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CRAIGHEAD HOUSE



In spite of the rain, a standing-room only crowd assembled to hear Dickinson College Emeritus Professor of Geology Noel Potter speak about the geology of the Cumberland Valley. A few of his former students were in the crowd. Of particular interest was the karst topography in the limestone regions of the valley.

We were surprised to learn that tundra moss was found in borings made at Kings Gap Pond at the base of South Mountain. Surprising was that the area would have been tundra a mere 16,000 years ago during the last ice age. Those glaciers didn't extend this far south, so we don't have stones left by them. As a point of reference, Paleo-Indians are thought to have migrated across the Bering Strait about 11,000 years ago.

Prof. Potter wants to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Hurricane Agnes with us next year. We will do everything we can to schedule a program near June 22.

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CONCERT @ CRAIGHEAD BLUEGRASS ON THE BREECHES



CHARM CITY JUNCTION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | 2-4 P.M.
GATES OPEN AT 1 P.M.
318 EAST OLD YORK RD. • CARLISLE, PA

\$20 DONATION

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT WHISTLESTOP BOOKSHOP OR FROM TRACY@DICKINSON.EDU

SEATING IS LIMITED—buy your tickets early and bring a lawn chair or blanket!

Concert benefits Craighead House, an educational center
focusing on nature, the environment and local history.

Ask and you will receive.

accumulated. Upon reading this, Susan Coulson, sister of Craighead House President Johnson Coyle and lifelong friend of the Craigheads, posted a request on the Nextdoor website. She quickly received a response from Elizabeth Brown:

I grew up in Washington state. In middle school I enjoyed reading books and I got *My Side of the Mountain* from my library. I loved it so much I finished it in like a day or two. I'm now in my 40s and have always remembered that book and how amazing it was.

In 2005 my son and I moved to Pennsylvania with my now husband, he had taken a job out here. In 2006 we bought our house in Boiling Springs. I remember passing by the house with the big sign that said Craighead House and decided to look it up one day and to my surprise it belonged to the author of that favorite book from my childhood!

I have visited the house a few times over the years and it's always exciting. When my son was in the 4th grade they read the book too! His teacher didn't know about the house and I was very excited to tell him!!

One day I saw the ad that the house was looking for a barrister bookcase to store treasured books and my heart skipped a beat! My mom has one! I immediately sent her screen shots and asked her if she'd be willing to donate the bookcase all because the book *My Side of the Mountain* was a favorite and I wanted to do something to help the preservation. Of course she saw how much it meant to me and agreed!

So that's my story! A bookcase donated from my inner child that has held on to the fond memories of a young boy who ran away from home to live in the mountains!

Below is a photo of the cabinet and the crew who moved it into its new home: Jean Craighead George's bedroom, where it will hold and protect a complete set of Jean's books.

The guy on the left in the Avalon t-shirt is Tom Benjey, next to him in her Girl Scout regalia is Lydia Mowers, who is organizing Craighead House's book collection as her Silver Award project, hiding in the shadows is Michael Coulson, the man who did the heavy lifting and is the husband of Susan Coulson, who took this photo. The catgirl in the foreground is Ayleigh Mowers, an eager participant in Camp Craighead Nature Craft Nights, and last but far from least is Heather Mowers, mother of Lydia and Ayleigh and organizer of our annual perennials exchanges.

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FREE KIDS NATURE CRAFT NIGHT

AT  CRAIGHEAD
HOUSE

**6 pm Mon. Sept. 20
Nature Jewelry**

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LOCATED AT 318 E OLD
YORK RD, CARLISLE, PA.**

CRAIGHEAD HOUSE WILL BE FOLLOWING
CURRENT CDC COVID SAFETY
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THESE
PROGRAMS.

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCCOMPANIED
BY A GUARDIAN.

**Registration is not
required for these events,
but appreciated! Please
visit craigheadhouse.org
for information on
registering for this event.**



Nature Jewelry

September's Kids' Nature Craft Night will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 20. Registration is not required but is recommended to ensure that enough supplies are brought for the number of children present.



Early on, Chip and Dee Fenton donated money to be used for entry benches. We considered several options before deciding on the design in the photo. But several years elapsed before we had an adequate place to put them. The parking lot/comfort station project created the ideal location. Everyone liked the benches very much but a few of us thought the open spaces above the benches needed something. Dr. Stoken, who is a long-time board member, came up with the idea that you see in the photo. Originally thinking that each side would need two panels, he made two sets of them. By the time came to install them, he thought that two panels on each side would be too much and that people sitting on the benches would feel enclosed. So, Drew installed one

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project but what should we do with the second set of hawks? Any ideas?



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.

EVENT SCHEDULE

5:30 Storytime Event Kickoff (A read-aloud of one of Jean Craighead George's picturebooks)

6:00 An exciting, interactive insect program by Ryan the BugMan



7:00-8:00 Choose from a variety of Crafts, Games, Treats, and Interactive Activity Stations!

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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