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Updates

CRAIGHEAD HOUSE

Thanksgiving 2021 Edition



We at Craighead House have much to be thankful for this year. In spite of a trying year with COVID, interior renovations are progressing. Electrical work has been completed, and HVAC systems providing central heating and air conditioning—how nice it has been to work in a warm house in this cold weather—have been installed. Insulation has been blown into the walls and attic, the ceilings in the main house have been replaced, and the plumbing will probably be finished by the time you read this. The next step involves scheduling electrical and township inspections necessary to obtain an occupancy permit.

Generous grants from foundations and donations from individuals like you made all this possible. It has taken a long time to accomplish this—ten years, in fact! We acquired the house from the Craigheads in September 2012 and have worked tirelessly since then to get the house in the condition it is in today. Larry Rowe and Todd Benjey have made the special millwork needed where it was removed earlier and Todd is constructing storm windows to reduce energy loss.

Right now, getting the occupancy permit before the year ends looks good. Having it will allow us to occupy the building and be able to legally hold events inside the house next year!

However, some structural work remains. The interior walls are cracked so badly, remediation is required

painting. They stripped the 1964 wallpaper, patched cracks, replaced crumbling plaster, covered the walls with muslin, and skimcoated it. When they finish the final sanding, we and the contractor will evaluate the cost to finish the rest of the rooms on the second floor by extrapolating the amount to do that room across the rest of the second floor. The upstairs rooms will be completed first so we can rent them out as office space to provide income to help cover maintenance costs.



Architect-Builder Ben Chamberlin constructs a box to hide HVAC pipes in Myra's room.

Celebrating Night Creatures

The final 2021 Camp Craighead event was held on the evening of Thursday, October 7. A large turnout of children of all ages was mesmerized at the presentations of Ryan the Bug Man and Andrew Dapkins, the bird guy.





With another full schedule of events planned for next year, we will need a number of people to pitch in. Help is needed in two major areas: (1) getting the house ready for occupancy after the contractors leave and (2) helping in various ways to make the programs successful:

- Major cleaning
- Scraping wallpaper
- Painting walls & ceilings
- Stripping paint off four windows

The Communication Committee has an ongoing need for a volunteer to manage our social media.

The Education Committee needs volunteers to:

- Set up and take down tables and chairs before and after programs
- Contact outside presenters prior to programs to confirm program details and logistics
- Plan and lead each Camp Craighead "Nature Craft Night"
- Plan and conduct each daytime Camp Craighead "Books by the Breeches" children's nature book read aloud and activity
- Assist with programs led by other presenters

Faith Collins is the first person to request to hold her wedding at newly renovated Craighead House. Policies for holding events here next year are being established as people tell us this will be a popular venue for weddings and other



engagement.



OUR WISH LIST

With Christmas just around the corner, Craighead House elves have prepared their list of practical items needed to operate the house. Tax-deductible donations of any of these items would be most appreciated.

- Locking four-drawer file cabinet
- Small Windows 10-based notebook computer with ethernet and USB ports
- 8-foot step ladder
- Bench vise
- Folding chairs
- Large projection screen
- Digital projector

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