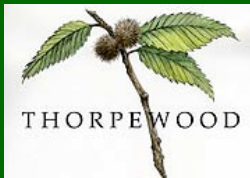


OCTOBER 2004



Catoctin Mountain Happenings At ThorpeWood

**Mark Your
Calendars for
these upcoming
Events:**

**Third Thursday at
ThorpeWood**
Thursday
October 21
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.



Storyteller, Nicole

Naturalist Program
October 16th
9:00 a.m. - Noon
(details on back page)

Adopt-A-Road
Friday, October 22nd
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Fall Festival
Saturday, October 30th
(details to the right)

Holiday Open House
December 9th & 10th
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Check out our website
for more details
regarding these
programs and more!



This National Fish and Wildlife grant award will fund our Headwaters and Highland programs and celebrations...details to come!

JUST IN: *The West Wing* premiere "Birnam Woods" episode filmed at ThorpeWood is scheduled for October 27th at 9:00 p.m.

Fall Festival at ThorpeWood
Saturday, October 30th

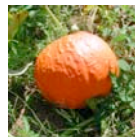
Instead of our 'normal' neighborhood community dinner this month, we are opening up ThorpeWood for a day on the farm...Stoney Lick Farm that is!

Please join us for a potluck picnic and celebrate Fall in the meadow at ThorpeWood's Stoney Lick Farm. Bring a blanket, beverages, and a dish to share! Veggie and meat hotdogs will be provided.

Feel free to wear your **Halloween** costume and enjoy many of the following activities:

- 🍎 Pumpkin carving
- 🍎 Hay rides
- 🍎 Bon fire with S'mores
- 🍎 Relay races
- 🍎 Scary stories
- 🍎 Face painting
- 🍎 Scarecrow making
- 🍎 "Go Batty"
- 🍎 Kids crafts and games
- 🍎 Cider, cookies and healthy, fall-time snacks

This is a day for the entire family! Please RSVP by calling **301-271-2823**, no later than Wednesday, October 27th! This event is **free of charge**.



"Pig Masters" Jim and Jake Wilburn

ThorpeWood's Annual Pig Roast
Sunday, August 29th
Last Chance Wildlife Center

Many of you were able to join us for another wonderful Pig Roast at ThorpeWood in August. We hope that our guest, Di Conger, the director of Last Chance Wildlife Center (LCWC), was able to answer many of your questions regarding injured wildlife. Di and her Assistant Director, Peg Prentice, shared many stories about their experiences over the years and great tips regarding what you should do if you find a wounded animal.

LCWC is a non-profit wildlife rehabilitation center dedicated to the treatment of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife, specializing in small mammals and birds. LCWC is always in need of volunteers...anytime, any day, even just once a year! If you are interested in volunteering or if you find a wounded animal be sure to call LCWC at (301)-271-4816. Be sure to also check out their website at <http://www.lastchancewildlife.org>.

Much thanks to Jake Wilburn and his parents, Jim and Becky Wilburn, for sharing their time and wonderful traditional pig roasting and fixins' with all those in attendance.

Volunteer Highlight

This Spring commenced ThorpeWood's Monday Morning Garden Club, during which volunteers devoted their time to transitioning ThorpeWood's garden to an educational experience. While many different hands worked in the soil throughout the year, we would like to highlight three outstanding volunteers who contributed the most time and energy to the garden: **Lisa Kenny, Sarah Willard, and Kaitlyn Hays**. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to helping our garden grow.



Sarah (front) and Kaitlyn hauling compost



Lisa and her kids taking a break!

ThorpeWood's Volunteer Naturalist Training Program

by ThorpeWood Naturalist and Volunteer John Lind



John Lind driving the 'Wedding Shuttle'



Naturalist Instructor, Jim Gallion with a Zebra Swallowtail



Tree ID with Naturalist Instructor, Stephen Dodge



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Mission Statement

Thorpe Foundation, a not for profit organization, serves youth, local and regional communities by modeling stewardship of natural resources and providing environmental education through hands on learning opportunities.

Upcoming Naturalist Programs

- 🍏 On Saturday, October 16, Geologist Bob Hudgins will guide an exploration of Catoctin Mountain's geology via lecture and hike. Come prepared with hiking shoes and water. 9am to noon.
- 🍏 Build your own worm-composting bin! On Saturday, November 20, Ed Parلمان will demonstrate the ins and outs of vermiculture. A \$15.00 fee will be charged for this program to cover the cost of materials. 9am to 11am.

Please call to pre-register – 301-271-2823

ThorpeWood Receives A \$30,000 Grant

The Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grant Program recently awarded ThorpeWood \$30,000 to assist in their efforts to accelerate restoration of the Bay and its tributaries. ThorpeWood will use the money to host workshops aimed at educating landowners with property near Hunting Creek how they can clean up and protect this precious resource. ThorpeWood's Aaron Morehouse explains that much of the public "already cares about the water and the land, but a lot of people don't know exactly what they can do." The workshops will present landowners with options they may not yet be aware of. ThorpeWood is thrilled to be a catalyst for these activities, and is so grateful to the Chesapeake Bay Trust for this opportunity.