



Nature Notes . . .

The Newsletter for Clinton Community Nature Center Members and Supporters

Fall 2011

Stars and Stripes Over Clinton

After a humble beginning of twenty-three flags on Memorial Day of 2010, our Holiday Flags funding program has expanded by a factor of ten in a little over a year! On Independence Day of 2011, 220 American flags flew at homes and businesses all over Clinton.

Many thanks to all who have purchased flag subscriptions! Please continue to support our mission by subscribing for the coming year when you receive your renewal notice in the mail. Tell your neighbors and friends around the city of Clinton about the project so that they too can join us in proving Clinton to be the most patriotic city around!

The next major holiday for our Flag Program is Veterans Day in November. A flag subscription form is available at our website, www.clintonnaturecenter.org. Click the "Support Us" tab or scroll down to the portrait of Uncle Sam on our home page! Let's make it 500 flags by Independence Day, 2012!



CCNC WANTS YOU
To help us "plant the seeds"
of patriotism in the
City of Clinton!

Upcoming Events



- September 14 Nature Nuts Preschool Program
- September 15 Nature Lecture Series 7PM
David Morgan, MS Humanities Council
Rogers & Rodgers: Distant Father, Native Son -
The Short Saga of "The World's Only Yodeling
Rope-Throwers"
- October 12 Nature Nuts Preschool Program 10AM
- October 20 Nature Lecture Series 7PM
- October 29 Native Plant Sale
Pumpkin Trail 2011
- November 11 Veterans Day

Clinton Community Development Foundation Funds Grant



*CCDF Director DeAnna Dillard
presents the check to Nature
Center Director John Stark*

The Nature Center was recently awarded a \$5,000 Community Grant from the Clinton Community Development Foundation (CCDF) for our Play Forest project! CCDF Director, DeAnna Dillard presented the check to the Center on July 5.

For more information on the Foundation and its mission, visit www.ccdf-ms.org.



NATIVE PLANT SALE

10/29/2011

Information on available plants **COMING SOON** to our website and Facebook!

Stark Attends Association of Nature Center Administrators Annual Convocation

The Smoky Mountain Institute at Tremont, Tennessee was the gorgeous setting for the 2011 Convocation of ANCA, the Association of Nature Center Administrators.

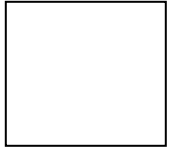
Nature Center Director John Stark drove to this mountain haven in August for his second year of nature center leadership training. Participants from across the country and Canada met to be refreshed by cool mountain air and clear streams, as well as by meeting friends and gathering new ideas and discovering the latest trends in operating a successful nature center program.

CCNC has enjoyed a relationship with ANCA for a number of years. In 2008, Jim Berry, President of the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History visited CCNC with a team of gifted, experienced consultants from ANCA. This group met with CCNC leadership, toured our site and crafted a consultation document that has helped us to change and grow.

Stark was especially impressed to find the number of nature centers around the country which host or are building nature playscapes similar to the one we are building now near Price Hall!



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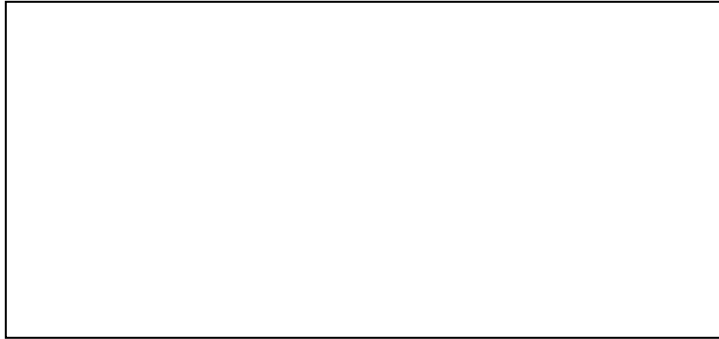
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PUMPKIN-PALOOZA!

Pumpkin Trail 2010, held on Trick-or-Treat night in the dark forest at the Nature Center was a “spooktacular” success! With minimal publicity and some word-of-mouth invitations, we were blessed to have 359 participants! Pumpkin Trail 2011, which will begin at dusk on October 29, will be BIGGER, BETTER and ... “HAUNTIER!”

During the days leading up to the Pumpkin Trail, we’ll be carving pumpkins, preparing trails and gathering materials for the big night. This year, there will also be trick or treat candy supplied by ... you! For a donation of \$30, you can come to the Nature Center and participate as a sponsor of the Pumpkin Trail. Prepare a costume, fill a big bag with candy treats and come out to the forest. As children creep through the spooky trail they’ll pass by your “SpookBooth” and cry, “Trick or Treat!” And you can share your candy and Halloween cheer.

For children and adults who dare to walk the trail, admission is \$2 each.

We will be in need of lots of help preparing for the fast-approaching event, so we invite you to volunteer! For details, call Director John Stark at 601-214-7426.



Mississippi Humanities Council Sponsors First Presentation of Fall Nature Lecture Series

The Nature Center begins its Fall Nature Lecture Series on September 15 at 7:00PM in Price Hall. David Morgan will present Rogers and Rodgers: Distant Father, Native Son. The Short Saga of “The World’s Only Yodeling Rope-Throwers” in a program sponsored by the Mississippi Humanities Council.

During January and February of 1931, Will Rogers mounted an American Red Cross relief tour to assist drought victims in the states of Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. The tour, a total of fifty-two performances in forty-eight towns, and lasting a mere eighteen days, raised approximately \$250,000 for the needy in these areas.

Mississippi’s own Jimmie Rodgers, a.k.a. “America’s Blue Yodeler” and “The Father of Country Music,” joined forces with Rogers for a portion of this endeavor, performing at only a limited number of engagements due to his rapidly deteriorating health. It was during this short period of time that the two became fast friends, with Rogers taking to referring to Rodgers as his “Distant Son.”

This program employs primary and secondary documents, along with music and visual images to elucidate the nature of the relationship between these two hugely popular icons of the first half of the 20th Century and their impact upon American society.



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