

The Gravy Infusion

News, activities, and doings from the Loyal Jones Appalachian Center



Berea College students on Mountain Day

Main Sharing

For Our Graduating Seniors

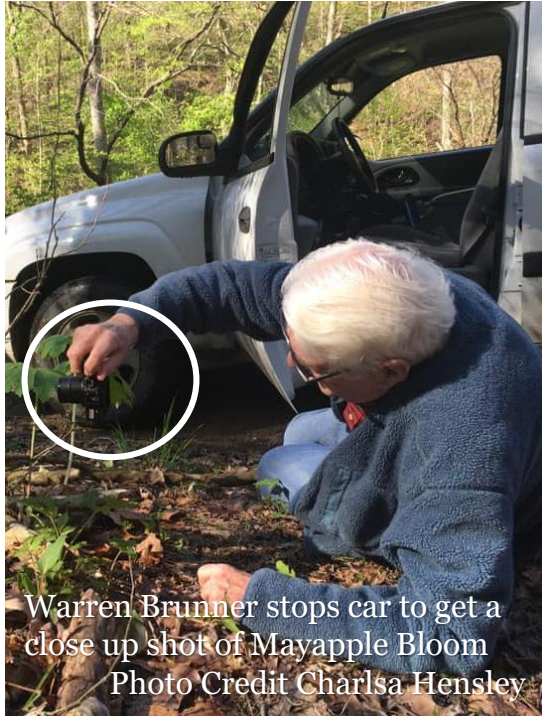


Appalachia is the most bio-diverse place in North America, and the Appalachian critters like the ones featured in this poster (illustrated by Berea College Student, now graduate, Magenta Palo) continue to survive and prosper despite threats and hardship.

Last week Appalachian Curator Christopher Miller installed this giant window display to raise morale during these difficult times, and posed in front is our Director Chris Green dressed in his academic regalia to honor our graduating seniors who have already set off to navigate the world outside of college in these uncertain times.

“When morning dawns upon the mountains, and the wide valleys are steeped in the shadows of the lofty pines, and nature seems to smile with her large, bright eye upon the world, the heart again revives.”

~ John Cooke



Warren Brunner stops car to get a close up shot of Mayapple Bloom
Photo Credit Charlsa Hensley

Creating Your Own

Make a Virtual Scrapbook of Wild Things Blooming Around Where You Live.

In the featured photograph is renowned photographer **Warren Bruner** getting a close-up angle of a Mayapple Bloom during his walk in the woods a few ago. Let us fill social media with the magnificent diversity of plants we have here in Appalachia. You don't need to go far: wild things are blooming everywhere. Some people might call them "weeds," but we call them life. Take pictures of as many kinds as you can and learn their names. **iNaturalist** is an excellent app that can help you identify various plants and animals.

Appalachia Artifact

Diverse Baskets

Note from the Curator Christopher Miller

The biodiversity of Appalachia is richly evident in the region's baskets. In this selection are baskets made of willow branches, pine needles, white oak wood, and honeysuckle vines. Appalachia's [diverse mixed-mesophytic forests](#) provide hundreds of plant materials for basketmakers and other crafters, more than any other bio-region in North America.



It's amazing what you might find in your own backyard! Just last week Chris Green found this spotted salamander on the slate hillside behind his house under a decaying, overturned tin watering pan for a dog.