



WHERE HISTORY AND NATURE COLLIDE...

The Remington Nature Center of St. Joseph Nature News

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Partnerships Equal Great Potential!

By Andrea McCoy, Manager

It's hard to believe that June will mark my seventh year at the Remington Nature Center. We've had so many positive changes and additions since we opened, and I'm proud of the advances we've made. We have worked with so many great partners the past several years, and are creating new relationships with other organizations.

Recently, we've worked with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) on several projects. We were invited to exhibit with them at the Missouri State Fair last August, and that was a huge success. We plan to attend the State Fair and exhibit with them again this year. MDNR also asked us to attend Earth Day at the State Capitol on Friday, April 24, where 1,500 school kids saw exhibits from the nature center. It was a great day, and the kids loved the exhibits. We also received a generous contribution from the National Park Service, specifically from the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. They learned that

we offer a program on Lewis and Clark, and they have provided funding so that we can present this program to future schools and special groups.

Not all of our partnerships are with national and state organizations; we have many significant local connections, as well. We work with Creatures by Theresa (CBT), a local small animal rescue, to promote animal and reptile education. CBT is now offering birthday party packages at the nature center, and Theresa often drops by with her animals, which our guests love.



Farm2Fork Ranch in Rock Port, Missouri, is our latest partnership. This small family farm promotes education concerning where our food comes from. They recently hosted a baby animal petting farm, and the nature center was filled with people to see a chick, pig, lambs, and baby goats. We had over 600

people attend this event in February, and
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Upcoming Craft Events

1-3pm, Saturday, June 13

Design your own river and a school of fish to swim above your head!

1-3pm, Saturday, July 25

Using recycled materials, create a cool and unique potted posy.

1-3pm, Saturday, August 29

Choosing warm or cool colors, make a tissue paper collage of a beautiful, winged bird.

1-3pm, Saturday, September 26

With paper bowls, rice, a few danglers, and some markers, let's make music.

1-3pm, Saturday, October 31

Use your own two hands to create spooky tube creatures!

1-3pm, Saturday, November 28

Let your imagination fly with this nature magazine collage craft!

FISH FEEDING FRENZY



10:30am, EVERY Friday

Come help us cut up worms to feed the Missouri River fish who live in our 7,000 gallon aquarium. Their diet consists of minnows, worms, corn, and peas.



photos...



The Edge Church
Photo by Jocelyn Weir



Bayliaw's Birthday Party
Photo by Andrea McCoy



Kenly's Birthday Party
Photo by Andrea McCoy

Proudly Made in America

Article and photos by Barbara Russell, Administrative Assistant

When we first opened the nature center, nearly seven years ago, my main concern in the gift shop was to fill the shelves with nature-themed product in time for our grand opening. As time has passed, I've learned a lot about what people are looking for and what they will actually buy. One often repeated request - items made in America. With that goal in mind, I began my quest for quality, nature-themed items with a reasonable price point.

Through the years, I have found several reputable vendors with nature-themed merchandise; however, the price points are always considerably higher than my foreign-made inventory, but the quality is infinitely better, and not only is the quality better, but you can actually see the pride in workmanship, not only in the product, but even in the packaging.

Many of our guests are willing to pay a little more for a better made product, particularly if it's American-made. Is it worth to you? Are you willing spend little more, get a better product, and at the same time, strengthen our economy, bring jobs back to America, and instill a sense of pride in all Americans?

In the March/April issue of Midwest Living, there's a story about 19 Midwest companies, some celebrating 100 years in business, manufacturing goods in America; keeping it classic, local, and creating future family heirlooms. Made in America products are out there; we just have to make an effort to find them and then buy them! Some are willing to die for our country; but are we all willing to BUY for our country?



If 300,000,000 Americans each simply reallocated one dollar per day, spending one dollar less on foreign-made goods, and one dollar more on American-made goods (That's \$30 per month, per person, and not an extra \$30 per month, but where you spend it!); after a year, this would add up to \$109,500,000,000. What could the real, productive American economy do with an extra \$109.5 billion? How about 2,737,500 new jobs paying \$40,000 per year?

Come on down to the nature center and check out our wide selection of American-made items; there's something for everyone and every occasion: birthdays, holidays, and special occasions.

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the day was a total success. Farm2Fork plans to do more outreach with us.

With so many great organizations and partnerships during the past seven years, I am very excited to see where we can advance to in the future. Stay tuned to find out!





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