



Friends of Hidden Valley, Inc.

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#### 2021 – 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lisa Barnes, Melinda Black, Ken Lassman, Karen Lassman, Mary Murphy, Gwen Macpherson,  
Cindy Riling, Gayle Sigurdson, Marcia West, Paula Wunder, Lily Yu

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## Annual Report for 2021-2022

The best and worst I can say about 2022 is that *“We made it through the storm.”* I want to thank everyone that continued to volunteer on workdays and other activities sponsored by Friends of Hidden Valley during the pandemic. We conducted three workdays and National Trails Day while adhering to Douglas County and Girl Scout COVID protocol. These workdays were smaller in number, but much was still accomplished. We have now begun calling these days Volunteer Days as we come to Hidden Valley to volunteer our time, and do not want it to be associated with the drudgery of work. We have fun and enjoy our volunteer time. We lost two valued FHV Board members this year with Melinda Black moving out of state and Mary Murphy stepping down for health reasons. Melinda was the driving force in upgrading our data base of members to keep us current and up to date for years to come. These two ladies brought a lot to the volunteer work we do to help maintain Hidden Valley and will be missed. We are also losing Lisa Barnes who has served two terms and is our resident hot chick (maintaining fires).

The Lawrence Hidden Valley Committee was faced with additional responsibilities midway through the year and assumed these responsibilities exceedingly well. I have really come to respect and admire each of the board members on Lawrence Hidden Valley Committee and Friends of Hidden as good friends as we have been on this journey together.

Next year promises to be a busy and productive year as we gear up to find new projects and new funding and grant resources, so there will be many more good years to come. Thank you to all our members that have continued to donate time and money to help us keep Hidden Valley as a treasured jewel.

# Secretary

*Lisa Barnes*

Minutes for the following Board meetings were transcribed, distributed to Board members and filed in FHV Google docs drive – August 19, 2021, September 16, 2021, October 21, 2021, January 20, 2022, February 17, 2022, March 24, 2022, April 21, 2022, May 19, 2022, June 16, 2022, July 14, 2022, August 18, 2022. No meeting was held in November or December of 2021.

# Volunteer Committee

*Chairperson: Gwen Macpherson. Members: Cindy Riling, Marcia West, Paula Wunder, Karen Lassman, Ken Lassman, Melinda Black, Durand Reiber*

*Volunteer Day Coordinators: September 11, 2021, Jill Baringer; November 12, 2021, Cindy Riling; April 23, 2022, Karen Lassman and Ken Lassman*

*Bluebird Monitoring: Jill Baringer Honeysuckle Warrior Coordinator: Durand Reiber*

*Hiking Patrol Coordinator: Jill Giele Assistance with Hiker Registrations: Nancy Jorn (online registrations by Cris Bandle)*

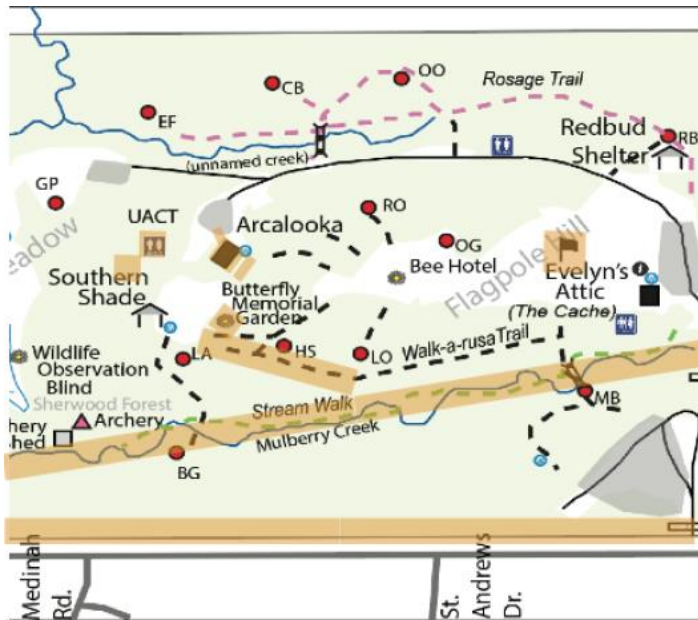
The Volunteer Committee organizes three official workdays/volunteer days (September, November, April) and reports on camp use by the Hiking Patrol (through Jill Giele), other camp walkers through the onsite and online registration (assisted by Nancy Jorn and Cris Bandle), Honeysuckle Warrior efforts (coordinated by Durand Reiber), and bluebird monitoring (by Jill Baringer). Like other Board member, we also assist with Trails Day in June.

