



The John and Mary  
Dahlem Environmental  
Education Center

**VISITOR BUILDING  
HOURS**

Tuesday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday  
Noon - 5:00 p.m.

**TRAIL HOURS**

The trails and grounds  
are open from dawn to  
dusk every day. The  
entrance gate is opened  
at 6:30 a.m. and locked  
at 9:00 p.m.

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**PUMPKINS, DOUGHNUTS, &  
CREATURES OF THE NIGHT!**

**GOBLIN WALKS**

Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and  
Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

Join us for an enchanted journey on Dahlem's trails, as over 100 illuminated pumpkins light your passage through the forest! Along the way a costumed guide will introduce you to live, larger-than-life bats, spiders, owls, and other characters as they spin their tales of life in the woods. All ages are welcome to enjoy this "not-so-scary" family fun event. A campfire, songs, hot cider, and delicious doughnuts, will greet you at the end of your journey. Walks fill quickly, so please use the form on page 3 to register today! Don't forget your



**Pumpkin Carving Contest**

Drop-off your creation between 10/21 - 10/22 for a chance to win a \$50 Nutshell Gift Certificate! Judging will take place 10/23. Pumpkins will be displayed and illuminated during the event.

**Scarecrow Contest & Display**

Individuals and Organizations can enter. Great publicity opportunity! See page 3 for details.



**for Dahlem!**

The Dahlem Conservancy wants *your* vote! "Jackson Magazine" is now accepting votes for the 2010 "Best of Jackson" awards and Dahlem is on the ballot twice!

We are honored to appear as a nominee for both "Best Place to Take a Walk Outdoors" and "Best Tourist Attraction" in the Jackson

area. Voting is simple. Go to **www.jacksonmagazine.com** and click "Vote Today in the 2010 Best of Jackson Awards" and select your favorite local restaurants, wineries, and more! Remember... every one of your votes for Dahlem will support us with outstanding

**Mission Statement:** The mission of The Dahlem Conservancy is to provide environmental education and land conservancy services to the residents of South Central Michigan.

**Donate to Dahlem  
as You Surf!**

With today's hectic lifestyle and a slumping economy, finding the time and money to make donations to the thousands of worthwhile organizations and causes can seem daunting.

For precisely this reason, Ken Ramberg (the former founder of JOBTRAK, now a division of Monster.com) and JJ Ramberg (an anchor for MSNBC) started "GoodSearch" in 2005.

"GoodSearch" is a search engine which donates 50 percent of its revenue to schools and charities designated by its users. Using GoodSearch is just like using any other search engine, and because it's powered by Yahoo!, all search results are valid.

Dahlem is now listed as a participating nonprofit, making it easier than ever to donate! Simply go to **www.goodsearch.com** and select "Dahlem Conservancy" under "Who do you GoodSearch for?". *Every time* you search with GoodSearch, Dahlem will receive a monetary

*Paw Prints is published for members of  
The Dahlem Conservancy.*

**THE DAHLEM CONSERVANCY  
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***Are You a Dahlem Member?***

If not, become a member today and you will receive:

- Free admission to most public programs
- Advanced registration and reduced rates for Day Camps and Goblin Walks
- 10% discount on purchases in the Nutshell Gift Shop
- Paw Prints monthly newsletter of events and information
- Access to trails for cross-country skiing.

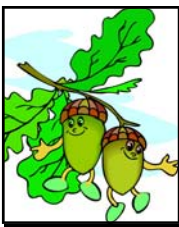
**Membership Fees:**

Individual Membership \$24  
 Family Membership \$36  
 Senior Membership \$12

**Memberships also make great gifts for friends and family!!**

**Your membership makes a difference!**

**Help us protect the outdoors for future generations!**



**Little Acorns**

Toddler Nature Program

A series of one hour hands-on adventures in nature for toddlers accompanied by an adult

Nature-based activities, stories, mini hikes, creative crafts, and much more! A new theme each month.

\$25/ month for members \$35/ month for non-members

**Mondays 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturdays in the morning (call for time) beginning Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Please Call The Dahlem Center to pre-register. Space is limited.

*Yoga Class Sessions at Dahlem*

*Mondays 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm September 14 - October 31*



\$10.00 per class. All levels are welcome.

Each class will be gentle and well-explained.

