

# TRAILBLAZER

September/October 2015



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and Nature Center for 33 years*

Oregon Ridge Nature Center's Annual

## HONEY HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday 10/3  
Sunday 10/4  
11 to 4

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Free Admission!  
*Some Activities  
Require a fee.*



# ORNC COUNCIL SPEAKER SERIES

## THE ROLE OF CONNECTION TO NATURE ON PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING AND SPIRITUALITY

**Dr. Heidi Schreiber-Pan, Psychotherapist**  
**Monday, September 21, 7:30 PM, Free**



Most of us believe that Mother Nature plays a role in how we feel, mentally and physically. If we are depressed, recovering from an illness or injury, or grieving, a walk outdoors or the sight of something beautiful in nature lifts our spirits, repairs our bodies, and gives food to our souls. During her presentation, Dr. Heidi Schreiber-Pan will discuss her recently completed study based on research that examines the intersection of these three distinctive concepts: connection to nature, psychological well-being, and spirituality. Specifically, her study investigated if a person's connection to nature impacts his/her resilience and overall psychological health. Her study also assessed the role of spirituality in this relationship. Join us for this fascinating presentation.

Dr. Schreiber-Pan is a successful psychotherapist in private practice and is an affiliate faculty member at Loyola University. Her extensive research in the field of resilience, anxiety, and stress reduction is well known. She received a PhD in Counseling Psychology, with a specialty in Spiritual Integration. She has coauthored academic articles and book chapters. For more information, visit her "Balanced Living" website: [www.balancedlivingcounseling.net](http://www.balancedlivingcounseling.net). (See box on page 2 for details about another activity with Dr. Schreiber-Pan.)

## THE MIRACLE POND: Wood Ducks Wild and Wonderful

**By Middleton Evans, Photographer**  
**Monday, October 19, 7:30 PM, Free**

Middleton Evans has been associated with Oregon Ridge for many years. His photographs can be seen in some of our exhibits and printed brochures. His "Free Bird" presentation in our 2013 Speaker Series featured his book *Rhapsody in Blue*. We are pleased to invite Middleton back for a presentation based on his latest book, *The Miracle Pond*. All of Middleton's books are informative and the photographs striking. The introduction in *The Miracle Pond* best explains his October presentation. Join us for this visual journey to a local gem of nature. Learn more about Middleton Evans at: [www.ravenwoodpress.com](http://www.ravenwoodpress.com)

*You are invited to take a journey of discovery... nature at its finest moments, bedazzling with brilliant colors and bold patterns. The destination is not a distant land of fabled beauty, but an urban park rather unremarkable at first glance, but upon closer inspection, a treasure map begging to be deciphered. Patterson Park, celebrated as "Baltimore's Best Back Yard," is noted for its vibrant cultural life, but from a habitat standpoint it is rather sparse, except for a small pond area left to grow wild. Over a 15 year period, noted Maryland photographer, Middleton Evans, made over 600 trips to this improbable nature sanctuary, and every day there was at least one surprise awaiting his camera. Highlights include Wood Ducklings resting on a log with mom, a comical Spicebush Swallowtail caterpillar gazing with cartoonish eyes, and a Baltimore Oriole tending nestlings tucked away in a woven basket.*



## TRAIL GUIDES LEAD THE WAY

### Trail Guide Training

September 1 – 4, 10 AM – 1 PM

Do you enjoy hiking and sharing your love of nature with youngsters? The Nature Center needs volunteers to lead field trips for visiting public and private school children on Tuesdays through Fridays. Trail Guides lead groups of 10 or less children around the Park for an hour-long, hands-on nature adventure, searching for frogs, insects, birds, flowers, and other things that inhabit the Park! No prior experience is needed.

During training, a different topic will be covered each day. This fall's topics include habitats, insects, Chesapeake Bay, and Native Americans. After completing training, accompany an experienced trail guide until you feel ready to lead your first solo hike, at which time your \$20 training donation will be totally refunded. Please RSVP to the Nature Center, 410-887-1815.



## VOLUNTEERING: New Requirements

As of July 1, annual background checks are now required for specified volunteers at the Nature Center as well as at other facilities and programs with Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks. Baltimore County Government is devoted to the safety of participants and their families at all of our recreational and park activities and programs. A nationally recognized security firm, The Southeastern Security Consultants, Inc. (SSCI), will be conducting the background investigation to determine each volunteer's eligibility and will provide a list of passed applicants to Recreation and Parks staff. The process is simple and can be done online or by filling out a form at no cost to the volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, the Nature Center staff is happy to provide more information about this new requirement as it pertains to your area of volunteer interest, and about how to apply for many of our opportunities working outdoors and with the community.

