

ThorpeWood has been selected as a featured charity in the 2005 *Catalogue for Philanthropy*. This is the *Catalogue's* third year in the Washington, DC region. The *Catalogue* profiles environmental, cultural, educational, human services, and international organizations. Seventy-five new nonprofits are featured each year, and those from previous years are re-listed as well. See the list at www.catalogueforphilanthropy.org/dc

ThorpeWood was selected from a competitive field of nearly 250 candidates. Proposals were reviewed by 50 professional grantmakers and leaders at 30 local foundations and nonprofit organizations. "Charities were selected for excellence, innovation, and cost-effectiveness, and for what they can teach us about the extraordinary ways that philanthropy works," said Barbara Harman, Editor for Catalogue for Philanthropy, "These are certainly among the best small charities in the Washington, DC region."

Come Out of Hibernation

Explore Volunteering at ThorpeWood
 Tuesday, March 7, 2006
 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

A chance to get involved and match your skills and interests with jobs in:

- Gardening
- Trail Maintenance
- Helping with events at the main lodge
- Office work...and much more!

Please RSVP to Cindy Radulovich
 301-271-2823 or
cindy@thorpewood.org

We look forward to seeing you!

(My Summer @ Thorpewood...cont.)

- String beans really do have strings.
- No matter how much water you bring to work in the garden, it is not enough.
- The smaller the bug, the bigger the bite.
- You pull a weed...next week you will find 3 weeds in the same spot!
- A bucket of water weighs more than you can carry.
- Your feet and hands get dirty despite wearing gloves and shoes.
- The number of leaves on a weed determines how many feet down the root goes.
- Gardening causes you to have an appetite that can only be sated by a trip to the buffet at Cozy or Mountain Gate.
- It is not difficult to build a rock garden because the rocks are already in place.
- Cucumbers grow very fast.
- The Frederick newspaper makes better mulch than the Hagerstown newspaper.
- It is easy to get lost on the trail from the garden to the Lodge.
- ThorpeWood should be renamed ThorpeRock.
- The people who work at ThorpeWood are wonderful.

Harry and I have been home in Florida for a while now. I have been weeding every day and haven't finished yet. I am looking forward to returning to ThorpeWood in the spring, where you will find me weeding the garden on Tuesdays.



ThorpeWood's 2005 Holiday Open House



**Hope to see many of you this year. Mark your calendar:
 Friday, December 8 &
 Saturday, December 9, 2006**



Highlands Environmental Leadership Program (HELP)

Interested in our environment?
 Want to learn more about how you can help?
 Want to make a difference in your world?



The Highlands Action Program and Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are proud to announce the Highlands Environmental Leadership Program. If you know a high school student in Frederick, Washington, Garrett or Allegany County, who may be interested in this program, please share this information. They may qualify to be one of 20 lucky students who get selected to participate.

With the help of an impressive team of scientists, over a course of three weekends, students will get the chance to learn about many of the most pressing environmental problems affecting western Maryland. They will gain insight into the linkage between local, regional and global conditions. They will be shown ways they can truly make a difference, and also work on their leadership and team building skills, all in a hands-on atmosphere.

If you would like more information about this program, please contact Paul Kazyak at pkazyak@dnr.state.md.us or call him at 410-260-8607. Applications are due Friday, March 10, 2006.