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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friend of Sunny Fields, as we have watched the world, national, state and local economies suffer, in recent years, so has Sunny Fields suffered. The Board of Directors wishes to communicate that we are very much in need of your support. Sunny Fields depends on the support of donors and contributions to stay alive. We are a young non-profit organization that needs your help. We need your donations, volunteer help, and most of all your commitment, to see Sunny Fields grow as a wonderful community resource. We need all of you to keep the vision of Sunny Fields growing.

I want to encourage as many of you as possible to attend the Annual Meeting September 29th. Sunny Fields will only be as strong as its membership. If you can help in any way, please do so now! Any gift will be gratefully accepted. Please feel free to call me at 810-395-3700 or email me at jjennex@capac.k12.mi.us with your questions or comments.

by Jerry Jennex, President

ALL SUNNY FIELDS MEMBERS INVITED TO ANNUAL MEETING

Sunny Fields Botanical Park, Inc., as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, is mandated to hold an Annual Meeting for the benefit of its members. This meeting provides the membership information regarding the organization's financial status, activities it has hosted this past year, future activities planned and also gives the membership the opportunity for public comment.

This year's annual meeting will be held at the Capac Historical Society Community Building, 401 E. Kempf Court, Capac, Michigan 48014, September 29, 2009. You are invited to attend any and all of the evening's events.

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm September Board Meeting
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Pot Luck Dinner*
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

**Board President, Jerry Jennex, is providing chicken.*

Please RSVP if you plan to attend the dinner, and we request you bring a dish to pass.

*Call Pat Brozowski @ 810.395.7527
 or Nancy Augustyniak @ 810.325.1751*

by Pat Brozowski

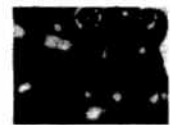


We are pleased to announce that the **Blue Water Musicians Network** will be performing *live*, at Sunny Fields Botanical Park, on Saturday October 3, 2009, from 10:00am - 4:00pm. The Blue Water Musician's Network is a group of civic minded musicians and those interested in the promotion of family friendly music in the Blue Water Area, with a goal of extending the cultural tourism season for the financial benefit of the local area, its residents, its businesses and its organizations. The musicians perform a variety of folk, jazz & traditional songs that the *entire family will enjoy!* **Admission to the event is \$5.00/adult, \$2.00/children.** Please bring your own seating (a lawn chair or even a blanket). Spend the day walking the trails and enjoying the live music during one of Sunny Fields most beautiful seasons.

by Paul Young



AUTUMN & APPLES



Sunny Fields will be holding its first fall festival on Sunday October 11, from 12:00pm - 4:00pm. Please come to the parking lot at 5444 Welch Road. There will be fun for the entire family with apples, apple cider, caramel apples, doughnuts, pumpkins, t-shirts, tote bags, note cards, crafts and plants available for purchase. Pumpkin painting, apple printing, making pine cone bird feeders and a scavenger hunt will keep the kids busy.

BST Orchard, owned by Robert and Pat Brozowski & Verellen Orchards are generously contributing to the event. Verellen Orchards will be donating Cider, Donuts and Carmel Apples. Verellen Orchards is located at 63290 Van Dyke just north of 29 mile in Washington Twp., Michigan. Verellen Farms will be donating pumpkins and is located at 2615 Broadbridge Rd. between Marsh Rd. and M-29 in Cottrellville (Marine City), Michigan.

On your way to, or from the event, don't miss the stretch of Sullivan Road between Welch & Quain Roads where the trees form a colorful canopy over the rustic country road. *See you there!!!*

If you are able to volunteer, or for more information please contact Paul Young at 810.327.2702.

WISH UPON A STAR



Our future will be bright, **WITH YOUR HELP!** We have compiled a "Wish List" of foreseeable needs, immediate and future, and ask for your assistance in obtaining them. Some of the items are modest, and others are grand. Please let us know if you are able to donate any item(s), know where we can find them or have a creative idea for fundraising to enable us to purchase the item. We ask you to be one of our shining stars, and together the future of Sunny Fields will be brilliant.