Below are maps of Hidden Valley showing the areas where work was done during the three Volunteer Days. As originally conceived by former camp manager Durand Reiber, the September workday focuses on the east-central part of the camp (cabin and surroundings), the November workday on the west-central part of the camp (Mary's Meadow and surroundings), and the April workday on the east side of the camp (entrance and Flagpole Hill vicinity, and this year, new waterline renovation).

Besides the project leaders, Scouts, other volunteer workers, and LHVC and FHV board members, we are also incredibly grateful to the volunteers who provided first aid for the Volunteer Days (Mary Beth Petr, Margaret Townsend), and to the many who helped with refreshments.

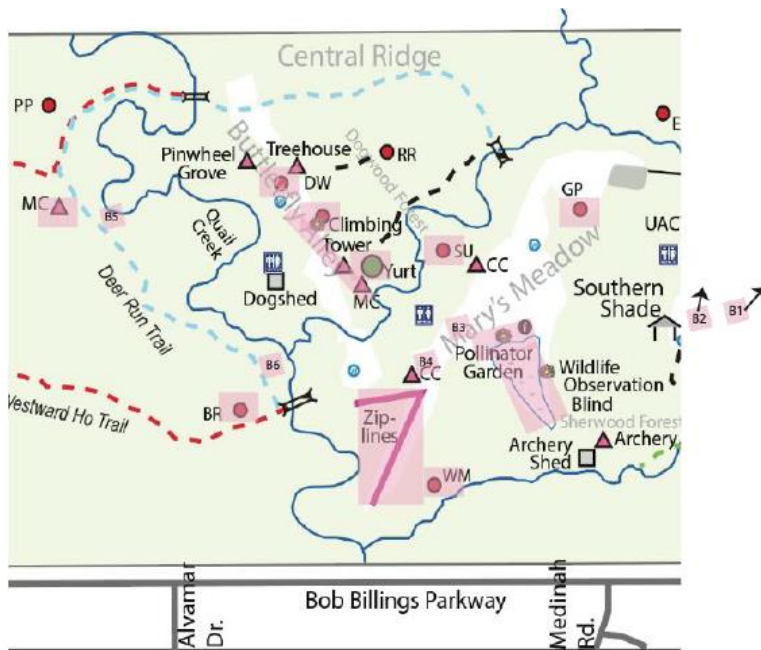
**September 11, 2021, Volunteer Day:** orange-brown boxes on map show areas worked

We started and ended with a flag ceremony to honor the sacrifices of September 11, 2001, terrorist attack. Tasks accomplished included cleaning the cabin including windows and screens, painting the underside of newly sanded tables in the cabin, garden maintenance, resetting the stepping stones, weeding the gravel walkway to the cabin, cleaning the 3-hole latrine and UACT (Universally Accessible Composting Toilet), and cleaning trash from the streams (again!) and trash and unwanted growth from the southern (Bob Billings) fence-line (again!). New-waterline-related work included removing rocks excavated during the waterline installation, redistributing the soil, and seeding with annual rye. A special Stay-and-Play event was organized and overseen by camp manager Kristin Suter.



