

Harmony Arboretum Children's Learning Garden

Grand Opening

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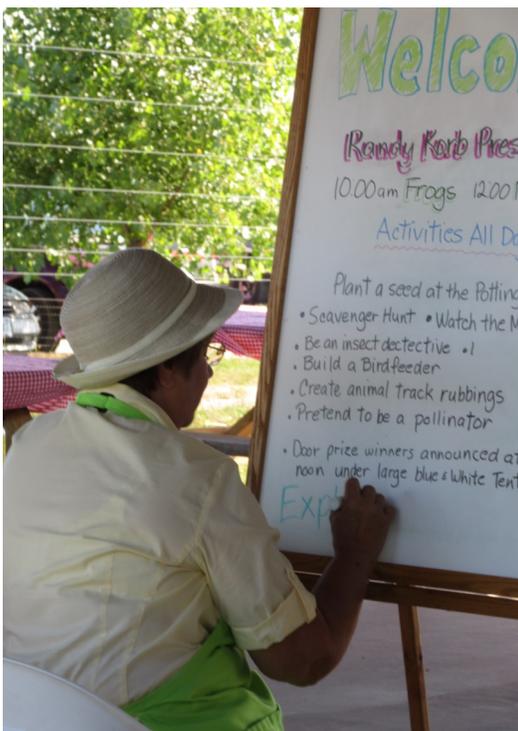




Hands on displays included mammal pelts, turtle shells, and antlers. Also many insects and butterflies preserved in cases to have a chance at a closer look.



A sensory scavenger hunt engaged the children to look, hear, smell and touch the environment.



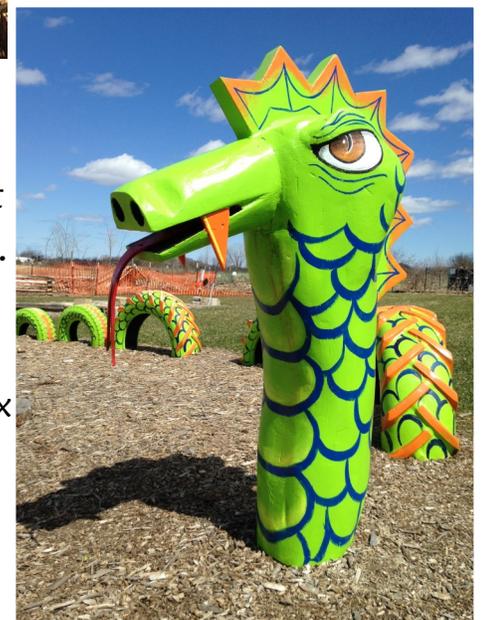
Many volunteers and community support made this event possible. Northern Lights Master Gardeners Kountry Kids 4-H club, educators from Marinette County Land Information Department and University of Wisconsin, even members from the community are just a few.





The sensory garden and sundial are just two elements of the garden that encourage the use of senses.

Imaginations were sailing with the pirate ship sandbox and the sea serpent lurking nearby. These proved to invite children to engage in physical activity.



Randy Korb

environmental author, educator and presenter



A day full of excitement with hands on learning about amphibians and butterflies!





Children were intrigued by what they found inside the Chipmunk's Tunnel. Larger than life displays and taxidermy mammals include a badger, weasels and a black bear. A cross-section of an ant colony and the life cycle of a June bug are explained in models.



In the center of the Mad Hatters Maze children imagined they were having a tea party right out of Alice and Wonderland. Cheshire cat watched as they made their way to the center.

Activities at the potting shed gave families the chance to get their hands dirty while learning about planting seeds.



'Peas in a Pod' are just one of many family fun photo opportunities.



The Little Prairie House can send children back in time to pioneer days. Small garden plots show what was grown back then and children are encouraged to pick a bean to eat or take a vegetable home to try with their family.

The Beaver Lodge and pond exhibit mimics what a beaver lodge looks like. (center right of background) This includes a viewing area to see the beaver inside its home.





The Monarchs were quite entertaining for all ages to watch. With each of the life stages in process, from egg to emerging adult, it was a very educational experience that created a curiosity to learn more!



Children's Learning Garden Donor Recognition

This piece of metal artwork was custom made to show appreciation to those who contributed to the creation of the children's learning garden. Name plates for the following donors will be installed on the panel on the right.



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