



# Audubon Community Nature Center

*The connection begins with you.*

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The bi-monthly newsletter of ACNC,  
featuring upcoming programs and events.



Audubon Community Nature Center builds and nurtures connections between people and nature by providing positive outdoor experiences, opportunities to learn about and understand the natural world, and knowledge to act in environmentally responsible ways.



## Nature Center Newsletter

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## Nature Center Hours

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Saturday  
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Sunday

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## Executive Director's Desk

Leigh Rovegno

Dear Members and Friends of the Nature Center,

We hope your holiday preparations have been happy, and that you are looking forward to the New Year as much as we are here at Audubon Community Nature Center. Once the holidays have passed and the snow begins to fall we take time to reflect on the past and start dreaming about the many possibilities that a new year can bring.

This year, we enter into a new Strategic Plan created by ACNC staff and board members. The plan is based on our organizational needs. ACNC's Strategic Plan goals include: to improve and expand the educational spaces, to increase walk-in visitation, to increase access to and awareness of healthy natural spaces, to improve the overall financial sustainability of the organization, and to develop a strategy to retain the skill sets of our staff and volunteers. There's a lot to do in order for us to meet these goals, and we can't do it without the support from you, our members.

Thank you for being an Audubon Community Nature Center member, and for sharing this journey with us. We look forward to the year ahead and we hope that you'll continue to join us as we strive towards our vision that every child within our community has a real and healthy connection to nature. After all, that connection begins with you.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Nature Center again soon,

*Leigh J. Rovegno*



The new pavilion in the backyard is part of the Strategic Goal to improve and expand educational spaces at ACNC. This project was made possible thanks to Bob and Kathy Frucella and Whirley-DrinkWorks!

## ACNC Through the Years

Audubon has changed a lot since it was founded in 1957 around a kitchen table. The following excerpts are from past January – February newsletters.

### 1960

“Dr. Roger Tory Peterson will present his lecture “Wild Europe” Friday, Jan 22 at 8:00 p.m. at Washington Jr. High. We ask the cooperation of all holders of season tickets, by being in their seats by 7:45, or we cannot guarantee you a seat.”

### 1970

“A husband returned home from work one day, and handed his wife a box... when she opened it she found a live bird... He explained that the strange bird was trying to walk in the driveway at his place of business... It was a Horned Grebe... and a milder gentler calmer wild-thing I never saw. We went to Jamestown to buy fish and shrimp for it...” (Editor’s note: grebes cannot take off from land. It was successfully released in Dunkirk Harbor on the advice of Robert Sundell.)

### 1980

“The Jamestown Audubon is introducing a new idea to stimulate donations for our education program from non-members in our community. Donors to “Friends of the Nature Center” will receive an attractive wallet size card, identifying them as a supporter of the Jamestown Audubon Society’s Environmental Education Program.”

### 1990

“Our 1.3 million dollar capital campaign is going well. We are all very pleased with the results of the JAS Family Division led by Libby Rothra. Not only was the ambitious goal of \$20,000 reached, but it was exceeded.” (Jim Yaich goes on to thank many members who are still part of ACNC today.)

### 2000

“Over 40 hours of volunteer help were utilized to reinforce the Urban Pavilion roof by the addition of 2x6 rafters throughout the structure. During the summer, with the help of two young men from the PICK program, the pavilion was painted.”

### 2010

“On Monday, April 26, 2010, the Audubon Center and Sanctuary will hold its First Ever Spring Fever Gala dinner and auction to support Audubon’s mission of raising environmental awareness.”

## Board Officers

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<i>Wild 5K</i> .....	Jeff Rupp

Audubon Community Nature Center’s Board of Directors, Chairs, and Committee Members are volunteers.

Thank you to those listed above who contribute time, thought, and energy to help ACNC run smoothly and effectively.



Detail of 2019 Field Guide Worthy category winner Zachary Gray's photograph, *Pyrrhuloxia*.

## ACNC 12th Annual Photo Contest

The 12th Annual ACNC Photo Contest opens February 1, 2020 with a deadline to submit of June 28, 2020. This year's judge, Alex Shipherd, selected the categories for the contest.

### Wildlife Portraits:

Any wild animal. No photos of animals in captivity, such as pets, zoos, or rehab animals.