## BE A PARTNER WITH OREGON RIDGE!!

Do you have great family memories of hiking through the woods or strolling through the meadow at Oregon Ridge? Do you still enjoy the natural resources that the Park offers? Do you see yourself as a protector of the Park and a cheerleader for environmental education and wellness? If you can answer "YES" to these questions, we may have a place for you on the ORNC Council board or as a volunteer on one of its committees.

Currently, there are a number of Committee Chair openings on the Council board. We are looking for people whose talents and interests match the responsibilities associated with these committees. If you are interested, please contact Council President Pat Ghingher for more information. Just email or leave a phone message for Pat at the Nature Center and she will contact you.

If you enjoy writing and trolling the internet, and have a vision for what other resources could be available in this wonderful Park, you may enjoy working on one of two committees: community fundraising and grant writing. Enthusiasm is a must for fundraising, and an interest in writing and research is needed for grant writing. Funds and grants can come from a variety of places: foundations, businesses, and/or private individuals. If you have a few hours a month to donate to help on one of these committees by seeking out funding and grant sources, please email or call the Nature Center.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HONEY HARVEST

We need volunteers to serve food, churn apple cider, and more at the upcoming Honey Harvest Festival on October 3 and 4. If interested, please call Nancy Berger between 7 AM and 9 PM on her cell phone 410-785-7581, or call the Oregon Ridge Nature Center 410-887-1815.



**WELLNESS HIKE WITH  
DR. HEIDI SCHREIBER-PAN**

**October 27, 6 PM**

**Please RSVP by calling  
the Nature Center**

Join Dr. Heidi Schreiber-Pan on a "Wellness Hike" around Oregon Ridge Park. Learn first hand how a peaceful walk through the woods can help diminish stress and worry.

## THREE CHEERS FOR OUR 2015 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

By Polly Roberts, MD, Scholarship Chairperson

For the 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive year, the Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council has awarded scholarships to graduating seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence and a commitment to the environment. Three graduates from Baltimore County and one from Baltimore City have been awarded a total of \$13,000 in scholarship money.

The Council heartily congratulates the 2015 scholarship winners. To all who give so generously to our scholarship program — *THANK YOU!*

Zachary Hunter-Lee Little, a graduate of Eastern Technical High School, has been awarded \$6,000 to study chemical engineering with an emphasis on the environment and sustainability at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. He envisions a career working to improve marine ecosystems and water treatment. Zachary participated in his school's Environthon team for 3 years, serving as its leader during senior year.



Lauren McDonald, a Catonsville High School graduate, has been awarded \$2000 to study environmental science at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She envisions a career of field work/research studying the impact of environmental issues on marine and wildlife species. Lauren has completed over 180 hours as a volunteer Exhibit Guide at The National Aquarium. She was an active member of the Environthon team at Catonsville.



Brooke Peterson graduated from Sparrows Point High School in the SPECIES magnet program and has been awarded \$3000 to study environmental science at Marist College. She plans to become a wildlife biologist specializing in fieldwork research related to ecosystems. Brooke has served as a volunteer at the Marshy Point Nature Center.



Samantha Cassell, who was awarded the four-year Getty Dutrow Mullan Scholarship last year, has successfully completed her freshman year at Towson University in the Environmental Education Program. She will receive \$1000 for her sophomore year. Her career goal involves educating/inspiring others about the environment.



Lorenzo Mack-Johnson is a graduate of the Paul Laurence Dunbar High School and has received \$2000 to pursue environmental studies at Stevenson University. He is interested in eco-friendly technology and would like to explore methods to diminish air pollution. He completed a summer internship with the Maryland Pesticide Network as well as an internship with the Baltimore Ecosystem Study.



**TO ALL OF OUR 2015  
SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS . . .**

Congratulations NICE GOING!  
GREAT! Way to Go!  
Yea! FELICITATIONS  
CHEERS Take A BEST  
BOW! WISHES!

## MEET OUR INTERNS

This summer we had three Towson University biology students helping as interns on various projects throughout the Park. The ORNC staff is grateful for their hard work and dedication.

