



Clinton Community Nature Center

Nature Notes



Planning Underway for 2nd Annual Star Bright! Honors Night!



Building on the success of last year's event, the Nature Center Board of Trustees has begun planning for the 2nd Annual Star Bright! Honors Night!: An Evening of Celebrations.

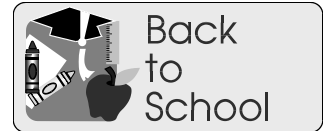
The event is scheduled for November 1, 2007, and will once again be held in Anderson Hall on the Mississippi College campus. Local cartoonist, Marshall Ramsey will be the evening's featured speaker.

Last year's event had over 400 people attending, including hundreds of military veterans.

Event co-chair, Edith Kennedy, states, "We are expecting this year's Star Bright! Honors Night! to be even bigger and better than last year! Clint Brantley, who chaired the first Star Bright! , really laid the ground work for us to take this event into the future." The event features inspiring entertainment, a seated dinner, presentation of awards and honors and a Silent Auction, with all proceeds benefiting the Nature Center.

John and Bettye King, BankPlus, Nissan North America: Canton, Joye Spears, Ron Morton and Williford, Gearhart and Knight, Inc. have already signed on as event sponsors for this year, and CCNC board members are actively seeking additional sponsors.

If you are interested in becoming a Star Bright! Honors Night! sponsor, please refer to page 3 of this newsletter, or visit our website at www.clintonnaturecenter.org for information on sponsorship opportunities.



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**DON'T DELAY!
ORDER YOUR
CLINTON
COMMUNITY
NATURE
CENTER
LICENSE TAG
TODAY!**

(Application, page 4)

Adventures in Day Camp!

The Nature Center held its annual Nature Day Camp summer program from June 11th through June 29th, with over fifty children participating.

The campers enjoyed a number of nature-themed crafts and trail walk adventures.

Education Coordinator, Johnny Broussard, educated the campers on a variety of topics including water quality at the pond, birds, reptiles and amphibians, plants, pollution and energy conservation. The children had a great time building their own bird-houses and taking part in birdseed relays. Older campers enjoyed dissecting



owl pellets and building solar ovens.

The campers were treated to a number of guest presentations including Patt Lowrance and her rehabilitated raptors, the Department of Energy, who showed the campers the ins and outs of solar powered ovens, and Nature Center Director, Meredith Montgomery shared some tortoises and turtles from her collection.

The Nature Center offers day camp for three weeks every summer. If you are interested in participating in next year's camp, contact the Nature Center at 601-926-1104 or ccnaturecenter@gmail.com.

Nature Lecture Series: Snakes!



Terry Majure, Head of Aquariums at Mississippi Natural Science Museum will be making a presentation on SNAKES at the Clinton Community Nature Center's monthly Nature Lecture Series, Thursday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend free of charge, though donations are encouraged from non-members.

For more information, contact the Nature Center at 601-926-1104 or ccnaturecenter@gmail.com or visit our website at www.clintonnaturecenter.org.

Nature Center Tags Available For Order

The Clinton Community Nature Center is currently taking applications for a beautiful new personalized license tag just approved by the Mississippi State Legislature.

Tags cost an additional \$31.00, and 300 must be pre-sold before the State Tax Commission will begin production.

To order your license tag, complete an application (on page 4 of this newsletter), and return it to the Nature Center along with a check made payable to Mississippi State Tax Commission.



For information on the tag or other Nature Center fundraisers, contact the Nature Center at 601-926-1104 or ccnaturecenter@gmail.com OR visit our website at www.clintonnaturecenter.org.

**Welcome to Our
New Members!**

Dina Agrama • Beta Beta Beta: Mu Beta Chapter, Mississippi College • Catherine Brogan • Ed & Cathy Broome • Tanya Brown • Mignon & Leonard Bussell • Paul & Edith Cassibry • Marilyn Conerly • Greg & Ann Demrow • Walter & Jean Duncan • Anastacia Ellison • Bill Evans • Barbie Ferguson • James Ferguson, Jr. • Lillian Gibson • Bill Gilliland • Cyndi & Jerry Grace • Jack & Vivian Gunn • Kimberly Gunter • Audrey Harrison • Anne Hogue Terri Jacobson • Noreen Kenny • Brent & Sylvia Lamb • Pam Matthews • Gary & Gloria Mayfield • Jacqueline M. McLemore The Morse-Gagne Family • Fay & Shelby Parker • Barry & Vicky Pekich • Angel & Adam Rohnke • J.T. & Barbara Selby • Beth Skahill • Carrie Stagg • Pat Steele • Jeff & Emmy Steevens • Burton Suedel • Klare Sullivan • John & Ruth Travis • Annette M. Wilson



Remember to check the address label on this newsletter to determine when your membership dues are payable!

2nd Annual

STAR BRIGHT! HONORS NIGHT!

An evening of celebrations!

SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT

Company Name: _____
Contact Name: _____
Address: _____
City/ State/ Zip: _____
Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____
Email Address: _____

We are pleased to lend our support to the 2nd Annual Star Bright! Honors Night! benefiting Clinton Community Nature Center in the following manner:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Platinum Leaf/Presenting Title Sponsorship: The Patriot **	\$10,000.00
	<i>**This sponsorship is available on a first-come, first-served basis**</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gold Leaf Sponsorship: The Stalwart	\$5,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Silver Leaf Sponsorship: The Loyalist	\$3,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bronze Leaf Sponsorship: The Ally	\$1,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Veterans Table Sponsorship: The Advocate	\$400.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual Tickets	Number of Tickets: _____ X \$40.00

We are unable to attend the event, but would like to make a contribution to Clinton Community Nature Center in the amount of \$_____.