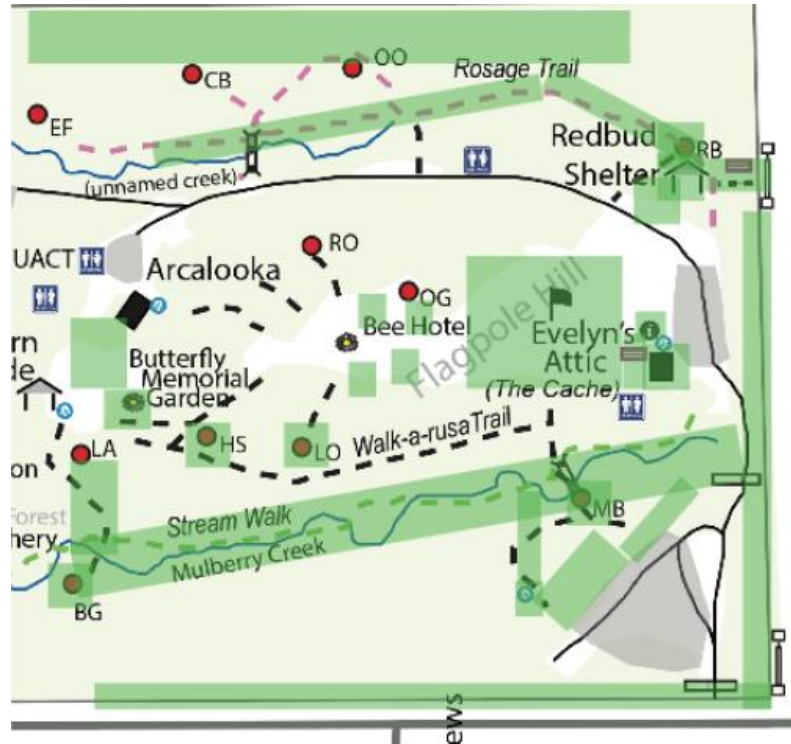
**November 12, 2021, Volunteer Day:** pink boxes on map show areas worked

Tasks completed at the November Volunteer Day included sapling maintenance, garden maintenance (pollinator garden and bioswale), wetland maintenance, bluebird box maintenance, fire ring renovations, yurt cleaning, new meeting circle cleanup on Deer Run trail, brush burning.



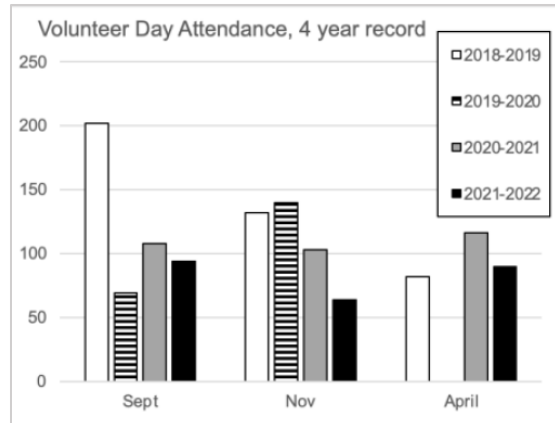
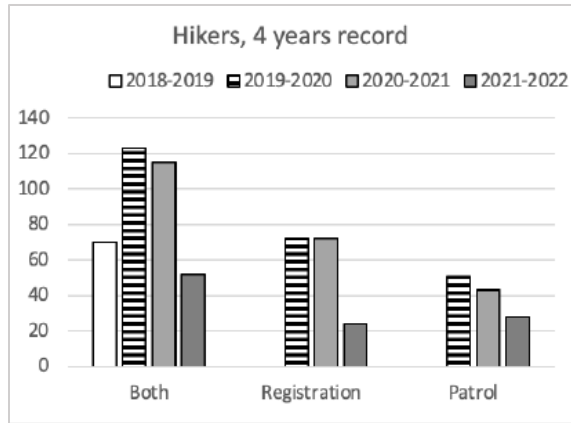
**April 23, 2022, Volunteer Day:** dark green boxes on map show areas worked

Tasks completed at the April 2022 Volunteer Day included organizing Evelyn's Attic, cleaning the kiosk, tending gardens, tending trails, renovating fire rings and moving cut firewood, planting saplings, tending previously planted saplings, repairing footbridge, removing unwanted growth along fence lines, picking up trash along fence lines and in creeks, removing sticks in mowed areas, stacking rocks around water hydrant near cell tower with new waterline, reseeding along new waterline and in the cabin yard, and providing barriers to abandoned trail segments.