Melanie Smith (*photo left*) wanted to intern at ORNC to gain new perspectives and knowledge, and to meet new people. Melanie's goal is to graduate with an undergraduate degree in environmental science. While at school, she is looking forward to exploring career options through internships and volunteer positions that will eventually lead her to a relevant job. As an ORNC intern, Melanie enjoyed working outdoors, helping with programs and being able to interact with and care for all the animals. She said she was never bored because everyday was a different experience. In her free time, Melanie plays soccer, draws and hangs out with her friends.

Tommy Adams (*photo center*) has really enjoyed the freedom to take classes that pertain to his interests in botany. Following graduation Tommy wants to pursue a Master's to study more

about plants as a natural source of pesticides and herbicides. At ORNC Tommy had a great opportunity to get involved with environmental preservation on a semi-professional level. He enjoyed interning here because he has visited and hiked in the Park so often. He especially enjoyed the chance to get a taste of all the various experiences that are only possible outside of a classroom setting. Tommy likes to hike, camp, workout, and play music in his spare time.

Sarah Smith (*photo right*) loves to learn new things. Now in her last semester, Sarah is looking forward to starting her career in the environmental science field. She wanted to complete an internship somewhere where she would be able to get experience in a variety of areas. Like Melanie, Sarah enjoyed the uniqueness of each day. An internship at ORNC allowed her to assist with programs, work on projects, care for animals, and take part in many other activities. She was able to expand her knowledge of nature and education, which will be helpful in future endeavors. Sarah enjoys hiking, camping and kayaking in her free time.



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**Color versions of the *Trailblazer* are on our website.**

### PRIMITIVE TECHNOLOGY WEEKEND

**Event is Moving to  
Cromwell Valley Park in 2016**

Thanks to Erin McCleary, Gary Anderson, Jim Curtis, Sybil Hebb, and Ridge Runners Christina Panousos and Zi Smith, Prim Tech 2015 was a big success — two perfect spring days for the outdoor event featuring local to national demonstrators who showed different ways of flintknapping, basketry, buck tanning, and many other primitive skills.

This year was also the last year that Primitive Technology Weekend will be held at Oregon Ridge Park. Make a note on your 2016 calendar to look for next year's Primitive Technology Weekend at its new site — Cromwell Valley Park. The event continues to be expertly planned and coordinated by Kirk Dreier, Senior Naturalist at Cromwell.

# BOX TURTLE...A FRIEND FOR LIFE

By Naturalist Jessica Jeannetta

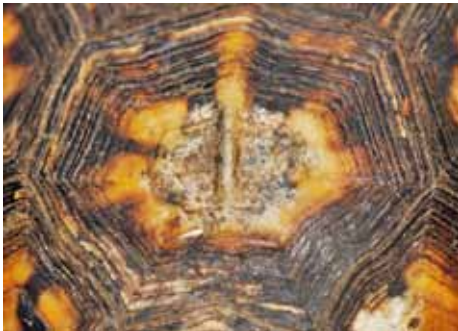
Driving around in late summer and early fall, I sometimes notice the orange, yellow and brown colors of a little creature traveling alongside of or across the road. When I see it, my natural reaction is to stop and put on



my flashers, check to make sure it is safe, jump out and halt traffic, then escort this small, rounded animal to safety. Many of you have probably also come across this easily recognizable reptile in this way. It seems as though this small reptile is so determined to cross the road that it ignores the danger of cars zipping by.

This is the life of an Eastern Box Turtle. As a kid I can remember finding many box turtles while my friends and I explored the woods near my house. We made turtle houses for them, complete with a bed made of grass and a fine meal of tomatoes from my parent's garden. We enjoyed watching them meander through the forest, down near the stream, as we followed closely behind. At the end of the day we said farewell to our turtle friends and headed home for dinner. If I went back there today, I wonder if I could once again find a box turtle, and would it be the same one from my childhood days?

Box Turtles have longevity, living over 30 years in the wild if able to evade the many dangers caused by an ever-encroaching human population. It is not unusual for a box turtle to live over 100 years, the oldest one on record living to be 138! If you're lucky enough to find a box turtle while walking in the Park, look at its scutes (large scales on the carapace) and count the number of rings it has. The older it is, the harder it will be to count the rings!



(Middle photo: Rings on scute. Bottom photo: Box turtle carapace.)

preying on box turtles by picking them up and dropping them from high heights to break the shell open.

