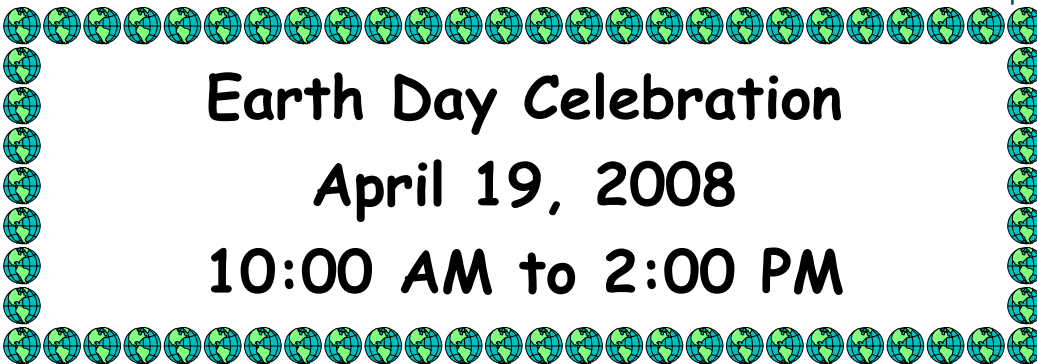




The Lily Pad

Dr. Victor Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve

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Earth Day Celebration
April 19, 2008
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Come out for a family-friendly event to celebrate the Earth! Our second annual Earth Day Celebration at Reinstein Woods will be held on Saturday, April 19.

Activities for kids will include a “green” scavenger hunt and making crafts out of recycled materials. Interactive games will provide more information on living an eco-friendly lifestyle. Visitors can learn about alternative-fuel vehicles and “test-drive” a mini, hydrogen fuel cell car. You can even help the Earth at your own house by taking a tree seedling

to plant at home!

Take a walk around our “green” education center and view exhibits highlighting environmentally friendly building features. You can even find ideas to use in your own home and sign up to win Earth-friendly door prizes.

In addition to the indoor activities and exhibits, you can get outside and enjoy guided nature walks, departing every hour starting at 10:00 AM.

Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve (FORNP) will also be on hand to sell lunch and nature-related merchandise.

As the date approaches, watch our website for more details, or call 716-683-5959.



Learn about water pollution and how you can help prevent it.



Check out information on DEC's hybrid vehicles and compare the fuel usage with regular cars.

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Nature Notes by *Kristen Rosenberg*



In Memory of Peter Losi

Reinstein Woods recently lost a good friend. Volunteer Peter Losi passed away from cancer in January. Peter and his wife Mary attended the very first tour guide training in April 2001. He was also involved with the creation of Friends of

Reinstein Nature Preserve, Inc. in 2003 and served on the FORNP board of directors since its formation.

Peter's love for nature and Reinstein Woods was always apparent. He volunteered at the annual fall festivals and FORNP fundraisers. He led tours for school kids of all ages and was always game to put

on his knee-high rubber boots and get in the water for a pond lesson. He was usually the last tour guide back to the bus, always making sure that the kids didn't miss out on any of the wonderful experiences on their tour. Peter was rarely seen at Reinstein Woods without his trademark hat.

His presence will be greatly missed at "The Woods."



Meet the newest member of the Reinstein Woods family

Environmental Educator Lauren Makeyenko and her husband Josh Wilson received a wonderful Christmas present this year!

Ruby Tallulah was born on December 25, 2007 at 4:45 AM. She weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. at birth and has been growing by leaps and bounds. The family is doing well, and their dog and cat are getting used to the new addition, too. Ruby even made her first visit to The Woods for a staff meeting in January.

We look forward to Lauren's return to Reinstein Woods in April.

VISITOR HOURS

SELF-GUIDED INTERPRETIVE TRAILS

(Visitors must sign in and out at trailhead kiosk)

September 1 to April 30

Monday to Saturday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

May 1 to August 31

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

PUBLIC GUIDED TOURS

Saturday at 10:00 AM
(No reservations required)

EDUCATION CENTER HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Saturday 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM

CLOSED ON STATE HOLIDAYS

There have been a lot of notable changes involving the human inhabitants of Reinstein Woods in the last few months. Here are the highlights:

Lauren Makeyenko named Environmental Citizen of the Year:

I am proud to announce that Lauren Makeyenko received the 2007 Paul MacClennan Environmental Citizen of the Year Award. The award is bestowed by the Erie County Environmental Education Institute to a person for their dedication to environmental quality and environmental education.