Call instructor Peggy Smith for information: 517-745-8140

**The Dahlem Book Club**

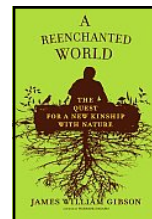
New members always welcome! Bring a friend for insightful discussions on timely topics!

**October 8 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Dahlem Pavilion**

**“A Reenchanted World: The Quest for a New Kinship with Nature”**

by James Gibson

*James William Gibson reveals in this insightful study, the culture of enchantment with nature is making an astonishing comeback. A surprising and enlightening investigation of how modern society is making nature sacred once again. Gibson finds a remarkably broad yearning for a spiritual reconnection to nature. As we grapple with increasingly dire environmental disasters he points to this cultural shift as the last utopian dream, the final hope to protecting the world that all of us must live in.*



**November 19 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Wickwire Farm**

**“Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain**

**Wildlife in Our Gardens”**

by Doug Tallamy

*“With nothing less than the future of North American biodiversity at stake, Tallamy imparts an encouraging message: it’s not too late to save the ecosystem-sustaining matrix of insects and animals, and the solution is as easy as replacing alien plants with natives.” Doug Tallamy is Professor and Chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware. His book was awarded the 2008 silver medal by Garden Writer’s Association.*



# 2009 GOBLIN WALKS Registration Form

Mail or drop-off your form to the The Dahlem Conservancy 7117 S. Jackson Rd. Jackson, MI 49201  
 Share this event with family, friends, and neighbors! Questions? Just call 517-782-3453.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices for DAY and TIME:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday, October 23 OR \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, October 24

\_\_\_\_\_ 6:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 6:45 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 7:15 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 7:30 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ 7:45 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 8:15 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30 pm

**Total # of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ + Total # of Children \_\_\_\_\_ = Total # of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total # Members @ \$4.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total # Non-members @ \$6.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total due/enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Method of Payment**

please select one

**Personal Check**  
 made payable to  
 The Dahlem Conservancy

**Credit Card** MC \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_  
 # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit Verification Code: \_\_\_\_\_

## 10th Annual Scarecrow Contest

By Friends of Dahlem

Celebrate the season by creating a one-of-a-kind scarecrow creation! Individuals, local clubs, organizations, and businesses are invited to gather up your old clothes & submit a character to represent you! Submitted scarecrows will greet 300+ visitors along Dahlem's popular "Scarecrow Lane".



**Jackson Audubon's '07 "ScareCrow"**

Tall metal stakes will be in place for your entry and straw can be provided by request (call 787-3163). Please set-up your scarecrow between Oct. 21 and Oct. 22. Judging will take place by 5pm Oct. 22. First – fifth place winners will be awarded Nutshell Gift Certificates in the amounts of \$30 to \$5. Be sure to include signage with your group's identity. Don't miss this excellent publicity opportunity!!!

**Call The Dahlem Center to register your Scarecrow Creation: 517-782-3453**

## Join Our Boo Crew!

Volunteers Make it Happen



**Where Can You Help?...**

- |                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| _____ Pumpkin Carving:      | _____ Fri. 12 - 3 pm  |
| _____ Registration Table:   | _____ Fri. _____ Sat. |
| _____ Costumed Trail Guide: | _____ Fri. _____ Sat. |
| _____ Serving Refreshments: | _____ Fri. _____ Sat. |
| _____ Song Leader:          | _____ Fri. _____ Sat. |
| _____ Storyteller:          | _____ Fri. _____ Sat. |
| _____ Parking:              | _____ Fri. _____ Sat. |
| _____ Event Floater:        | _____ Fri. _____ Sat. |
| _____ Decorations:          | _____ Thurs. 12-5 pm  |

**Volunteer's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Discover Dahlem Outdoors.....**

**GeoCaching 101: 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 10**

Embark on a treasure hunt through Dahlem’s trails! The Southeast chapter of the Michigan GeoCaching Organization (MiGo) will provide basic instruction on how to get you started and have fun with this popular family pastime. Whether you are beginner, experienced, or just wish to satisfy your curiosity, come check it out! The fundamentals of GPS selection, use, and locating caches will be presented, followed by a hands-on geocache hunt on the trails. Bring your own GPS if you have one, and there will be several units available for sharing during the program. Prior to the program a Meet-n-Greet of fellow geocachers will take place at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend and talk with experienced geocachers!

