



## Friends of Hemlock Bluffs

*Walk...Listen...Observe...Photograph... Commune...Discover... Hemlock Bluffs*

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### Words of Thanks

The Friends are in a state of transition and growth. As the New Year begins, we look forward to our new members and all they will bring to the Friends of Hemlock Bluffs. Some of our project this year range from funding new features for the developing Children's Nature Trail to providing lunch during volunteer workdays. As you read through this issue of the Friends' Newsletter, you will notice the words of thanks for all who make the Stevens Nature Center a wonderful place and who volunteer their time and talents to support the center through the Friends of Hemlock Bluffs. A new year brings new opportunities, so contact any of the Friends if you want to give back to the community and show your thanks!

Thank you Friends for all your work and dedication last year and all you will do this year!

Sincerely,  
Christina Hester  
President  
Friends of Hemlock Bluffs

### Nature Center Supervisor Retires

The Friends of Hemlock Bluffs would like to thank Laura White for her 22 years of service and dedication to the Stevens Nature Center at the Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve. She put her heart and soul into the well maintained facilities, excellent environmental education programs and unique natural resources of the preserve.



She leaves a legacy behind, but does not leave the work. She will continue to share her knowledge, skills and experience as a volunteer now at the nature center. She will be working in the gardens, lending a hand as needed, promoting the environmental education opportunities when available and joining the Friends of Hemlock Bluff's Board.

The Friends look forward to working with Laura in her new role on the board.

## Thank You to our Past Board Members!

The Friends would like to thank Joanne Wainwright and Joyce Wester for their many years of service on the board of the Friends of Hemlock Bluffs. These two ladies helped to support the educational efforts for the Stevens Nature Center through the scholarship program and by organizing and assisting with the food and preparations for countless number of volunteer workdays at the preserve. You both will be missed on the board, but we are grateful that you will continue to help out when needed for future projects! Friends for life!



## Office Renovations- Space to Create

You may have noticed the Nature Niche store is gone, but something wonderful has taken its place. The much needed office space is now available for staff to develop, create and enhance the educational opportunities at the Stevens Nature Center.



While in the nature center, make sure you stop by the tracks table and check out the new animal tracks purchased for the center by the Friends of Hemlock Bluffs. Your membership dollars and donations helped to replace these tracks for visitors to enjoy and explore while in the center.



**Remember:**

## Membership Renewal



Your membership renewal helps to fund many projects and programs at the Stevens Nature Center! We cannot do all that we do without you! You can renew by printing out the membership form within this newsletter and mail to:

Friends of Hemlock Bluffs  
PO Box 62  
Cary, NC 27512

Or renew online through our website at [www.hemlockbluffs.org](http://www.hemlockbluffs.org)

## For the Gift Giver

Need any last minute gift ideas or need to get something for someone that has everything??? Look no further!

All you have to do is go online to amazon.com and search Friends of Hemlock Bluffs or click on the link below and you will be taken to the "Wish List" for the Stevens Nature Center! Purchase an item to donate on behalf of a friend, family or co-worker! This is a wonderful opportunity to give a gift in so many ways!

All purchases will be used to enhance the environmental education opportunities at the Stevens Nature Center!

Check out the needs of the nature center and donate today:

[http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/YLVNDYCGM3Q7/ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_wsl\\_mYiLub0FAJDJD\\_wb](http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/YLVNDYCGM3Q7/ref=cm_sw_em_r_wsl_mYiLub0FAJDJD_wb)

## Give the Gift of an Engraved Paver!



Engrave a paver for a friend or family member and have it installed in the courtyard of the Stevens Nature Center at Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve. Purchase a paver for only \$35.00 and have it engraved with a personal message or name of someone special to you! This paver is a lasting gift for years to come! See the paver form below or order online today! [www.hemlockbluffs.org](http://www.hemlockbluffs.org)

**Add your paver to the courtyard!**

## Programs at the Stevens Nature Center

### Gather the Family and Get Outdoors!

#### *Tales and Trails (All Ages Welcome w/parents): Stories Around the Campfire*

Gather with the whole family for stories about nature as the sun sets! For more, call (919) 387-5980.

Fees: \$20(R)/ \$28(N)

Saturday, January 31 from 5-6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 28 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Saturday, March 21 from 6:30-8 p.m.



#### *Family Yoga in Nature (Age 2 & up w/parents): Family Yoga in Nature*

Combine nature and yoga to nurture the mind, body and spirit while strengthening our appreciation of the world around us. All levels welcome. For more, call (919) 387-5980.

Fees: \$16(R)/ \$20(N)

Saturday, April 18 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, May 16 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.



### Take a Hike

Cold or warm, the trails at Hemlock Bluffs are always a great way to spend the day. Bring the family out for a hike and explore the natural world along our trails. Before you start, make a stop in the courtyard and discover the life blooming in the gardens and the new additions to the recycle creation area. Afterwards, get interactive with activities within the exhibit hall at the nature center. There is something fun for everyone!

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# Start the New Year with A Gift in Stone

With a \$35 donation you can show your special someone how much you care by having their name carved in stone. This will be a lasting symbol for years of enjoyment.

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Please print text in the spaces provided above. No symbols please! Use a separate form for each paver desired. Note: there is a maximum of 3 lines and no more than 17 letters per line.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Amount pd. \_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a gift, please acknowledge to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form and check to: Friends of Hemlock Bluffs  
PO Box 62, Cary, NC 27512**

**All proceeds go to support the environmental education programs at Stevens Nature Center, so buy a concrete paver and show your support! Call 919-552-9936 for more information.**

**Pavers are installed in courtyard once a year during an installation ceremony and recipients will be notified by invitation.**



**Questions and Suggestions are welcome:**

**Info:**

Friends of Hemlock Bluffs Website:  
[www.hemlockbluffs.org](http://www.hemlockbluffs.org)

Friends of Hemlock Bluffs Email:  
[hemlockbluffs@gmail.com](mailto:hemlockbluffs@gmail.com)

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**FRIENDS OF HEMLOCK BLUFFS MEMBERSHIP**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

New Member                      Renewing Member                      Business Scholarship

Gift Membership from \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS	
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen.....	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual.....	\$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family.....	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron.....	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining.....	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor.....	\$500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership....	\$1,000.00

*Memberships renew each January! Membership contributions are tax deductible within legal limits.*

**Mail this form to: PO BOX 62 Cary, NC 27512-0062** or visit our website to pay online at: [www.HemlockBluffs.org](http://www.HemlockBluffs.org)