For the last ten years, Lauren has devoted her career to educating students, teachers and the public about environmental issues. At the Center for Great Lakes Environmental Education in Buffalo, she helped develop and execute five Great Lakes Student Summits. Lauren was a founding member of Western New York Earth Day, a coalition of environmental, academic and government groups that organizes the annual Western New York Earth Day Exposition. Prior to working at Reinstein Woods, Lauren was an environmental educator at Tiff Nature Preserve. Lauren also co-teaches a Great Lakes ecology course at the University at Buffalo.

Lauren also tries to promote environmental sustainability through her lifestyle. She is on the board of directors of Lexington Co-op, and she and her husband, Josh Wilson, have renovated their home, located in a historic district in Buffalo, using "green" materials when possible. We are sure new daughter Ruby will be the "greenest" baby on the block! Congratulations to Lauren on her well-deserved award.

Good Luck to Jamie Joanethis:

Environmental Education Assistant Jamie Joanethis has taken a position in DEC's Albany Office. Although Jamie was only at Reinstein Woods for a short time, we greatly benefitted from her enthusiastic embrace of Reinstein Woods, both its people and its programs. Best known for "wrangling" our worm composter, Jamie's primary duty was to help underserved youth attend DEC's Camp Rushford, an environmental education camp in Allegany County. We wish Jamie the best of luck in all her future endeavors. We are hopeful that a new staff person will be joining us this spring.

Thanks to Our Interns:

During the winter, our first naturalist intern, Jerry Krajna, completed his internship. The intern program, co-sponsored by DEC and Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve (FORNP), provides college students with some practical experiences while giving office and program assistance to Reinstein staff. Look for current intern Stephanie Neubert on your next visit to The Woods!

Celebrating a Life Well Lived:

Finally, we are finding ways to celebrate the life and passion of volunteer Peter Losi (see page 2). Peter had a great passion for the outdoors, and his family graciously designated FORNP as the recipient of memorials in Peter's memory. We are planning some purchases that are appropriate tributes to Peter's career as a librarian and his love of the outdoors. Look for more details in the summer newsletter.

Save a tree—read *The Lily Pad* online!

Do you have Internet access? Are you able to view and print PDF files? Help us conserve resources by viewing *The Lily Pad* online! See www.dec.ny.gov/education/1841.html to view *The Lily Pad* quarterly newsletter on the DEC website.

To be notified by e-mail when the newsletter is posted online, you can sign up for our new listserve. Go to <http://lists.dec.state.ny.us/mailman/listinfo/reinsteinwoods-thelilypad> and follow the directions to sign up. If you currently receive a paper copy in the mail, let us know to remove your name from the mailing list. Thank you for your concern for the environment!

Volunteer News

Volunteer Appreciation Potluck Dinner

**Saturday, March 15, 2008
4:00 to 7:00 PM**

Our annual volunteer picnic has moved to March! Because many volunteers have had conflicts with the picnic and their summer vacations, we decided to move this event to a less busy time of year.

At this event, we thank you for all you do for Reinstein Woods. Enjoy a delicious meal and the chance to socialize with other volunteers. The Volunteer of the Year Award will be presented, as well as one-year gifts and five-year award pins.

Please bring a dish to share (appetizer, salad, casserole or dessert). FORNP will provide chicken and drinks.

The schedule for the event will be as follows:

4:00 PM — Slide Show
5:00 PM — Dinner
6:00 PM — Awards

Call 716-683-5959 to RSVP by March 8.
We hope to see you there!

EARTH DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers to help with our annual Earth Day Celebration on Saturday April 19 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to help with setup and cleanup, assist with crafts and more! Also, volunteer tour guides are needed to lead nature walks. Please call 716-683-5959 if you are available to help out.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSIONS

Please call 716-683-5959 to register for any of these training sessions.

Frogwatch USA Training Saturday, March 8 at 1:30 PM

Participate in a training program to help us monitor the frogs and toads at Reinstein Woods. See www.frogwatch.org for more information about this "citizen science" program!

Trail Monitor Orientation Saturday, March 29 at 1:00 PM

The hours of the self-guided interpretive trails are extended during the summer season (May 1 to August 31). We are looking for volunteers to monitor the trails during these additional hours. Trail monitors will walk the trail to check for litter, greet visitors and turn the signs to "CLOSED" at the end of their shift.

