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Updates

CRAIGHEAD HOUSE

MAY 2022 Edition

Work on the second floor to prepare the space for use as offices is progressing. The plaster work completed, all the upstairs ceilings have been primed and painted, and the walls have been primed and have received at least one finish coat. Only two rooms haven't received their second coat and may receive it before you receive this update. Dave Wenrich, Bill Turner, and Larry Smarr are our Van Goghs. Several small details must be attended to when the painting is completed. These details include:

- Staining the window frames and sashes in the sewing room and Myra's room
- Installing new baseboard in the sewing room
- Patching the baseboard where the chimney was removed in Frank and Carolyn's room
- Installing switch and outlet plates that weren't available when the electrical work was done
- Installing a fire detector in Frank and Myra's room
- Installing door locks once we have tenants and the tenants can provide their needs

We hope to have a tenant soon so we know exactly what we need to do to finish the upstairs.



Meeting Room

The meeting room isn't finished but most of what remains to be done is of a cosmetic nature. We have applied for a grant to help us complete the interior renovations—primarily plaster work and wallpaper for this room—but won't know until mid-July if we will be awarded the grant.

Fortunately, we can use the room as is this season and programs have been scheduled to be held in it. The first program scheduled for the room—the Spotted Lanternfly Update—was cancelled due to the presenter's health concerns. The next program to be held in the room is Tom Benjey's talk on the Craighead Naturalists on May 22.

We have purchased a digital projector to be mounted from the ceiling to eliminate the hazard of cords running across the floor. If it arrives with enough lead time to get it setup and installed, it will be first used at the May 22 event. We have also purchased a special table for presenters to display objects for the audience to inspect.





2022 Craighead House Plant Exchange:

It was a beautiful morning on Saturday, April 30, as Craighead House kicked off the 2022 garden season with its Annual Plant Exchange. Over 30 participants brought up to five perennials, shrubs, or bulbs each from their gardens and took an equal amount home in exchange. As part of the festivities this year, three Girl Scouts sold baked goods and painted rocks as part of their work toward their Girl Scout Silver Award. The funds will be used to buy plants for a new pollinator garden they will be designing and planting along with Penn State master gardeners on the west side of Craighead House. Also new this year, master gardeners were on hand to answer plant questions, and pass out educational factsheets on native plants and pollinator gardening. It was definitely a great start to the season!



dates
to Remember



JOIN US FOR A
CAMP CRAIGHEAD

SUMMER OF THE FALCON TOUR

SAT. MAY 14 @ 10:00 AM

CRAIGHEAD HOUSE, 318 E
OLD YORK RD, CARLISLE, PA



This tour will immerse participants in Jean Craighead George's 1962 novel *Summer of the Falcon* which is set at Craighead House. Participants will have the opportunity to see the inside of the house and walk the grounds while hearing excerpts from the novel. This tour is geared toward upper elementary through high school students, but all are welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult.



VISIT CRAIGHEAD HOUSE FOR A FREE
TALK AND TOUR:

THE CRAIGHEAD NATURALISTS

MAY 22, 2022 - 2:00 PM

CRAIGHEAD HOUSE, 318 E OLD YORK RD, CARLISLE, PA
(TOUR WILL BEGIN IN THE PARKING LOT)

GIVEN BY TOM BENJEY, CRAIGHEAD
HOUSE BOARD MEMBER AND AUTHOR OF
*GLORIOUS TIMES: ADVENTURES OF THE
CRAIGHEAD NATURALISTS*





2022 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

APRIL

- 24 @ 2:00 PM- **Update on Spotted Lanternfly (Master Gardeners)**
- 30 @ 10:00 AM- **Perennial Exchange**

MAY

- 14 @ 10:00 AM- **Summer of the Falcon Tour**
- 22 @ 2:00 PM- **Craighead Naturalists talk (Tom Benjey)**

JUNE

- 12 @ 2:00 PM- **Soils, Compost, and Mulch talk**
- 25 @ 10:00 AM- **Books by the Breeches**
- 26 @ 2:00 PM- **Tropical Storm Agnes (Noel Potter)**

JULY

- 9 @ 10:00 AM- **Creek Critters with Dickinson's ALLARM**
- 11 @ 6:00 PM- **Kids Nature Craft Night (Gnome and Fairy Garden Houses)**
- 23 @ 1:30 PM- **A Visit with Twig George**
- 30 @ 10:00 AM- **Monarch Tagging (Jane Shull)**

AUGUST

- 14 @ 2:00 PM- **Native Plants and Pollinators talk (Master Gardeners)**
- 20 @ 10:00 AM- **Books by the Breeches**
- 28 @ 2:00 PM- **Carlisle Indian School Football Team (Tom Benjey)**

SEPTEMBER

- 12- @ 6:00 PM **Kids Nature Craft Night (Nature-Inspired Jewelry)**
- 24 @ 9:00 AM- **Birds at Craighead walk/talk (Andy Dapkins)**

OCTOBER

- 2- **Bluegrass on the Breeches**
- 6 @ 5:30- **Celebration of Night Creatures featuring ZooAmerica**

NOVEMBER

- 11/2 @ 2:00 pm **Winter Trees walk**
- 14 @ 6:00 PM- **Kids Nature Craft Night (Evergreen Holiday Decorations)**

- **"Sunday Talk" series**
- **"Garden Talk" series**
- **Camp Craighead event**

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