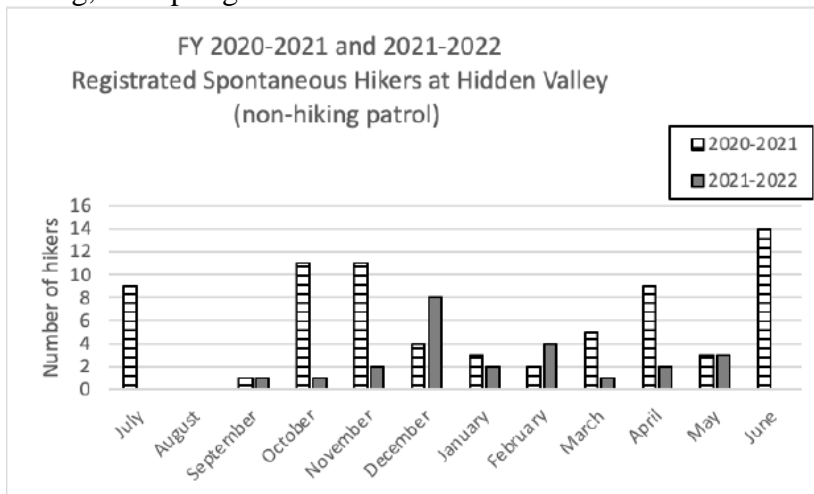


### More!

Below are graphs comparing this year's camp-use numbers to the past four years, with hikers tallied in the graph on the left and workday attendance in the graph on the right. We are grateful for all the volunteers and hikers who help keep the camp in top shape. Remember that the April 2020 workday was cancelled because of the first COVID outbreak, and there was no differentiation between spontaneous hikers (using on-site registration) and hiking patrol. For the volunteer days, we staged staggered arrival times for Scout troops as well as other volunteers to encourage distancing. We saw fewer volunteer workers in this fiscal year, but, as shown above, a lot of work was accomplished despite the lower numbers.



For insight into when registered spontaneous (non-hiking patrol) walks occurred, below is a graph for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 years. As we all know, Summer is not a popular time for hiking, but Spring and Fall are!!



Durand Reiber, Honeysuckle Warriors Coordinator, reported 196 hours of work by the HSWs in 2022 (February – May) involving nine volunteers (including four individuals coming six to nine times). Special thanks to Mike Huslig who worked at the camp on many, many days other than the official HSW days, removing honeysuckle berries, cutting and stacking honeysuckle for burning, and removing the invasive garlic mustard plants.

Jill Baringer visited the six bluebird boxes many times this past year and reports four babies fledged earlier this year. In addition, it is not yet known whether one from a second brood successfully fledged, or not.

Thanks again to all our volunteers. Hidden Valley Camp is a safe, educational, and lovely place because of you!

# Recognitions Committee

*Chairperson: Marcia West. Members: Karen Lassman, Gwen Macpherson, Mary Murphy, Cindy Riling*

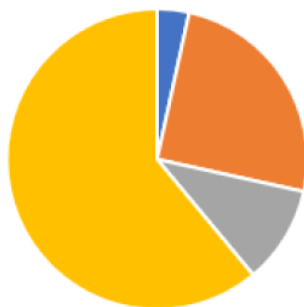
September 2021 was still a cautionary time with Covid issues. The Friends of Hidden Valley (FHV) Annual Meeting was planned with a limited number of recognitions. We said goodbye to board member Jill Baringer who was on the Board for 14 years. We honored two amazing, wonderfully talented and dedicated people to The Honor Bench, our highest Hidden Valley honor, Kyra Flummerfelt for 2020 and Jill Baringer for 2021. The end highlight of the evening was the dedication of Hanson Grove with a 5-foot-tall limestone post, sculpted by stonemason Karl Ramberg, in an area close to the camp Gathering Place. The stone was dedicated as a memorial to long time Girl Scout staff member and mentor Barbara Hanson for her work in Girl Scouting and for all the lives she influenced. Three generations of the Hanson family proudly accepted the sculpted stone and its placement in her honor. April is one of the busiest months for Recognitions. FHV granted one Troop Reward and one Mariana Remple Recognitions Award. The Troop Reward was given to Brownie Troop 2272 and the Mariana Remple Award was given to Cadette Girl Scout Katherine Stancil from Troop 5607. The Brownie troop cleaned, swept, picked up trash and mulched with a special project of donating four folding tables to the cabin. Katherine authored a stellar essay about Why I Love Hidden Valley and will use her award to make signs for the Monarch Way Station at the Lawrence Homeless Shelter. For National Volunteer Week in April, we thanked numerous volunteers. Our continued appreciation to Jill Giele and Nancy Jorn for coordinating the hiking patrol, Durand Reiber and the Honeysuckle Warriors, GSKSMO SU 716 Scout troops, KU student volunteers, Kristen Suter for hard work at the camp and Rod Hoffer for helping to make the camp beautiful, for volunteer day coordinators Jill Baringer, Cindy Riling, Ken Lassman, Karen Lassman Lawrence Hidden Valley Committee (LHVC) and Friends of Hidden Valley (FHV). The Camp is Looking Good.

