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Fundraising campaign

Radnor Lake visitors to get a bird's eye view in aviary



A great horned owl will be in a new aviary to open next month at Radnor Lake State Natural Area. A pair of eagles will arrive this spring.

- photo by Jenny Upchurch

Jenny Upchurch
Associate Editor

Nashville's wild oasis, Radnor Lake, will open its biggest educational exhibit in November, an aviary whose 550-foot-long elevated boardwalk takes visitors into the trees and close to eagles, owls and hawks.

The project will cost close to \$1 million, all supplied by private grants and in-kind donations. Leading the effort has been the Barbara J. Mapp Foundation and the Friends of Radnor Lake. "Without this partnership, we wouldn't even be putting in the first post," said Steve Ward, Radnor's managing ranger who has long dreamed of expanding the educational programs for its 1 million-plus annual visitors.

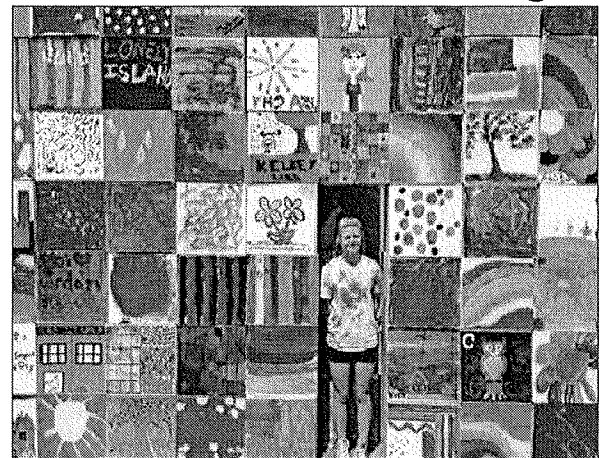
The Friends are seeking the help of some of those visitors to raise \$90,000 to match an additional \$265,000 grant from the Mapp Foundation to complete the aviary. A new strategy to let donors text a \$10 gift is part of the "Help Us Fly" campaign.

The Barabra J. Mapp Aviary Education Center is designed to bring visitors close to nature, even those in wheelchairs or strollers.

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Box mural is community art project

Fall Fest at The Hermitage



Hundreds of 18-inch boxes will be assembled into a huge mural at the Fall Fest.

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Hundreds of Middle Tennesseans took part in a mural made of individually-painted, 18-inch cardboard boxes that could set a Guinness World Record.

The collaborative art piece will be part of Fall Fest at The Hermitage on Saturday, Oct. 5, and Sunday, Oct. 6. More than

90 local and regional artists and artisans will also display and sell their work at The Hermitage, historic home and interpretive center of President Andrew Jackson and the early 19th century.

The box mural is in partnership with Metro Nashville Arts Commission as part of its

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Historic Nashville names 9 most endangered

Local landmarks face risk of demolition

Jenny Upchurch
Associate Editor

For the first time, an archaeological site that could be one of the region's largest and most significant, is among the annual listing of the most threatened historic properties in

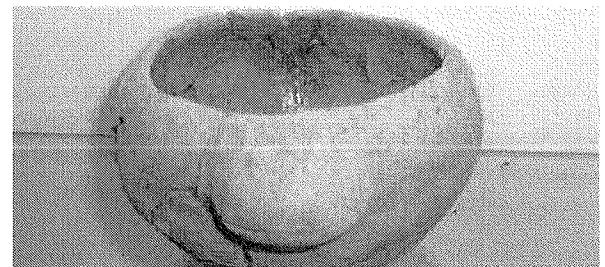
Davidson County.

Placing the site located at Old Hickory Boulevard and Hillsboro Road on the Nashville Nine list is an important step in bringing it to public attention, said Forest Hills Mayor Bill Coke, who is leading a public-

private effort to safeguard it. "A real treasure trove," Coke said in describing the site that dates to a period in Native American culture from 950 to 1450.

In 1999, when Hillsboro Road

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A Native American artifact is on display in Forest Hills.

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Friends of Radnor Lake can accept donations:

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- at the visitors center on Otter Creek Road
- mail to Friends of Radnor Lake, P.O. Box 40324
Nashville Tn 37204
- text Radnor to 20222 on a smartphone

Aviary ...