### Macro Abstracts:

Close-up shots of anything that is natural/wild such as flowers, insects, leaves, water droplets, eyes/feathers of animals, close-up textures in nature, etc.

### Habitats and Landscapes:

Places that any wild animals live in and/or waterfalls, sunsets, mountains, etc.

For details about the contest, visit:

[acncphotocontest.com](http://acncphotocontest.com)

For more information about Alex, visit:

[facebook.com/AlexShipherdPhotography](https://facebook.com/AlexShipherdPhotography)

## The Healthy Connection

Time spent in nature is beneficial for human health. In that spirit and the resolution of the new year, ACNC is offering a series of programs designed to increase your connection with nature to create a healthier self.

ACNC is offering a variety of programs so everyone can find their niche. Winter Walking Meditation outdoors, indoor Family Yoga, indoor Guided Mind and Body Meditation, and a Return of the Light program that combines many of the previously mentioned elements. Certified instructors Loretta Cheney and Karen Hansen teach these classes.

In addition, ACNC is hosting Winter Hike and Yoga programs (December 28, January 25, February 29) and a Fun Friday Full Moon Hike and Yoga (January 10) offered by Samsara Yoga Center. More information and registration for these is available on their website, [samsarayogacenter.com](http://samsarayogacenter.com).

Finally, The Lost Words is a program series that uses a different form of connection, that of poetry, music, and art. Through the book, "*The Lost Words*," and activities surrounding it, people strengthen their emotional connection to nature. This program runs the third Saturday of every month and features two spells each month.

See pages 5 and 6 for more program details.



# Programs and Events

## January – February 2020



## Snowflake Festival (All)

Saturday, February 1, 2020  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*No reservations required.*

**Special Information:** *This event takes place indoors and out. Dress for the weather to experience all that is offered.*

Winter is wonderful — for hiking, making, and exploring. You can do all three and more at ACNC's Snowflake Festival. Meet live animals, take a guided winter hike, or make some items indoors while you learn about what you're making.

Admission includes many of the activities including guided hikes, snowshoe trials, many of the make-and-take items, winter scavenger hunt, taste-testing maple syrup, and meeting the live animals. Most exhibits are open including the Third Floor Nature Play Area.

Food is available from 3 C's food truck and there are a number of other activities like making a nest box for wildlife available for a nominal fee. You could stay for hours and many visitors do. Check ACNC's website for updated information on vendors and activities.

**Thank You, Sponsors:** *(as of printing)*

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## Intended Audience Key

**Adult** = designed for adults

**Adult +** = designed for adults, mature, and interested children 9 and up when accompanied by an adult.

**All** = Something for everyone, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Children** = designed for kids — drop them off and pick them up later.

## Friday 3

### First Friday (Adult)

*Eastern Hellbenders:  
Ancient Salamanders of New York*

11:00 a.m. – noon

\$8 Adults; \$6 Nature Center members

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

The Hellbender is the largest salamander in the region, reaching lengths of up to 29 inches. They live locally in larger rivers and were recently made Pennsylvania's state amphibian. Retired NYSDEC biologist Ken Roblee will share his knowledge of and experiences with this species.

**Special information:** *Bring your own brown bag lunch for after the program. ACNC provides coffee and tea.*

## Saturday 4

### Birdfeeder and Birdseed Make-and-Take (All)

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

\$6 per person

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

Create a feeding stop for your feathered friends by making a homemade birdfeeder and special blend of birdseed. This project is part of the Make-and-Take series at Audubon. In each program participants create a project to take home, often using natural or recycled materials.

**Special Information:** *This is a self-guided activity. Basic materials are provided but you are welcome to bring additional materials.*

## Thursday 9

### Winter Walking Meditation (Adult)

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

\$16 Adults

\$12 Nature Center members

*Paid reservations required by January 8.  
Walk-ins accepted if room, call for availability.  
Also happening on Thursday, February 13.*

Walking meditation allows us to find calm and connection through movement, breath, mindfulness and nature.

**Special Information:** *Please dress for the weather, this is an outdoor walking program.*

## Saturday 11

### Little Explorers (Children 3 – 8 with an adult)

*Winter Wonderland*

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$8 Adults; \$6 Nature Center members

\$6 Children 3 – 8

*Paid reservations required by January 9.*

You might be surrounded by it every winter, but have you ever taken a closer look at the snow? Learn more about how it is formed, and its unique structure from the smallest snowflake to the largest snow bank.

