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Updates

CRAIGHEAD HOUSE

OCTOBER 2021 Edition



As reported previously, Lydia Mowers is organizing the books that came with Craighead House and those which have been donated to it for her Girl Scouts Silver Award project. She has gone through all the books that were in the custom bookcase that came with the house and the set of Jean Craighead George's books Julia Marsh acquired and read during the recent pandemic quarantine. Lydia has put those books in the barristers case in Jean's bedroom and is now sorting through the new books Jean's children, Twig, Luke and Craig, have donated. Amongst the boxes of new books was a box of treasures, one of which is to the immediate left.

This cup was awarded to Jean for being Penn State's Dormitory Queen for 1940—she graduated in 1941. Always independent, Jean didn't join a social sorority—she once said, "Craigheads aren't joiners"—Jean stayed in a dormitory her entire undergraduate life. She was likely referring to social clubs because Craigheads accepted honors from and joined professional organizations whose missions they considered worthwhile.

Independent by no means meant inactive. It may have been predicting future successes when her image adorned the opening page of the Fine Arts section of the 1941 *La Vie*, her senior yearbook. Her individual listing included Editor-in-Chief of *Portfolio*, a literary magazine she co-founded, a member of Cwens, an honorary society of sophomore women, Junior Class Secretary, Penn State Players, and Pi Gamma Alpha, a language society unique to Penn State. Not listed was Dance Club. However, a photo of her beating an Indian drum while doing a modern dance could

Celebrating Night Creatures

The final 2021 Camp Craighead event starts at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 7 but you need not be there when it starts. The schedule below lists a timeline for the program. Come whenever you want and dress appropriately for a Pennsylvania fall day. A flashlight might come in handy.



Event Schedule

5:30 Storytime Event Kickoff with a read-aloud of one of Jean Craighead George's picturebooks
(Located on the porch)

6:00 An exciting, interactive insect program by Ryan the BugMan **(Held in the outdoor classroom or on the porch if it rains)**

7:00-8:00 Choose from a variety of Crafts, Games, Treats, and Interactive Activity Stations! **(Located around the property)**

- Learn about Owls
- Learn about Bats
- Critters at Night: A Backyard Mystery
- Night Creature String Tricks
- Porcupine "Quill" Craft
- Opossum Treats
- Night Insect Observation Station
- Spider Hunt!
- Story Trail around the property (follow the luminaries)



Craighead House Pollinator Garden Receives A Major Award

The new pollinator garden at Craighead House Educational Center near Boiling Springs was recently recognized as a “Garden of Distinction” in the PA Horticulture Society’s (PHS) 2021 Gardening Contest. Submitted in the category of Public Space Gardens, over 50 gardens competed for the honor with a total of 150 gardens competing in three contest categories overall, including Indoor Home Garden and Outdoor Home Garden.

“Your programs sound absolutely fantastic,” commented one judge. “The plans for wildlife habitat and the social impact this has for the community is commendable.”

The new 250 square-foot garden is only the beginning among an entire landscape surrounding the prominent Craighead House. Designed by native plant educator and Master Gardener, Heather Andrews, the pollinator garden was planted last June and immediately began to attract butterflies, bees and other insects. In addition, this year the garden was designated as a demonstration garden by the Penn State Master Gardeners of Cumberland County, bringing expertise and additional public educational opportunities to the community.

“I enjoyed reading the history of Craighead House and thank you for including this with your entry,” commented a second judge. “Recent additions to the garden areas and use of native

gardeners by including the youth.”

Included in the boxes mentioned above from Jean's daughter, Twig George, also were some old journal articles and magazines. We had seen newspaper articles about the twins studying falconry while they were in high school, but we hadn't seen a major article written about them earlier than their first *National Graphic* article. That one was published in July 1937. One of the journals in the box was the May 11, 1935 edition of *Science News Letter: The Weekly Summary of Current Science*. The cover included one of the twins' photographs with the caption "Strange Sport of Modern Youth" as a tease. The two-and-a-third page piece by Dr. Frank Thone was titled "Pastime of Kings Revived" and subtitled "Experimental Group of Very Modern High School Boys Are Training Their Own Hawks for Falconry." Should you want to read the article, access to JSTOR is necessary. Many academic libraries have access to JSTOR.

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THE WEEKLY SUMMARY OF CURRENT SCIENCE •



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Strange Sport of Modern Youth

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Renovations & Repairs

Construction work on the house continued in September. New water pipes and a UV filter to purify the water were installed. The month closed with the rough plumbing inspected by the township and the insulation being installed. The house is already quieter and energy costs will be lower than they would otherwise be—we have nothing to compare



installation could start as early as this week. After the township inspects the drywall screws, the HVAC and electricians can finish their work. It's possible that the house can be ready for plaster repairs and skim coating by Halloween. After that, the work that remains will be mostly cosmetic in nature.

Recent storms damaged trees in the railroad right-of-way so badly, and with some limbs hanging precariously high off the ground over the comfort station, that we had to call in professionals.



Come to Craighead House for a **FREE** family-friendly

Celebration of Night Creatures!

Thursday, October 7, 2021 beginning at 5:30 PM

318 E Old York Rd., Carlisle

In the event of inclement weather, please check craigheadhouse.org and our Facebook page for updates on this event.

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Consider bringing a flashlight to use for a few of our activities! We will have some extra on hand in case you need one!

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