

## FORGET-ME-NOT

## Myosotis Messenger



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**WELCOME  
CAROLYN**

Those of you who haven't been by the Mill House lately will see a new face the next time you stop in. Carolyn Barker of Rensselaerville is now working to keep things in the office running smoothly. We are lucky to have her. She will be available Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. In addition to talents in the office, we look forward to her creative input for this newsletter.

Carolyn received her degree in art history from SUNY Geneseo and continued her masters work at the University of Iowa.

In addition to her life at the Preserve, she is busy raising three children, Katie, Jack, and Laura. Her husband, Bruce, owns Rensselaerville Woodworks.

### GARDENING SEMINAR

Rensselaerville's landscape visionary, Marie Hartley, will be conducting a gardening seminar Sunday February 23, 1992 at 1:00 pm. at Eldridge Research Center on Pond Hill Road. That's right, never "plop" another plant. She will discuss planning for, planting, and

caring for the flora with which we choose to live. Miss Hartley has created some of the most beautiful places in Rensselaerville. We are fortunate she is available to share her vast knowledge with us. Seating will be limited so please call Cheryl or Carolyn at the Mill House to register. Members free, Non-members \$3.50.

### CELESTIAL SEASON

By Marilyn Wyman

For those brave souls who are willing to venture out into the cold, crisp night air, you will be rewarded with a unique opportunity to view nature's oldest light display. Winter evenings provide an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with the many constellations and planets visible at this time of year. Because the winter atmosphere is often crystal clear, it provides a clarity seldom seen at other times of the year. And, there are those rare moments when mother nature really puts on a show. The dazzling display of northern lights we enjoyed last November comes to mind. So grab your binoculars or a telescope if you're that lucky, put on your long johns and step outside for the best show in town.

For information about current night viewing in the area call the Dudley Observatory at 382-7584 after 5:00 pm.

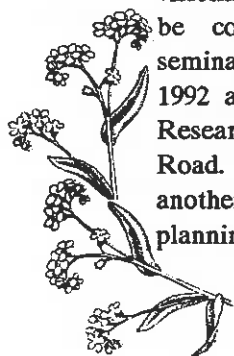
**ART SHOW**

**CALL FOR ENTRIES**

The Huyck Preserve is inviting all who have an affinity for paint, clay, pencils, or celluloid to enter your work in the first ever (as far as we know) Huyck Preserve Art Show.

This is a juried event which is open to professionals and amateurs and will culminate with a reception and exhibition at 1:00 pm on April 4, 1992 at the Waterfall Gallery on Main Street in Rensselaerville. Judges for this event are Virginia Carter Steadman, artist, Victor Schrager, photographer, and Susan Gallo of the Waterfall Gallery.

Each participant may enter three pieces which must reflect an image from the Preserve. There are two divisions: Adults and Children (high school age and younger). Call Cheryl or Carolyn at 797-3440 to receive a list of categories and specific details. The deadline for entries is March 15, 1992 at 3:00 pm.





# Second Annual Groundhog Day Winter



## Carnival

Sun. Feb 2 11:00 - 4:00

- X-country skiing
- ice fishing contest
- ice skating
- storytelling and more!
- info on winter nature

Proceeds go towards  
Environmental Ed. Programs ~

at  
Lake Myosotis  
Pond Hill Rd.  
Rensselaer-  
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### EDUCATION UPDATE

This school year has given the Preserve, a creative teacher, and a remarkable group of fourth graders from Scott M. Ellis Elementary School in Greenville, a unique opportunity to pool their talents by not only bringing the classroom to the Preserve but by bringing the Preserve into the classroom as well. What follows are thoughts of the teacher, Bonnie Persico, and some of her students.

### ON THE NATURE OF LEARNING

By Bonnie Persico

The Scott M. Ellis Elementary School has recently written their mission statement which professes, in part, that the school community "...is committed to active, reflective, creative learning." My class of fourth graders is actively learning science through bi-monthly woods walk visits to the Preserve. Each student is keeping a field journal and the topics discussed are a springboard for follow-up classroom activities. Quiet time is provided for reflection and writing. The inherent value of these experiences are evidenced in the journal entries of my students:

"...I couldn't tell the difference between a hemlock and any other tree, but now I can!" -Bert McAlonan

"...It gave me joy to be hanging that food on the trees, knowing how excited everyone was...I bet the birds and deer were watching us and thanking us in some way." -Janice Parmiter

"...I learned that a stream isn't really what it looks like at the beginning. It seems to change so much along the way." -Sarah Earon

The Preserve is certainly helping Scott M. Ellis's mission statement come alive in our fourth grade class.

### RICHARD L DONATO FUND

The Huyck Preserve has recently received an endowment in memory of Richard L. Donato to establish a fund for education programs at the Preserve. In light of the life threatening cutbacks to education in our state, our participation in the process of educating children to become thoughtful, responsible members of the eco-community while learning the wonders of science and nature is more valuable than ever. We sincerely thank the friends of Mr. Donato who have supported this endeavor and ask Preserve members and members of the community in helping us help schools bring education alive. Donations can be sent to the Preserve. Please note on your check that the donation is stipulated for the Richard L. Donato Fund.

### DOCENT PROGRAM

Marilyn Wyman and Tom Alworth are providing training to anyone interested in volunteering to act as trail guides at the Preserve or to open the Mill House on weekends to guests who wish to ask questions, browse through reading material, buy a teshirt, or use the restrooms. We have many opportunities for the willing. Training sessions are slated for early April. Call Carolyn or Cheryl at the Mill House.

### SHARING THE FOREST

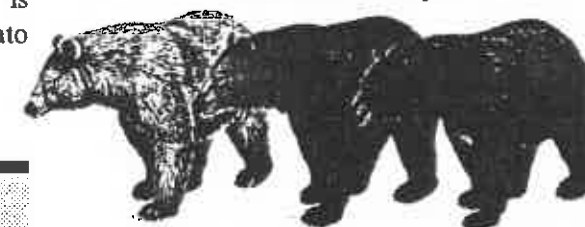
Thanks to all who helped make the tree planting a huge success. This past fall we transplanted twenty trees from the Preserve to various locations about the hamlet. Since this program began in November 1989, we have transplanted a total of ninety-one trees! We are grateful to the members of the Rensselaerville Historical Society and to members of the community who have

worked so hard each fall and spring to make the hamlet yet a little more pleasant.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It is time to renew your membership for 1992. Your contributions help to fund education, research, conservation, and recreation programs which keep the Preserve vital to the public and research communities. While the recession is hitting many of us hard, this is not a time to forget your membership. Help us continue our work for today and for the future.

Hairy, Moe & Furly



### 1992 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Circle Membership Level:

Junior/Student \$10  
Individual \$30 (Seniors \$20)  
Family \$40 (Seniors \$30)  
Contributing \$100  
Sustaining \$250  
Pation \$500  
Benefactor \$1,000

Please make your tax deductible contribution payable to the E.N. Huyck Preserve and mail to P.O. Box 189, Rensselaerville, NY 12147. Our Annual Report is on file and available through N.Y.S. Dept. of State, Charities Registration Section or the Preserve.



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