

BAILEY’S ROTARY CLUB UNDERWRITES NATURAL DISCOVERIES

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Visitors at Hidden Oaks Nature Center in Annandale can keep an eye on the wonders of nature, thanks to the donation of a unique easy-view microscope – the Wentzscope - from the Rotary Club of Bailey’s Crossroads. Kid friendly and preschooler proof, it focuses easily by turning a knob either way and enlarges the view 50 to 400 times. Kids can make their own slides for a closer examination of the fascinating bits of nature they find in the woods and creeks.

And at Green Spring Gardens in Alexandria, a new discovery cart invites exploration of nature, gardening and history topics, also courtesy of the Bailey’s Crossroads Rotarians. The discovery cart made its debut with a pollen exhibit created by Julie Moeller, who is working on her Gold Award, the highest Girl Scout honor.

“We’re pleased to support the Park Authority in fostering environmental stewardship by providing some tools to encourage the curiosity and education of youth and families,” said Chris Hoecke, (Immediate Past) President of the Rotary Club of Bailey’s Crossroads. “We are also proud to support a broad range of programs – mental health awareness, student education, youth sports, and literacy programs – that improve the lives of Fairfax County residents. These are in keeping with the Rotarian motto, Service Above Self.”