- ❖ **Monetary Donations, Trusts, Estates**
- ❖ **Volunteers** – park maintenance, docent, & clerical
- ❖ **Grant writers**
- ❖ **Fundraising ideas / implementation**
- ❖ **16" Bar Chain Saw**
- ❖ **Books / DVD's** to build a library for member/visitor education
- ❖ **Digital Picture Frame** to use for promotion
- ❖ **Laptop computer**
- ❖ **Office Equipment:** photo copier, printer, scanner, fax, paper, ink, etc.
- ❖ **Walkie Talkies** (set of 4- waterproof)
- ❖ **Golf Cart**
- ❖ **Parking lot building** (approximately 12x12)
- ❖ **Picnic / Educational/Special Event Shelter**
- ❖ **Parking lot expansion**
- ❖ **Pole Barn** for Storage /Office
- ❖ **34" Tree spader with operator**
- ❖ **20'x20' Tent**
- ❖ **Screened Enclosure**

Help with any of these items will be greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU!!!



The deadline to submit your photo(s), taken at Sunny Fields in 2009 is **September 20, 2009**. The winner of the contest will receive a framed & matted, 8" X 10" copy of the winning photo. The winner will be announced at the Sunny Fields Annual Meeting, September 29, 2009.

(Sunny Fields will retain the right to use the photograph in publicity or merchandising, acknowledging the photographer.)

PLEASE SUBMIT ENTRIES TO:

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FAMILY WORK DAY

AT SUNNY FIELDS A SUCCESS

July 18, 2009 was our first monthly work day at Sunny Fields. We had 12 volunteers (*and a couple of ambitious little helpers*). There was a wonderful combination of



family, friends & fellowship. Thanks to Nancy & Bob Augustyniak and all who brought a dish to pass, we had a spectacular lunch together. There were jobs such as chipping piles of brush, weeding gardens around the cabin, weed whipping around plants and their labels, clearing near the Black Willow Swamp & freshening the appearance of the Welch Rd.

parking lot. Thank You, to all who joined us, for your support. Your efforts are impacting the quality of Sunny Fields. The next family work days are September 26 & October 17, 8am-3pm.

*For more information
call*

Brandon Verellen @ 586.634.4181

HOLIDAY "DAY TRIP"

On Saturday December 12, 2009, Sunny Fields is excited to sponsor a bus trip to the Belle Isle Conservatory, historic Pewabic Pottery and Dinner in Greektown. We plan to depart Emmett at noon and arrive to the Pewabic Pottery, where we will take a one hour guided tour, with time to also take in the gallery and gift shop. One of the



oldest potteries in the country which is still in existence, the Pewabic Pottery takes its name from the Chippewa word for the color of metal. It is this unusual metal-like glaze that the pottery specializes in, which brings in more

than 70,000 visitors here every year. Pewabic Pottery was founded in 1903 by Mary Chase Perry and her partner, Horace Caulkins, at the height of the Arts & Crafts movement in America. In 1991, the building (which still houses the Pottery) and its contents were designated a National Historic Landmark and today is Michigan's only historic pottery.

Next we are off to Belle Isle, where our own Bill Horman will be our guide at the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory. The conservatory, designed by Albert Kahn in 1902 and patterned after Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, opened in 1904. In 1953, it was dedicated to Mrs. Anna Scripps Whitcomb who left her 600 plant orchid collection to the City of Detroit. It is the permanent home of hundreds of cacti, succulents, ferns, palms, tropical plants and one of the largest orchid displays in the country. The 85-foot tall dome of the palm room has become a symbol of the island. The conservatory will be

decked for the holidays with sparkling lights and an extravagant poinsettia display and other traditional plants of the season. The day winds up in Greektown where you will be able to have dinner (and maybe even a little *baklava*) on your own. Returning to Emmett at 8pm. Tickets for this event are \$35.00 per person and will be sold in advance only! Bring along family & friends, and take advantage of this opportunity to *support Sunny Fields and have a great time doing it!*



for tickets or more information contact

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 12 & 13 Sunny Fields OPEN 10am-5pm
without an appointment
- 19 **Emmett Days - Mum Sale**
Downtown Emmett, 9am-5pm
- 29 Board Meeting 5:30 pm
Capac Historical Society
Community Building
- 29 **ANNUAL MEETING** 7:00 pm
Capac Historical Society
Community Building

