogs please. For more information on Hidden Valley Trails Day, contact: Durand Reiber at [durandi@sunflower.com](mailto:durandi@sunflower.com).



## Meet New Friends; Enjoy The Old, at a Work Day Coming Soon!

**April 12, 1-4 pm (rain date April 13); Our Annual Spring Cleanup and Planting Day** involves a large variety of jobs, from prairie, woods and garden maintenance, stream cleanup, planting of native trees and shrubs, campsite renovation and more. LOTS of honeysuckle will be cut and burned.

**June 7, 8 am to noon (rain date June 8): Hidden Valley Trails Day:** see article on National Trails Day! ®

**September 14, 1-3 pm (rain or shine!); Cabin and Garden Cleanup**  
Any amount of time is appreciated. For more information on workdays or other volunteer opportunities, or to be placed on an email list to receive notices, please contact Durand: [durandi@sunflower.com](mailto:durandi@sunflower.com).