



Friends of Black Hill Nature Programs FOBHNP Newsletter Autumn 2022

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Save the Date!

The 2023 FOBHNP Annual Native Plant Sale on May 6 & 7.

More details for Plant Sale 2023 on Page 3 of this newsletter.

FOBHNP Annual Meeting & Auction November 18, 2022 6 pm- 8 pm

The meeting will commence, via zoom, with the business portion of the meeting at 6 pm. This year, our bylaws require that we conduct the **election of officers**. See separate item on election of officers on page 4.



At 6:30 p.m., our **featured speaker** will join us for an important and informative presentation. This year we are excited to have Barbara Deutsch, Chief Executive Officer, Landscape and Architecture Foundation as our featured speaker.

Barbara is a dynamic speaker exuding passion for sustainability issues and the importance of integrating native plants into architectural landscape and architectural design projects.

Auction: We will also be holding our virtual silent auction to support the Black Hill Nature Programs that serve our community on a daily basis. Check the FOBHNP website for exciting updates on our auction, which we expect to open at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting giving everyone time to browse and bid on all the exciting things we expect to have included in the auction.

We hope that YOU, our members, step up and donate items for the auction. Popular items are always experiences, local farm to table products, wine, as well as books and information on gardening, native plants, birds and nature themes in general. Deadline for dropping off your items at the visitor center for the auction is September 30.

FOBHNP Bus Voucher Program



Black Hill Nature Programs offers *free* curriculum-based environmental education programs to all Montgomery County schools to include, public, independent, and home-schools (grades K through 12). The Friends of Black Hill Nature Programs (FOBHNP) is pleased to be able to specifically help support and fund this

important initiative by offering bus vouchers to Title I schools located in Montgomery County, Maryland.

Often bus transportation fees can make the difference in a child receiving a meaningful field trip or not. For 2022 and 2023, FOBHNP increased its commitment to getting kids out of their classrooms and into the park. For example, May 2022 vouchers from FOBHNP paid the costs associated with 10 classes of children coming to Black Hill Park and experiencing nature. With the increased interest in the bus voucher program, FOBHNP instituted an application process (available on our website) of providing bus vouchers to the greatest extent possible.

To learn more about the FOBHNP Bus Voucher Program, to submit a request for a voucher for your classroom and/or to Contribute, visit our website at:

[Bus Voucher Program — Friends of Black Hill Nature Programs](#)

Caterpillar Quiz: Below is a photo of a Monarch Caterpillars and another of an Eastern Black Swallowtail Caterpillar. But which is which? (Answer on next page)



FOBHNP 2023 Native Plant Sale

Saturday May 6 &
Sunday May 7



Zizia aurea, Golden alexander, a native flower with a distinct complex Umbel

Native Plant Sale 2023 to be held in person, with an online preview and online reservation of your shopping time slot. Here's how it will work: a preview of the plants we expect to have for sale will be available online prior to the sale.

Anyone wishing to purchase plants will be required to sign up online (in advance of the sale) and reserve their in-person shopping time (each slot will be a half hour). The reason for this is to ensure that customers do not exceed the capacity of volunteers at the sale and that the limited parking at the horse barn (where we expect to host the sale again in 2023) is not overwhelmed. FOBHNP members shopping hours will be Saturday May 6, 2023 from 9 am through 2 pm. Those who are not FOBHNP members, can shop on Saturday between 2 pm and 5 pm or on Sunday, May 7, 2023 between 9 am and 5 pm.

Caterpillar Quiz Answer:

In addition to the differences in markings and coloration, another way to distinguish these caterpillars is to identify the plants upon which they are munching. Monarchs eat Milkweed. Black Swallowtails eat plants in the Apiaceae family, including parsley, dill, fennel, Queen Anne's Lace and Golden Alexander (among others). Apiaceae plants typically have flowers that form an Umbel, hence the other name for the family is Umbelliferae

Monarch



Black Swallowtail



Caterpillar photos by Karoline Anders

FOBHNP Elections – Step right up !

Join our board !

Friends of Black Hill Nature Programs member who serve on the Board of Directors have two-year terms, and elections will be included in this year's annual meeting. Any member in good standing at the time of the meeting is eligible to serve. It would be fantastic to add some new folks to the Board, which can have up to 15 members and is currently only comprised of 7 members. Anyone interested in any position, or in being a non-positioned member of the board, please send an email to FriendsBlackHill@gmail.com

There are five defined officer roles in the FOBHNP bylaws, which are:

- **President:** The President shall preside at all meetings and serve as Chair of the Board of Directors. The President shall call meetings, sign all papers of the organization as he/she may be authorized or directed to sign and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Board.
- **Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall exercise the powers of the President in his/her absence. The Vice-President shall perform such functions and duties as may be assigned by the President.
- **Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep a complete record of proceedings of the Board of Directors and of the Annual Meeting. Currently the secretary also does the Newsletter.
- **Membership Secretary:** The Membership Secretary shall keep a complete and current record of the membership and collect membership dues. This involves collaboration and interconnection of FOBHNP database and county records as a prerequisite to providing discounts to Black Hill programs based upon FOBHNP membership.
- **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall keep a complete record of the income and expenditures of the organization, and shall pay all authorized bills. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties pertinent to the finances of the organization as may be prescribed by the Board. Except for small amounts of petty cash, the Treasurer shall keep the funds of the organization in the name of the organization in such bank or other depository as may be designated by the Board. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all receipts and disbursements and shall make a detailed report of the financial transactions of FOBHNP annually at a meeting of the Board of Directors.
- **Other Rolls at the discretion of the board:** FOBHNP can add more rolls at its discretion. Currently, that includes our Plant Sale Coordinator.