OCTOBER

- 3 **SUNNY FIELDS MUSIC FESTIVAL**
10am-4pm @ Sunny Fields
- 10 & 11 Sunny Fields OPEN 10am-5pm
without an appointment
- 11 **AUTUMN & APPLES**
Sunny Fields, NOON-4PM
- 27 Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Emmett Township Hall

NOVEMBER

- 24 Board Meeting 7:00pm
Emmett Township Hall

DECEMBER

- 12 **BELLE ISLE CONSERVATORY/
PEWABIC POTTERY
HOLIDAY BUS TRIP**

NOON-8PM

No Board Meeting this month

*Wishing You Joyous
& Safe Holidays!!!*

JANUARY

- 26 Board Meeting 7:00pm
Emmett Township Hall

FEBRUARY

- 23 Board Meeting 7:00pm
Emmett Township Hall

MARCH

- 22 Board Meeting 7:00pm
Emmett Township Hall

MAY

- 15&16 **2010 LILAC FESTIVAL**

SUNNY FIELDS STAR

In each newsletter, an outstanding person will be featured as a Sunny Fields Star, for their contribution to Sunny Fields Botanical Park. This editions Star, is Sunny Fields' own, *Everett Leese*. Everett is the lone, dedicated employee of Sunny Fields to whom we will be forever grateful. The following poem is a tribute to him.

ODE TO EVERETT

*You are a man of many talents, my friend
and wearer of many hats...
the Culvert Doctor, the Brush Hog King
and keeper of two special cats.*

*You mix work and play
in your own special way
to get the job done
while still having fun.*

*There are woodpiles and branches
a plenty to haul,
for gigantic bonfires-
come one and come all.*

*Your contributions to Sunny Fields
are found in the lay of the land,
which you helped to create
by the strength of your own two hands.*

*Jack of all trades, lover of nature,
thank you for all that you do
to make each of us, who come to help,
feel welcomed and appreciated too!*

by Melody Earns

NOW ON OUR WEBSITE

Bird columnist, *from the Yale Expositor*, Pat Burden has made available, an article that can be read by visiting our website at www.visitsunnyfields.org. Currently on the website you will find the following article:

"OASIS"

Picture this:

"a man staggering across the desert, the unrelenting sun and heat making him gasp for every breath, his raspy voice calling "water, water," when suddenly a beautiful tropical oasis appears in front of him complete with palm trees and a lagoon.

Now, pretend you are a bird..."...cont'd

SUNNY FIELDS AT EMMETT DAYS

Sunny Fields will be participating in the 2009 annual Emmett Days. Our booth will be available to the public on September 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We encourage you to visit our booth to learn more about our hidden gem right here in Emmett Michigan. Members will be available to answer any questions, provide directions, and maybe even schedule you for a personal tour. This year we will have a variety of



plant material for sale including mums, lilacs, spruce trees, daylilies etc. We will be promoting memberships and the need for willing and able volunteers to not only help at one of our many upcoming events, but to experience the peace and tranquility for themselves at Sunny Fields Botanical Park. Thank you!

by Brandon Verellen

(((FEEDBACK)))

Our goal is to open communication with our members and encourage your involvement. *Please let us know, what you liked and what you did not.* Also *what you would like to see* in future editions. We encourage you to submit articles written by you, to share in our newsletter. The deadline for articles to be published in the Spring newsletter is March 1, 2010. This newsletter is here to keep you informed and up to date. There are several ways to contact us:

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**2009 has been a
renaissance year for
Sunny Fields.**

**We look forward to 2010
with great optimism.**