Eastern Box Turtles prefer woodlands, pastures and marshy meadows. Their coloration allows them to easily blend with fallen leaf litter. Like all reptiles, box turtles are cold-blooded, meaning they cannot regulate their own body temperature. This is why it is so common to see box turtles wandering around the Park in the summer months. During the colder months, box turtles are nowhere to be found. In fact, the only way for box turtles and other reptiles to survive during the winter is to enter into brumation, similar to hibernation for mammals. In fall, a box turtle will create a hibernaculum's (shelter) by digging down into soft soil or leaves. During this time its heart rate and breathing slows down, and its body temperature drops.

Box turtles are opportunistic omnivores. A young turtle's diet is primarily carnivorous, mainly feeding opportunistically on snails, worms, insects, spiders and even small frogs, lizards, snakes and mammals. They also scavenge and eat carrion. As a turtle matures and ages, the diet becomes primarily herbaceous, eating fruit, berries, and other plants.

If you find an Eastern Box Turtle and want to guess the sex, look first at its eyes. The male has much redder eyes and a slightly concave plastron. The female has more brownish eyes and a flat plastron. Box turtles breed between May and October. Hatchlings emerge late in summer or early fall and are only about the size of a quarter. Oregon Ridge Park is a great place to see box turtles of all ages. You may see an adult moseying along as you hike the trails, or see a few hatchlings wandering around near the Nature Center!

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Box turtles are unidirectional, which is why they seem so determined to cross the road. They have a home range that is usually about the size of two football fields, and if undisturbed, will stay in this area for their entire lives. They have an innate sense and drive to return to their home range when removed or relocated. If a box turtle is taken from its home range and released elsewhere, it will spend the rest of its life trying to find its way back.

While box turtles are the most common turtle in the Mid-Atlantic region, they are not immune to today's environmental stressors. While they are nowhere near extinction, the population is declining due to habitat destruction and other human activity. Another serious issue facing the box turtle population is people who take box turtles home to keep as pets or collect them to sell. Such human intervention endangers current and future generations of box turtles in our area.

You can help our local box turtle population by keeping them in their natural environment. Never capture one as a pet or sell them for profit. Keep box turtles safe by assisting them in crossing the road. If it is safe to stop, help them cross in the same direction they were walking. Other ways to help include conserving their habitat, avoid mowing fields and shrubby areas particularly during nesting season (June-October), and educating others. Who knows? By taking these measures to ensure the safety of our local box turtles, you and your children or grandchildren may just find that same box turtle that you were lucky to



## CAMPERS DISCOVERED, EXPLORED AND WALKED ON THE WILD SIDE THIS SUMMER

Mother Nature favored our summer camp season with great weather for the most part. Children of all ages explored the Park's streams, trails, and meadows and participated in a plethora of nature activities. This year, Shoshana Nachman and Maddie Zins led eight week-long camps with about 150 campers ranging from 4 years to 12 years old. Some of the favorite activities our campers enjoyed included: live animals, archery, shelter building, mud day, playing in ponds and rivers, learning history, and enjoying camp songs with s'mores over a fire. The older kids experienced adventures on the high ropes, canoeing, rock climbing, and fishing. The camp staff had as much fun as the younger campers playing in the mud, hiking around the Red Loggers Trail, and telling campers the story of Iron Man, the legendary, long-gone miner who inspires kids to pick up trash by mysteriously appearing when the trail is clean.

A family noted that the camp staff was "genuinely interested in creating a memorable experience for the kids." The staff worked hard making daily adjustments for the weather, equipment failure, power outage and kids' interests. Parents helped out when our van broke down mid-week for the Piedmont Explorers Camp, and we appreciated the support from the families that allowed us to change plans. Camps also had assistance from our teen Counselors-in-Training (CITs) and interns, who helped ensure we had a fun and safe environment the whole summer. We want to thank these helpers: Tommy Adams, Sofia Bennett, Lindsay Bull, Anna Jensen, Emma Lewis, Christina Panousos, Maddie Rozics, Melanie Smith, Cole Snyder, Ben Wetzels, and Sydney Wilson.

We love helping the kids enjoy the outdoors with our affordable camps. As one parent put it, "It's a *bang for your buck!*" ORNC Council members receive each year's camp information early and are able to sign up before others can. Support the Council by signing up or renewing your membership. Make sure your kids continue to experience the exciting opportunities to explore nature at Oregon Ridge Nature Center.