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"There's a huge need in Middle Tennessee, a huge need at Radnor" for the aviary, said Charlie Hankla, board member and former president of the Friends of Radnor Lake.

Radnor Lake began in the early 1900s when the L&N Railroad dammed up an 85-acre lake. Now more than 1,200 acres in Oak Hill, the area was first protected as a nature sanctuary four decades ago and declared a state park in the 1970s. Miles of trails both paved and dirt surround the hill-fringed lake, a visitors center and entrances off Franklin Road and Granny White Pike.

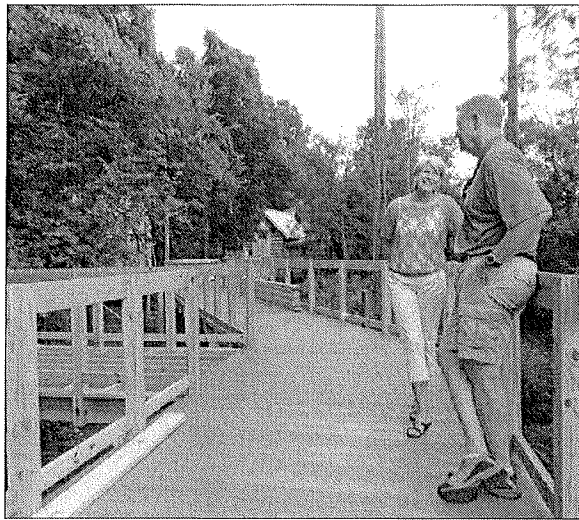
At the end of the 550-foot-long boardwalk will be an enormous enclosure for eagles. The 60-by-80-foot space will be about 35 feet tall, enough space for the birds to fly short distances. A pair of eagles will arrive next spring.

Walkways will let human visitors be as close as a few feet and at eye level with the birds.

The boardwalk will provide a view of Radnor's own wildlife, whether that's wild turkeys and deer strolling underneath or songbirds in the surrounding forest. Plans are to place spotting scopes and binoculars on the railing.

The boardwalk overlooks the most recent land added to Radnor Lake, a 40-acre parcel along Radnor's southeast boundary. The land was secured by Friends of Radnor Lake and Land Trust of Tennessee, with assistance from The Conservation Fund, then purchased by the state of Tennessee in May 2013. "You'll feel like you're walking on a sea of green," said Norm Miede, executive director of the Mapp Foundation.

To recognize his and the foundation's contributions in creating the new educational center and aviary, Miede will receive the Friends' annual Blue Heron award this week-



Gretchen Pritchett, operations manager for Friends of Radnor Lake, and Norm Miede, executive director of the Mapp Foundation, talk about progress on the Radnor Lake aviary. It is scheduled to open in November.

- photo by Jenny Upchurch

end.

Barbara Mapp's legacy created the foundation in 2009 to foster the bond between people and animals, Miede said. "I couldn't imagine a better example of connecting people and animals" than the Radnor project, Miede said. "Not just the incredible birds (in the aviary) but the additional programs it will allow Radnor to provide."

One goal is to use the aviary to expand programs for special needs children and adults, including disabled veterans, Ward said. The boardwalk has only a 5 percent elevation change, making it accessible for anyone.

The aviary will only be open when park staff are on hand. That's to provide visitors with information about the wildlife

and make sure the wild birds are not stressed by inappropriate human behavior, Ward said.

The non-releasable birds are injured animals who have been rehabilitated but can't return to the wild, such as a great horned owl who only has one wing. Special trained volunteers can assist with the birds' care, Ward said.

A grand opening of the aviary is scheduled for mid-November.

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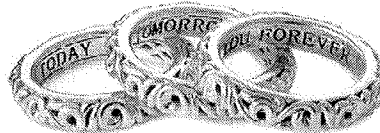
40 hikes in 40 days

A 40-acre hilltop parcel overlooking Radnor Lake has recently been added to the state natural area. Park Ranger Steve Ward will lead off-trail hikes through Tuesday, Nov. 12, to explore this crucial new piece preserving the views and the watershed that fills Radnor Lake from development on the Oak Hill preserve's south-east boundary.

To see a schedule and sign up, go to <http://radnorlake.org/>.




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