Tour Guide Training Saturday, March 29 at 1:00 PM

Join this training session to become a volunteer tour guide. No experience is necessary, just a love of nature and the desire to share it with others. Training will last three hours. Volunteers will receive a training binder with information on local plants and animals, as well as history and tips for leading tours.

New Coffee Corner in the Volunteer Room!

Next time you are at the woods, take advantage of the self-serve coffee and tea area in the volunteer room. While you are there, check out the new "chores" board to see what you can do to help us at The Woods!

Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve – Spring 2008 Programs

93 Honorine Drive, Depew, NY 14043

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html>

Advance registration is required for all programs; call 716-683-5959

MARCH

Snowshoes and Solutions

Saturday, March 1 at 1:00 PM

Enjoy a snowshoe walk, then warm up with dessert and hot drinks while watching "The 2% Solution," a one-hour webcast about climate change: what is it, and what can we do about it? Kid's activities will also be offered.



Spiders!

Saturday, March 8 at 10:00 AM

Come learn about our eight-legged friends at this fun program for young children. Kids will enjoy spider games and a craft.

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Spring Equinox Walk

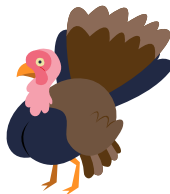
Thursday, March 20 at 7:00 PM

Take a walk on the first spring night, on the day when we will have equal hours of dark and light.

It's a Turkey Affair!

Saturday, March 22 at 10:30 AM

Come over to see turkey courtships and their display of snoods and wattles.



Sensory Night Walk

Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00 PM

Learn how to use all your senses as we walk from daylight into night.

Tour Guide Training

Saturday, March 29 at 1:00 PM

Join this training session to become a volunteer tour guide! No experience is necessary, just a love of nature and the desire to share it with others. Training will last three hours.



APRIL

Owl Prowl

Friday, April 4 at 8:00 PM

Learn about our local owls and listen for their calls on a walk in the woods. This program is for adults and children ages 6 and older only.



Owls for Kids

Wednesday, April 9 at 10:00 AM

Kids will learn fun facts about owls through storytelling and go on a short walk to see where owls live. This program is for children ages 3-5.

Spring Walk-ercise!

Saturday, April 12 at 10:30 AM

Put back the "spring" in your step to see how many steps you can reach on this walk. Bring a pedometer if you have one.

CSI: Critter Sign Investigation

Tuesday, April 15 at 10:00 AM

Become a nature detective and look for "clues" left by wildlife along the trails. This program is for children ages 6-10.



Frogs in Your Future

Wednesday, April 16 at 10:00 AM

Frogs around the world need our help to survive. Learn what you can do for frogs right in your own backyard!

Stories in the Woods

Thursday, April 17 at 10:00 AM

Listen to a nature story, followed by a short walk in the woods. This program is for children ages 3-5.

PLEASE NOTE:

Programs are held primarily outdoors, so please dress appropriately for the weather. Call 716-683-5959 to find out if a program has been canceled due to severe weather.

We are unable to accommodate organized groups of more than 10 people at public programs; please call to schedule a separate program for a group of this size or larger. If you or your group has special needs, please call ahead and we will be happy to learn how we can best accommodate you.

If you register for a program and are unable to attend, please call to cancel (716-683-5959) so that others may sign up in your place! For more information about our programs, see: www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html

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Earth Day Celebration
Saturday, April 19, 2008
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An eco-friendly event for the whole family! Enjoy making crafts out of recycled materials, learn ways to save energy and register to win Earth-friendly door prizes! You can also visit our "green" education center, enjoy a guided nature walk and take a tree seedling home to plant.

Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve will sell lunch items and Reinstein Woods merchandise.

Advance registration is not required for this event.

Night Sounds
Thursday, May 8 at 7:30 PM
Listen for the creatures of the night on an evening walk in the woods.

Mothers and Babies
Saturday, May 10 at 10:30 AM
Do snakes have maternal instincts? Which animal "dads" make good "moms"? Celebrate Mother's Day by learning about parent/child relations in the natural world!

Who Goes There?
Saturday, May 17 at 10:30 AM
Learn about the animals of Reinstein Woods, detect tracks and other animal signs, and make your own animal track.

Early Bird Walk
Sunday, May 18 at 9:00 AM
The early birder catches the early birds! Search for spring migrants in the morning. Bring binoculars if you have them.



MAY



Birding Basics
Saturday, May 3 at 9:30 AM
Don't know a sparrow from a starling? Learn how to identify some common local birds and how to use binoculars properly. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Full "Flower" Moon Walk
Monday, May 19 at 8:00 PM
Enjoy a walk at the time of year when flowers bloom during the day and the moon is in bloom at night.