**Family Wildlife Adventure.....**

**Family Night Hike: 7:00 p.m. Saturday, October 17 (\*special time)**

Venture out onto the trails for some fun in the dark! Kat Whaley will lead a bundle of exciting activities for the whole family to enjoy under the mystique of the night sky. Afterwards join us for hot chocolate and delicious S’mores by the warm campfire. No flashlights please. Space is limited, so please reserve early. This program will be presented in conjunction with the “Cranes, Color, and Cabernet Festival” hosted by the Sandhill Crane Vineyards.



**Family Wildlife Adventure.....**

**Bats of the World: 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 18**

Step into the world of bats with this exciting multimedia presentation from the Organization for Bat Conservation! Come meet a wide variety of live bats from around the world, including “micro” bats from America and African bats with 4 foot wingspans! The presentation will include ethnic music and differing cultural perspectives on these mysterious creatures. Learn about echolocation, food webs, and the importance of bat conservation.

**Family Wildlife Adventure.....**

**Goblin Walks: Evenings, Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24**

Can’t get enough of the Halloween season? Your spooky holiday experience doesn’t have to be limited to one night! Join Dahlem staff and several forest creatures for a nighttime walk through the Dahlem trails as illuminated pumpkins guide your journey. Along the way, stories of life in the forest will be told by the creatures that inhabit our area. After the adventure, relax with hot cider and fresh doughnuts provided by the Friends of Dahlem! See the registration form on page 3 for times and information. **\$4.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members.**

**P.S.** Don’t forget to enter our pumpkin carving and scarecrow contests Oct. 21st and Oct. 22nd!



**Ecology and Environment Series.....**

**Was That Another LBJ?: 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 7**

How many different sparrow species can you name? (Or perhaps you thought they were all the same bird!) Join Gary Siegrist, People for Wildlife Coordinator and past president of Michigan Audubon, in exploring the sometimes confusing world of those nondescript native sparrows. Gary will make some sense of these “Little Brown Jobs” that can be so difficult to identify. Helpful tips about their markings and songs will go a long way toward your birding contentment!

All programs presented at the Dahlem Center at  
7117 South Jackson Rd. Jackson, MI 49201

**Advance Registration is Required.**

To Register Call 517-782-3453

Admission is \$3.00 per person

**Dahlem Conservancy Members Admitted FREE**  
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## Discover Dahlem Outdoors..... **Harvest of Fun: 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 8**

Children in grades five and under are invited to come and get “crafty” while exploring the sights, sounds, and scents of autumn. Materials for several nature crafts and fun outdoor activities will be provided by Education Director, Kimberly May. Please wear proper outdoor attire. Guardians are welcome to stay and participate or may return at 3:30 p.m. if child is 8 years or older.

## Discover Dahlem Outdoors..... **Guided Nature Hikes: 9:00 a.m. Every Tuesday**

Join Dahlem staff for an educational and rewarding hike along Dahlem’s five miles of scenic trails in search of our seasonal fauna and flora. Whether you are a birder with your eyes to the sky, an amateur botanist with your nose to the ground, or simply enjoy a stroll outdoors, all are welcome. Please wear appropriate outdoor attire and hiking shoes. Binoculars suggested but not required.




## Discover Dahlem Outdoors..... **Golf Cart “Tour of the Trails” (by advance request)**

Do you want to enjoy the outdoors but walking the trails poses a problem? Guided golf cart tours of Dahlem’s scenic trails are available with advance registration. Up to five guests may be accommodated so invite a relative, friend, or a neighbor for a one hour peaceful exploration of Dahlem’s forests, prairies, and wetlands. Please reserve your tour at least 7 days prior to your selected tour date and wear appropriate outdoor attire; golf cart is uncovered.

## Join the Dahlem E-Newsletter!

Want an email update of up-coming programs? Dahlem is collecting member and non-member emails to place on our distribution list for a monthly e-newsletter that will describe up-coming scheduled programs and announcements. It will serve as a friendly program reminder or an opportunity for you to forward the program information onto interested friends, family, and neighbors. Please email [kmay@dahlemcenter.org](mailto:kmay@dahlemcenter.org) with your email address in the subject space. Your email will not be shared with anyone else. If you choose to unsubscribe, simply email [kmay@dahlemcenter.org](mailto:kmay@dahlemcenter.org) your request. Thank you!