**THANK YOU CAMPERS  
AND CAMP COUNSELORS  
FOR A FUN NATURE  
SUMMER!**



## ORNC IS PLEASED TO BE INTRODUCING . . .

Several new staff members have joined the team at the Nature Center. Maddie Zins and Shoshana Nachman (*top left photo*) are continuing on from summer camps and transitioning on as part-time naturalists. Maddie graduated from Washington College this May with degrees in English and Environmental Studies with honors, while Shoshana is continuing her senior year at Towson studying Environmental Science and Biology. Both are avid outdoor enthusiasts and travelers that make them a perfect fit for our programs. Their journey continues as they share their passion of nature and conservation with our community.

Lorien Covelly (*center*) is a math teacher at Riverside Elementary in Joppa, Maryland. She was looking for something fun that can incorporate her experiences with the outdoors and her teaching skills, so she applied to Oregon Ridge. She was able to jump right in leading animal and Native American presentations to groups of children and seniors as our summer outreach specialist. She is developing our Nature Birthday Party programs that we are excited to launch in the fall. In addition, she is working on a new Saturday Art in Nature series for families and expecting her first baby in January!

After finishing the spring Master Naturalist program, Julius Patellis (*top right, on right*), a graduate of UMBC with a B.S. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, came on board. He helped organize our garage so we can now find

things safely and efficiently as well as created and installed trail signs to make it easier for hikers to find their way. He will be leading our new monthly book club that will meet on the second Tuesdays of each month and will revamp our Shoots and Letters series into a weekly drop-in program for kids every Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

It's never easy leaving Oregon Ridge, so Mary Genovese (*bottom left*) came back to work for us as a Building Attendant. She finished the Ridge Runner program when she turned 18 and has been studying Biology at Towson University. It all came back to her quickly and she was able to care for the animals like it was yesterday. Since she had helped with many events and camps as a teenager, she has even stepped in to lead some nature programs and will continue to build her experiences as a naturalist.

It runs in the family for Shea Sandifer (*bottom right*). His mom is Shannon Davis, former Community Supervisor at Oregon Ridge and current head Park Ranger at Robert E. Lee Park. Shea has helped out with many events and programs at our parks and is familiar with the outdoors since he is a Boy Scout, so that makes him a great fit as a Junior Attendant. He is acquiring his Eagle Scout status and will be finishing high school in spring.



## EAGLE SCOUTS SOAR WITH PROJECTS

Oregon Ridge has a very successful partnership with our Eagle Scouts. Many projects would be on the back burner due to staff time constraints and low resources if not for the Eagle Scouts and their troops making it possible for our Park visitors to enjoy the Park more fully. This past spring and summer, we had the pleasure of working with Greg Amaral, Antonios Araviakis, Robert Blonder, Gabriel Lee, Connor Martin, and Gerard Whalen.

While our gardens are aesthetically pleasing, they primarily serve several purposes such as education, programming, and wildlife habitat. The fence around the *3 Sisters*, *Pollinator*, and *Butterfly Host* gardens was failing to deter the deer, and the holes in the fences were continually being patched. Luckily, Gerard Whalen coordinated the project to supply and install all new, sturdy materials around the gardens in time for the flowers to flourish through summer. Antonios Araviakis and Robert Blonder worked on two new rain gardens and one restoration area. These were huge endeavors since the invasive plants had to be removed, fencing installed in each location to keep out hungry deer, soil amended, landform shaped, and native plants ordered, planted, mulched, and watered. With the many rainstorms we had this summer, we are glad the rain gardens were there to hold back some of the runoff from the Nature Center driveway and parking lot, as well as serve as a habitat for butterflies and other insects.

Another project that benefits the Oregon Ridge community is the revamped sandbox in the play area done by Gabe Lee. The roofing provides shade for playing children and protects them from the falling black walnuts in autumn. Greg Amaral created a whole new seating area in our Native American program site while getting his troop to also remove a bunch of logs out of the area to make it neater and safer for large groups in the area. They also made sure we had a good walking path and extended it for our needs.

Connor Martin designed, built and installed 4 kiosks with *You are Here* color trail maps at various points throughout the trail system. These trail maps have been a huge improvement to the Park and have enabled us to be more environmentally sustainable by using less paper maps. Many Park visitors have stopped by express appreciation of Connors hard work! The Eden family generously funded the trail map signs.

These exceptional young men with their Scout leaders and troops donated the supplies and many hours of labor to make these projects a realization for the Council and the Nature Center. Because of their efforts, our programs and grounds are greatly improved for public enjoyment.



