

June & July 2005



Catoctin Mountain Happenings



Mark Your Calendars for these upcoming Events @ ThorpeWood:

Habitat & Wood Duck Boxes
Wednesday, July 6
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Gardening with Native Plants
Thursday mornings (4)
July 7 – July 28
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

July Community Dinner
Sunday, July 24
Bug Mimicry
4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Third Thursday @ ThorpeWood
Thursday, July 21
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Become a Friend of ThorpeWood!
We are happy to welcome our newest members:

Nancy Lee Adamson
Judith Breuer
Austin Fogle & Family
Gary Gysberts
Steve Hartwell
John & Claire Kondig
Judy Olmer
Harry and Dorothy Ott

Check out our website to learn more about our Community Events and becoming a Friend of ThorpeWood!



July Community Dinner

Sunday, July 24
4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m



Bug Mimicry is the topic for the next ThorpeWood Community dinner! Dr. Mike Turell is our guest speaker this month and is a leading local bug guru. Dr. Turell will have a short presentation, local and exotic specimens to show, and he will leave lots of time for Q & A! The evening will be fun for both kids and adults!

Dress cool and comfortable and come and enjoy an evening of great conversation, relaxation and education!

Please RSVP no later than Thursday, July 21, 301-271-2823, or e-mail info@thorpewood.org

When responding please indicate the food you will bring to share (see the list below). If you are not sure, just tell us which category. Please prepare enough for your family plus 6 additional people: (We can always use more appetizers 🍷)

- Appetizers (chips, dips, veggies, etc.)
- Main Dish (pasta, ham, fish, etc.)
- Side Dish (salads, casseroles, etc.)
- Desserts

ThorpeWood Welcomes New Staff

John Fritts, Development Officer – John comes to us from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. John's primary role will be to develop corporate outreach, and expand sources of funding for future program development.

Gail Webber, Coordinator of our *Tale of Two Watersheds for Educators* program. Gail most recently wrote for Bridging the Watershed, a non-profit environmental organization located in Accokeek, Maryland. Gail retired from teaching secondary education with a focus on environmental sciences. Her role here at ThorpeWood will be to oversee our TTW for Educators program, beginning with a training program for four days in August.

Cindy Radulovich, Volunteer Program Coordinator. Cindy was first introduced to ThorpeWood through her previous job scouting the area for a spot to film *The West Wing!* She lives in Thurmont and instantly became a volunteer. Now, she has joined the staff as our Volunteer Program Coordinator. Terra, who was the Coordinator, will now focus completely on managing the garden and landscape!

Would you like to place a name with a face? Photos of our new staff members will soon arrive on our website! Be sure to look often!!

★ ThorpeWood is Honored! ★

ThorpeWood has been selected as a 2005 Catalogue for Philanthropy charity. This is the Catalogue's third year in the Washington, D.C. region. Supported by area foundations (Harman, Meyer, Cafritz, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac) as a service to the community, the Catalogue profiles 75 outstanding environmental, cultural, educational, human services, and international organizations with budgets below \$2 million.

In 2003 and 2004 the Washington Catalogue helped raise over \$1.1 million in pledges and gifts for local nonprofits. After an inaugural year in the District, the Catalogue expanded to the Greater Washington area--adding nonprofits in Northern Virginia and nearby Maryland counties. 30,000 individuals and hundreds of foundations will receive copies of the Catalogue this year.

According to Barbara Harman, executive director of the Harman Family Foundation, "The Catalogue is designed to be a showcase for Washington-area philanthropy and an inviting way for individuals and families to participate in charitable giving." A single check sent to the Catalogue's DC office, or an online donation at its website, www.catalogueforphilanthropy.org/dc, can be allocated to as many charities as the donor pleases. Donors may also contact the charities directly. "Because the Catalogue is fully paid for by its philanthropic partners," Harman notes, "100% of every donation goes to the designated nonprofits."

ThorpeWood was selected from a competitive field of 250 candidates. Proposals were reviewed by 50 professional grant makers 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," Harman said. "These are certainly among the best small charities in the Washington region."