EHC 8th Grade Program Debuts at FSU

This fall, in partnership with Allegany County Public Schools (ACPS) and Frostburg State University (FSU), the Evergreen Heritage Center (EHC) will conduct an energy theme program (Researching Energy Across the Landscape – REAL) on the FSU campus for all ACPS 8th grade students. The REAL program will feature a full-day field experience that includes a hands-on visit to FSU’s Sustainable Energy Research Facility (SERF) and to its reclaimed mining site, now the FSU Arboretum. The SERF is an off-grid building designed specifically for research, education, and outreach on renewable and clean energy applications. Students will use the SERF and the campus environment to research fossil fuels, alternative energy sources, and coal co-generation, wind, and solar energy technology. The collaborative program was generously funded by grants and donations from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, AES Warrior Run, The Belt Group, and FirstEnergy.

In addition to the 8th grade program, the EHC is also conducting EHC-based fall field trips for Head Start, Kindergarten, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 6th grade, 7th grade, and high school science students.

For more information on the EHC or its programs and events, call 301-687-0664, visit our web site, www.evergreenheritagecenter.org, or email foundation@evergreenheritagecenter.org. Our Facebook page is also updated with events.

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EHC Unveils New Children’s Discovery Garden

This summer the Evergreen Heritage Center (EHC) designed and created a Children’s Discovery Garden. This interactive garden was developed to allow young children to participate in a variety of sensory experiences by exploring the garden’s six stations including a Native Rainbow Garden where children can compare color swatches to the rainbow of colors displayed by native plants; a Dig that Dirt station where children can investigate soil using a hand-held lens; a Root Viewer where children can watch plants growing roots in the soil; a Sensory Garden, where children can experience the look, feel, and smell of plants; Seed Secrets Spot where children can examine different types of seeds; and a station called Plant Parts We Eat where children can discover how plants provide food as seeds, flowers, bulbs, roots, leaves, fruits, pods, tubers, and stems.

The Children’s Discovery Garden will be an integral part of the EHC’s new Head Start and Kindergarten programs and is dedicated to Gloria Saville for the many ways she nurtured her community. Stay tuned for updates on the EHC’s new Kindergarten program, which is being piloted this year at Mount Savage School and focuses on teaching children about how food grows and how to eat healthy. For more information on the EHC or its programs and events, call 301-687-0664 or visit our web site, www.evergreenheritagecenter.org.

Special recognition goes to EHC Staff Member Jenna Balogh Linhart for these outstanding artistic depictions of the garden areas.

Native Rainbow Garden

Dig That Dirt

Sensory Garden
EHC Summer Camps a Hit with Parents and Kids

This summer, in partnership with the Western Maryland Health System (WMHS), the Evergreen Heritage Center (EHC) conducted three weeks of Summer Discovery Camps: *Art in the Outdoors, Garden Discovery,* and *Eco-Explorer.* These camps, which were offered for children ages 8 to 12, each provided a week of fun, educational experiences from 9am to 3pm each day. For more information on future EHC summer camps, call 301-687-0664.

**Art in the Outdoors.** During this camp, campers painted their own personal trees, entered words and illustrations daily in their nature journals, made full size self-portraits, and created land art and bird’s nests from natural materials.

At right, campers are painting “their” trees.

**Garden Discovery.** In this camp, campers learned how plants grow and produce the food we eat, discovered the science of composting and growing healthy soil, conducted food science experiments, planted a native meadow, and harvested and tasted vegetables and fruits from EHC gardens.

At left, campers are searching for insects in the EHC gardens.

**Eco-Explorer.** During this camp, campers investigated the Evergreen Pond, the birds and animals of Evergreen, and the Evergreen forest. Campers also conducted a variety of science experiments and explored renewable energy solutions by building a wind-powered car and a solar-powered oven.

At right, campers are getting a closer look at the pond creatures that they have found.
Upcoming Events

September 13th
- Art Workshop (1-4pm): Nocturne! Learn to combine techniques in oils to create dramatic night time compositions. Darkness can be a time of day, caused by weather conditions, a frame of mind, or a mood….All supplies included with workshop fee.
- EHC Open House (1-4pm): Evergreen Museum is open for tours. $7 donation is requested.

October 17th
- Frostburg Arts Walk (5-8pm). Artists of Evergreen Exhibition at the General Arts Store.

October 18th
- Art Workshop (1-4pm): Go Figure! Learn to work with the figure in oils to tell a story. Adding the human form is not a mysterious as it seems and can be simplified according to your style and purpose. All supplies included with workshop fee.
- EHC Open House (1-4pm): Evergreen Museum is open for tours. $7 donation is requested.

November 1st
- Art Workshop (1-4pm): As the World Turns. Learn to create bright light filled paintings based on the works of artists who have explored The Tree of Life using oil or acrylics. All supplies included with workshop fee.

November 7th
- Art Exhibition (5-8pm): 3rd annual Artists Explore Environments at the Frostburg Museum.

We Host Events!

Our secluded location eliminates distractions, yet is a short drive away. We are just outside Mount Savage, only 15 minutes from Frostburg and Cumberland. Our green facility can accommodate your meeting or event for up to 50 people. Guests may enjoy tours of the historic Evergreen Museum, barn, and walking trail. Catering services are also available.

For more information, contact us at 301-687-0664 or foundation@evergreenheritagecenter.org.