# Financial Report

Treasurer: Lily Yu

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**Revenues**  
July 2021 - June 2022



Direct Public Support	\$	620.00	3.44129%
Investments	\$	4,504.24	25.00065%
Other Income	\$	1,893.24	10.50837%
Program Income	\$	10,998.91	61.04913%
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$ 18,016.49</b>	

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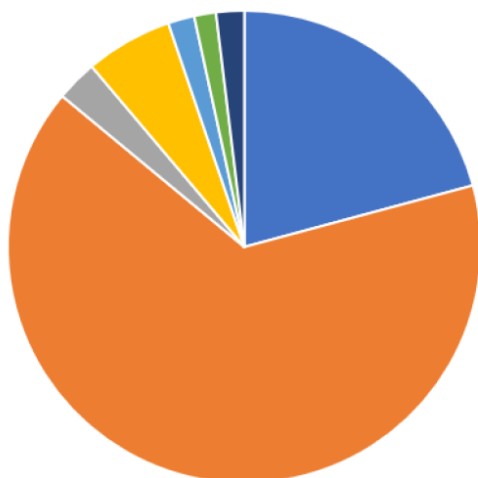
Direct Public Support		
	Marianna Remple Memorial	\$130
	Kim Collie Memorial	\$170
	Other Memorial	\$20
	DCCF Endowment	\$300

Investments refers to dividends and interest received via following sources: DCCF, Parnassus, banking accounts

Other Income refers to monies received from community fundraisers (Cans for Community, Merc Coop), Kroger community rewards, Smile Amazon, DCCF grants (from community organizations), and other fundraisers (such as Facebook).

Program Income refers to monies received from FHV member donations and Bricks-to-Bricks program.

**Expenditures**  
July 2021 - June 2022



Administrative Expenses	\$ 2,659.36	20.80671%
Camp Expenses	\$ 8,335.93	65.21994%
Membership	\$ 359.81	2.81514%
Newsletter & Public Relations	\$ 760.71	5.95176%
Recognitions & Awards	\$ 230.30	1.80186%
Troop Rewards & Marianna Remple Recognition Awards	\$ 190.00	1.48655%
Volunteer	\$ 245.15	1.91804%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 12,781.26</b>	

Administrative Expenses include: accounting fees, annual meeting, investment fees, & other administrative costs

Camp expenses include: campsite, vegetation, and southern shade fireplace

Volunteer expenses include costs associated with FHV volunteer workdays.

- Administrative Expenses
- Camp Expenses
- Membership
- Newsletter & Public Relations
- Recognitions & Awards
- Troop Rewards & Marianna Remple Recognition Awards
- Volunteer

## Membership/Public Relations Committee

*Chairperson: Gayle Sigurdson. Members: Lisa Barnes, Melinda Black, Mary Murphy, Cindy Riling, Lily Yu*

The membership committee reports a total of 124 members for the 2022 membership year. These memberships include 94 renewed memberships, 16 new memberships and 14 Lifetime members.

The committee completed three membership solicitation mailings in November, February, and June. The first two used a new graphic format and the third used a traditional letter. Gift memberships were included in the November mailing. Membership records were reformatted and those members who had not renewed for three years were removed from future solicitations.

There continue to be a limited number of public events in which to participate with an information booth. Trails Day was hosted at the camp on June 4 and well attended by the public and scout families. The Lawrence Central Rotary Club and Presbyterian Manor each hosted a program about the camp. Speakers on a variety of subjects about the camp are available upon request. Three issues of the Friends of Hidden Valley newsletter were distributed by electronic and traditional mail.