**Enclosed is a check for \$_____ made payable to
Clinton Community Nature Center.**

Please mail this completed form by **September 23, 2007** to:

Clinton Community Nature Center

Attn: Meredith Montgomery, PO Box 93, Clinton, MS 39060

Phone: 601-926-1104 Email: ccnaturecenter@gmail.com

APPLICATION FOR CLINTON COMMUNITY NATURE CENTER TAG (HOUSE BILL 909) 2007



PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE: _____

CURRENT TAG NUMBER: _____

SPECIAL TAG FEE \$31.00: THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR TAXES FOR THE TAG
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE MISSISSIPPI STATE TAX COMMISSION

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Please Note: 300 tags must be pre-sold before the Tax Commission will begin production of the tag.
Completed applications and the \$31.00 fee must be submitted to:
Clinton Community Nature Center, P.O. Box 93, Clinton, Mississippi, 39060.

License tags may be picked up from the County Tax Collector as soon as they are ready. If the applicant
delays claiming tag until current tag expires, then applicant must pay another \$31.00 fee to get the Clinton
Nature Center License Tag.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE NATURE CENTER **

** All events and times subject to change.

SEPTEMBER, 2007

- 19 12:00 p.m. 3rd Wednesday Gardeners
- 20 7:00 p.m. Nature Lecture Series: Terry Majure, Head of Aquariums at Mississippi Museum of Natural Science

OCTOBER, 2007

- 6 9:00 a.m. Saturday at the Center: Monarchs with Dr. Bill Stark
FALL PLANT SALE
- 17 12:00 p.m. 3rd Wednesday Gardeners
- 18 7:00 p.m. Nature Lecture Series

NOVEMBER, 2007

- 1 6:30 p.m. 2nd Annual Star Bright! Honors Night!: An Evening of Celebrations
- 10 9:00 a.m. Saturday at the Center: Singing and Storytelling with John Stark

FEBRUARY, 2008

- TBD Annual Pancake Breakfast and NATIVE PLANT SALE

APRIL, 2008

- 19 9:00 a.m. NATURE DAY

MAY, 2008

- 1 1:00 p.m. 6th Annual "Play the Wild Side" Golf Tournament

JUNE, 2008

- 9-27 9:00 a.m. Nature Day Camp
 - Session 1 6/9-6/13: Students entering 2nd & 3rd grades in Fall, 2008
 - Session 2 6/16-6/20: Students entering 4th & 5th grades in Fall, 2008
 - Session 3 6/23-6/27: Students entering 6th, 7th & 8th grades in Fall, 2008

Members are admitted to Nature Center Events free of charge. Donations are requested from non-members and visitors. Fees may be charged for workshops, labs and camps. Membership information for individuals, families, clubs and businesses is available at Price Hall, or visit our website at: www.clintonnaturecenter.org

Contact the Nature Center for information about events and to schedule class field trips.
601-926-1104

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

To renew your membership, mail this form and your check to: Clinton Community Nature Center, PO Box 93, Clinton, MS 39060

<input type="checkbox"/> Student: \$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing: \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Life: \$1,500.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual: \$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting: \$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Club: \$250.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family: \$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Life: \$1,000.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Business: \$200.00	
CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP LEVELS:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate: \$500.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Silver: \$1,000.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold: \$5,000.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum: \$10,000.00

Name/ Company Name:

Address:

City: State: Zip: Telephone:

FAX: E-mail:



Clinton Community Nature Center

PO Box 93
Clinton, Mississippi 39060



Come visit the Urban Forest!

Phone: 601-926-1104
E-mail: ccnaturecenter@gmail.com

Our mission is to provide a place for people to enjoy, appreciate and learn about nature in all its aspects.

The Center is open to the public, free of charge daily from 7:00 a.m. to sunset.



We're on the Web!

www.clintonnaturecenter.org

On the Trails ...



By Edith Kennedy

In the deep south, where we are all in the grip of the full heat of summer, with no relief in sight, the thought of spending any time outdoors is enough to make you feel a little touched in the head. I'll admit, I've been letting my flower beds go almost completely to seed, simply because I can't bear the thought of setting one little toe out in that swelter!

So, you may be wondering, what can this self-proclaimed "air conditioning junkie" tell me about the trails at the Nature Center?

Well, allow me to paint a picture for you with a single, beautiful word:

SHADE.

Never underestimate the benefits of some good walking trails and hundreds of shade trees! A brisk walk on the Nature Center's trails beats the monotony of a treadmill any day of the week. With over two and a half miles of weather-resistant trails to walk, you might even learn something in the process!

For instance, did you know that within the over thirty-three acres that now make up the Nature Center rests the site of the original Sumner Hill School? The school, built in the 19th century, was the first public school built for African-American students in Hinds County.

The Nature Center is also home to a

portion of the Historic Natchez Trace, not to mention the hundreds of native plant species scattered throughout the grounds.

If you get too tired of walking, you can always take a break on one of the many hand-made benches placed along the trails to make perfect resting spots. You won't find a better place for reading, relaxing or just quiet contemplation.

So, come beat the heat in the peace, serenity and shade of the Nature Center. You won't regret it! And, be sure to check out the new addition to the CCNC website, "This Month on the Trails", for updates and pictures of the various flora and fauna you can expect to find at your Nature Center.

• attend • join • walk your trails • find yourself

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