*Nature Trivia: What Michigan mammals truly hibernate? Answer will be revealed in the up-coming e-newsletter!*

## “Discover Your NEW Dahlem” Tours

**Dahlem is growing! Come learn all about The NEW Dahlem Conservancy! Join us for an enlightening tour of our mission, progress, and plans for the future.**

**Upcoming Tour Dates:**  
 October 6 - 4:00 pm  
 October 7 - 5:30 pm

- The one hour **FREE** program takes place indoors.
- Light refreshments will be served.
- Reservations are requested.
- Call **(517) 782-3453** to reserve a date & time
- Bring a friend and help share Dahlem’s mission!

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## Are You Crafty?

Our Annual Holiday Bazaar is coming soon, and we need your help. Dahlem is looking for people to make/donate craft items to be sold at the bazaar. All proceeds go to support the continuation of quality educational programming at The Dahlem Conservancy.

**“Nature-themed” craft items may include (but certainly are not limited to):**

- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Pottery             | Handmade Jewelry    |
| Sculptures          | Floral Arrangements |
| Woodworking         | Creative Birdhouses |
| Nature Prints       | Garden Ornaments    |
| Handmade Stationary | Pet Attire          |

If you would like to donate a craft item(s), just call the Dahlem Center at 517-782-3453. **Thank you for your support!**

*And don't forget to mark your calendars for the Holiday Bazaar! It will be a great gift shopping opportunity!...*

**Friday & Saturday, December 4 & 5**  
from 10 am to 4 pm each day!



## Cranes, Colors, & Cabernet Festival

**October 16th-18th**

**Sandhill Crane Vineyards**

**Friday, Oct 16th:** *Benefit Dinner with local food by Zingerman's and wine tasting by Sandhill Crane Vineyards. Cost is \$50. Proceeds go towards participating organizations, including The Dahlem Conservancy*

**Saturday, Oct 17th:** *exhibitors, hands-on activities, entertainment, workshops, hikes, educational programs, food, and crane tours. Presented at Sandhill Crane Vineyards and participating off-site locations, including the 7pm Family Night Hike at The Dahlem Center*

**Sunday, Oct 18th:** *Sandhill Cranes at Sunrise. Meet at Haehnle Sanctuary 20 minutes prior to sunrise to witness hundreds of cranes lift-off into the sky! A spectacular seasonal event!*

**Sandhill Crane Vineyards**  
4724 Walz Rd. Jackson, MI 49201  
517-764-3260  
[www.sandhillcranevineyards.com](http://www.sandhillcranevineyards.com)



### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

**Fitness Council of Jackson**  
<http://www.fitnesscouncil.org/>

**Friends of the Falling Waters Trail**  
<http://www.fallingwatertrail.org>

**Grand River Environmental Action Team**  
<http://www.great-mi.org/>

## Up-Coming Community Events

### **Fitness Council of Jackson** **4th Annual “Walk for Lupus”**

October 5th  
4:00 pm

The walk will be held at Ella Sharp Park. Registration will begin at 3:00 pm and the walk will begin at 4:00 pm. Walkers with pledges will receive a t-shirt. The walk will feature a light lunch, a raffle, and silent auction. The proceeds will benefit the Lupus Alliance for programs, outreach, awareness and research.

Visit <http://www.lupusmctd.com/index.php?topic=3907.0:wap2> for more information.

### **Friends of the Falling Waters Trail** **“Wildlife Marathon”**

October 11th

The Friends of the Falling Waters Trail will host the first annual marathon to support continued improvements to the trail. This marathon is the only one in Jackson County, and will begin in Concord and venture down the Falling Waters Trail towards Moscow Road, and back. The first running of this event will occur on October 11, 2009.

Visit <http://www.fitnesscouncil.org/eventframes.htm> for more information.

### **Grand River Environmental Action Team** **Canoe Trip**

October 18th  
12:00 pm

This trip will traverse through Sharp Lake and the surrounding waters of the Grand River.

We will put-in at Krupa's Boat Mart (3909 Francis Street) and take out at High Street (US 127).

Visit <http://www.great-mi.org/calendar2.htm> for more information and a downloadable map.



# Save the Date



THE DAHLEM CONSERVANCY'S  
2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BENEFIT BREAKFAST

## CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF NATURE

*FOR THIS AND FUTURE GENERATIONS*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2009  
8:00 A.M.—9:00 A.M.