**Top Left:** Gabe Lee's revamped sandbox. **Top Right and Center:** Connor Martin and his team with one of his kiosks. **Bottom:** Greg Amaral's log seating area

## SCOUT SUPPORT FOR OUR PARK IS PRICELESS!

# NEW PIPELINE THROUGH OREGON RIDGE PARK

By Jim Curtis

For the past three years the Executive Board of the Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council has been learning about the Columbia Gas Transmission LLC pipeline project that will impact Oregon Ridge Park. During this time, we have attempted to learn of the impacts, the mitigation, and of the compensation due as a result of this project.

As described in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) documents, the pipeline will clear a 75-foot wide swath along the northern edge of the existing pipeline right of way. A 75-foot swath through approximately 1.2 miles of parkland equals about 11 acres of parkland impacted. Further, up to 17 acres of meadowland will be used for temporary storage of equipment and materials (staging areas - *see bottom photo*).

In May of 2013 we sent a letter to the FERC detailing our concerns. A copy was sent to Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks. Our major concerns were the loss of parkland, the threat to the Brook Trout and Yellow Spotted Salamanders, the threat to the Oregon Ridge lake, and the disruption of hiking and summer camp activities. Unfortunately, Columbia's response to our letter was to say that they would only negotiate with Baltimore County, the property owner. However, Baltimore County has not shared any information about these negotiations with the Board.

Despite the lack of information coming from Baltimore County, early this summer the Board learned that the pipeline construction across streams and wetlands had been ordered stopped by the Baltimore County Circuit Court. This was a result of a lawsuit filed by the Theaux M. Le Gardeur, the Gunpowder River Keeper, against the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). However, this matter was settled with the reissuance of the MDE permit in August, and construction in the stream and wetlands will probably be resuming shortly.

Also, the Board recently learned of a change in plans for the staging areas. Baltimore County now wants the meadowlands along Shawan Road to be used, so that less land near the Oregon Ridge Lodge will be taken out of service. However, this requires the removal of our bird nest boxes and a possible reduction in the size of the community garden.

In the coming months the Board will be asking Baltimore County and Columbia Gas for details and information concerning the following:

- When will the clearing and grading begin?
- What contractor will be chosen for the clearing and grading of the forest?
- How long will the hiking trails be closed?
- How will the valuable timber be removed and sold?
- How long will the staging areas be used?
- Will the staging areas require the removal of the community garden?
- Who in the County government should be contacted for problems and questions?
- What construction method will be used to cross the streams and wetlands?
- What mitigation is to be performed? When and where?
- What compensation will be given to Baltimore County, and how will those funds be used?

Assuming there are no further delays, pipeline construction within Oregon Ridge Park is scheduled to begin in 2016. We hope to have answers to our questions by that time, and we will continue to monitor this project until it is completed. More information can be obtained at the FERC website:

<https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx>



(Top photo, gas line before work began. Bottom, staging areas at OR Park.)

# FINALLY! SUNNY SKIES PREVAILED AT MUSIC IN THE WOODS 2015

After two years of rain, Mother Nature finally came through and blessed us last May with a bright, sunny Saturday for Music in the Woods 2015. Spirits soared as hundreds of visitors listened to rousing performances by local musicians. With the very capable help of Bob Willasch, the sound equipment worked great and

our performers could be heard well beyond the parking lot. Music ranged from Irish to bluegrass. We even had an act this year that included a musical saw.

To the wonderful volunteers, performers and vendors who made Music in the Woods such a big success, we want to send you . . .

**A big  
thank  
you**  
for all your  
help and support.

## FRIENDS OF OREGON RIDGE

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Gary Anderson       | Christina Panousos |
| Nancy Berger        | Cheryl Parrish     |
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| Tim Hardy           | Zi Smith           |
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| Anna Jensen         | Amanda Steinitz    |
| Erin McCleary       | Alex Waugh         |
| Carol Montegna      | Bob Willasch       |
| Kathy Obbagy        | Dun-Yee Wong       |

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Mark Surgies  
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Stringtown Band  
Stubble Brothers  
The Witt Duo

## VENDORS

Bees by the Bay  
Crafts by Bob  
Creative Designs by Jill  
Ehrhardt Salvage Décor  
Enchanted Loft  
Klaus' Carvings  
Osborne Books with LaKeesha  
Painted Crabs by John

**MAKE A NOTE:** We are adding some excitement to Music in the Woods 2016 by making it an evening event. New date and times will be forthcoming.





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