Trail Cleanup
Saturday, May 31 at 10:30 AM
Join volunteers for our annual trail cleanup. Scout groups, families and others are all invited to help make our trails accessible for the summer. Bring water, sun screen, bug spray, rakes and shovels, and wear appropriate clothing. Snacks and lunch will be provided.

Early Bird Walk
Sunday, May 4 at 9:00 AM
The early birder catches the early birds! Search for spring migrants in the morning. Bring binoculars if you have them.



Conservationist Magazine Subscription

YES, start a one-year subscription to *Conservationist*, New York's premier outdoor magazine, for just \$10.00, a savings of \$2.00 off the regular subscription rate of \$12.00. I understand \$5.00 from each subscription goes directly to support Reinstein Woods through Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve, Inc. (FORNP). For renewals, please provide your name exactly as it appears on your *Conservationist* mailing label. Make checks payable to "FORNP." Please mail completed form and payment to: FORNP, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew, NY 14043

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Donations may be made to Friends of Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Inc. (FORNP), a 501-c-3 non-profit organization affiliated with DEC/Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Monetary donations are used to support the education and volunteer programs.

News from Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve, Inc.

Hello Friends,

I know winter seems extremely long, but the way that nature changes from dormancy to vibrant greens and spring colors is definitely worth the wait! Along with the buds awaiting to blossom, FORNP has already bloomed beyond my expectations as we closed the books on another year. Our total gross income during the past year was just under \$25,000, and it was recycled right back into the education center and its outstanding educational programs. Again, I sincerely thank everyone for their support and time in making this organization so instrumental in the wellbeing of Reinstein Woods.

Due to recent requests, we are currently expanding our selection of merchandise for sale at the education center, including many different popular field guides. Be sure to stop by and get someone you know a great book to carry along while walking the trails in The Woods.

Saturday, June 14, 2008, is an important date you'll want to mark on your calendars. FORNP will again hold our annual fundraiser, which will include a catered meal, Chinese auction and a special function along the trails of The Woods. We were very successful last year, and know that this year's event is one you won't want to miss. More information will follow at a later date. Be sure to attend the many programs offered at Reinstein Woods listed in this edition of *The Lily Pad*—most are free of charge.

If you have gently used cross-country skis that have not left your closet in years, consider donating them to Reinstein Woods. We have had many requests at the education center from the visitors wishing to rent skis. We can provide a tax-deductible receipt for your donation.

I would like to welcome Colette Roseboro, Joseph and Nancy Guercio, Elaine Tober, Muriel Whieldon, Heidi Reed and Jack and Kathy Patterson as new members of our organization. A special thank you also to members Tom Stoll and Heidi Reed for their additional generous contribution to FORNP.

On a more solemn note, I am heavyhearted because of the loss of board member Peter Losi, who passed away recently. I will always hold a wonderful memory of Peter, along with so many other people at The Woods who also shared their friendship with him. He, along with his wife Mary, was instrumental in the founding of Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve five years ago. Without his endless dedication and support, we would not be where we are today! He was also extremely active in all other aspects at The Woods, as a tour guide, trail steward or where ever else he could help out. If anyone had a volunteer stamp on their forehead, it was definitely Peter, and I truly believe he was proud to wear it! You will be surely missed Peter, but your legacy at The Woods will always remain...

Enjoy and respect nature,
Terry Boyle, FORNP President
reinsteinwoods@yahoo.com

Save These Dates:

Thursday, March 31, 2008

6:30 PM

Board of Directors Meeting

*All FORNP members are
welcome to attend.*

Saturday, August 23, 2008

**Family Ice Cream Social
Fundraiser**

*Look for details in the summer edition
of The Lily Pad!*

Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve, Inc.

presents:

Meander in the Morning

Saturday, June 14, 2008

9:30 am—12:30 pm

Back by popular demand, the spring FORNP fundraiser will provide a delightfully delicious morning in the woods!

For ticket information, call 716-683-5959

Why Join Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve?

- Free snowshoe rentals, program discounts and great members-only activities!
- FORNP makes the education programs at Reinstein Woods possible. Show your support by becoming a member today!



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- New membership
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- Senior Citizen (62 and older) = \$10.00
- Student (high school or college) = \$10.00
- Individual = \$15.00
- Family (up to 2 adults plus children under 18) = \$25.00
- Donor = \$50.00 (and up)

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