Please join us for a complimentary breakfast  
& inspiring program

**Davis Conference & Banquet Center at 3576 Francis St.**  
Please R.S.V.P. by October 30<sup>th</sup> 517-782-3453

### Thank You to the Following For Their Generous Donations: (8/21/09 - 9/23/09)

Daniel & Kathy Agnello  
Myrna Berlet  
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Sandra Maher  
John & Vicki Penna  
Irene Sonnett  
Bea Warren

*In Memory of Ray Meckley*  
Glen & Marianne Susor

#### *Gifts in Kind*

Robert Sunday - Tree section for exhibit  
Sean Kennedy - Bird feeder cleaning brush  
Rod Melling - Conference phone  
Libby Greanya - Swamp Milkweed plants  
Tom Wyman - Tiger Salamanders  
The Songbird Co./James Wait - 50 lbs birdseed



### *Members Corner* (Through 9/24/09)

#### *Welcome New Members!*

Jerry Adams  
LeeAnn Allen  
Emily Curry  
Chris & Denise Darland  
Gina & John Erb  
Thurman & Susan Estep  
Sandra Kestle  
Mike & Kathy Kulchinski  
Nyanne Miller  
Larry & Debbie Mizerik  
David & Carol Saum  
Pam & Gary Schaufuller  
Natalie Shroeder  
Angela & Bob Silvernail  
Frances Stiles

#### *Thank You for Your Membership Renewal!*

Dan & Kathy Agnello

Cynthia Barnett  
Steve & Deb Boone  
Dorothy Buchele  
Nancy Burger  
Dick Burgess  
Debra & Allen Burnha  
Marcia Butterfield  
John & Jean Calvert  
Diana & Barrett Chalfant  
Steve & Linda Crocker  
John & Ann Cross  
Clark & Linda Danley  
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Tom & Jeanne Draper  
Kathleen Foster  
Carl & Denni Glick  
Michael & Libby Greanya  
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Dave & Vicki Kennedy  
Judy Dahlem Lancaster  
Jim & Sherry Mapes

Meg & Dean Martin  
Donald & Patricia Masters  
Nancy McCormack  
Jack & Beverly Mills  
John & Anita O'Neill  
Val Periat  
Vivien Rittenhouse  
Gary & Sandy Rutledge  
Larry & Judy Sanderson  
The Short Family  
Carl Spaeth III  
Tracy & David Spring  
John Stewart  
Rod & Natalie Stopyak  
Beverly Sweets  
Mrs. Alice Truax  
Larry Turpening & MaryAnn  
McCarty  
Virginia Dahlem  
Vanden Broek  
Kim & Tom Walter  
Chuck & Barb Wellman  
Ron & Anita Whaley

## Naturalist's Niche

### "Tuesday Morning Nature Group Takes Flight"

by Cody Porter

From September to October, fall raptor migration is in full swing in the Michigan area. Michigan residents have a unique opportunity to view this stunning spectacle. This is because the area near the Detroit River is located at the intersection of two major flyways, the Atlantic and Mississippi, which are used by migrating birds, especially raptors.

Raptors "ride" thermals (rising columns of warm air) when soaring through the skies, as they are actually relatively weak fliers. Use of thermals is especially critical during migration when the birds are traveling long distances and energy must be conserved. On their journey south from their eastern Canadian breeding grounds, raptors are blocked by the north shores of Lakes



Erie and Ontario, due to the fact that thermals do not form over water. This forces the birds in one of two directions: east around Lake Ontario or west around Lake Erie. Because the birds that opt to travel west eventually run into the Detroit River for a 4-mile span, they lose altitude when passing the Lake Erie Metropark and the Point Mouillee State Game Area, allowing for excellent views of various birds of prey.

In light of this phenomena,

Dahlem's very own Tuesday Morning Nature Group (which new nature-lovers are always welcome to join! See page 5 for details.) ventured to the Lake Erie Metropark on Tuesday, September 15th. Under the guidance of People for Wildlife Coordinator, Gary Siegrist, and "Hawk-Spotter", Lathe Claflin, the group spotted roughly 3,000 Broad-winged Hawks, an Osprey, a Kestrel, Bald Eagles, and Sharp-shinned Hawks soaring overhead. Another notable sighting was a Black-crowned Night Heron in the nearby wetlands.

At the end of the day, well after the group had departed, the final Broad-winged Hawk count was 10,000 birds! Such a total is only considered a relatively good day, as 50,000 and even 100,000 Broad-winged Hawks have been spotted in a single day on multiple occasions!

Many thanks go out to the expert "Hawk-Spotters" and Claflin for helping ensure that everyone present

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