**Special Information:** *This program takes place rain, snow, or shine, please dress for the weather.*

## Thursday 16

### Family Yoga (Children ages 4 – 15 and adults)

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

\$16 Adults; \$12 Nature Center members

\$9 Children 4 – 15

*Paid reservations required by January 14.  
Walk-ins accepted if room, call for availability.*

Certified Kidding Around Yoga instructor, Loretta Cheney, will be hosting a one-hour, Family Yoga class at ACNC in January and February.

**Special Information:** *Please come in or bring comfortable clothing.*

## Saturday 18

### Introduction to the Lost Words (All)

11:00 a.m. – noon program

Open house exploration until 3:00 p.m.

Free for Doors Open Jamestown

*No reservations required.*

“Once upon a time, words began to vanish from the language of children...” Words like acorn, heron, otter. Learn more about these words, the book that brought it all to light, and ways you can bring the words back to the world.

## Thursday 23

### Three Pillars of Meditation (Adults)

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

\$16 Adults; \$12 Nature Center members

*Paid reservations required by January 21.  
Walk-ins accepted if room, call for availability.  
Also happening on February 27.*

End the day and begin the evening by reducing stress in a natural setting through meditation and mindfulness. Learn about the Three Pillars of Meditation with Loretta Cheney.

**Special Information:** *Bring a warm blanket if you have one.*

## Monday 27

### Birdseed Orders Due

See included brochure for more info.



## Saturday 1

### Snowflake Festival (All)

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

\$8 Adults; \$6 Nature Center members  
\$6 Children 3 – 15; free 2 and under

See page 4 for more info.

## Friday 7

### First Friday (Adult)

*The Stealth Invasive:  
Spotted-winged Drosophila*

11:00 a.m. – noon

\$8 Adults; \$6 Nature Center members  
*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

The Spotted-winged Drosophila is an invasive insect that few have heard of, but which is making a big impact. Learn more about this invasive insect that has arrived in the region only recently. Scott Stoleson, a biologist with the US Forest Service, has been researching this invasive pest.

**Special Information:** Enjoy a program followed by a brown bag lunch. Audubon will provide coffee and tea. You provide good company to have lunch with.

## Saturday 8

### Little Explorers (Children 3 – 8 with an adult)

*Tracks and Traces*

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$8 Adults; \$6 Nature Center members  
\$6 Children 3 – 8

*Paid reservations required by February 6.*

The forest is full of animal activity, but catching a glimpse of the animal is not always easy. Come and use your detective skills to look for clues and explore different ways to discover what creatures have been hanging around.

**Special Information:** This program takes place rain, snow, or shine, please dress for the weather.

### Winter Birdseed Sale Pick Up

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*Orders are due by January 27.*

## Sunday 9

### The Return of the Light (Adult)

*A Wheel of the Year program*

1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

\$32 Adults; \$24 Nature Center members

*Paid reservations required by February 7.  
Walk-ins accepted if room, call for availability.*

The light feels as if it truly returns at the beginning of February. A series of activities and lessons by Karen Hansen of Samsara Yoga Center will enlighten and enliven you and your connection to the natural world.

## Thursday 13

### Winter Walking Meditation (Adult)

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

\$16 Adults; \$12 Nature Center members

*Paid reservations required by February 12.  
Walk-ins accepted if room, call for availability.*

See January 9 listing for more info.

**Special Information:** Please dress for the weather, this is an outdoor walking program.

## Saturday 15

### The Lost Words (Adult+)

*Heron and Weasel*

11:00 a.m. – noon

\$8 Adults; \$6 Nature Center members  
\$6 Children 9 – 15

*Paid reservations required by February 13.*

Stately, sneaky, fierce, and fluid: the heron and the weasel both embody these traits and more. Learn more about these animals, read their spells, play with words, and give them back the power of their names.



## Monday 17

### Snow Camp (Children 4 – 12)

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\$40 Children  
\$30 Nature Center members  
\$5 sibling discount

*Paid reservations required by February 14 at noon.*

See page 7 for more info.

**Special Information:** Children should come prepared to go outside, with a complete change of clothes and extras of items that tend to get wet. A bag lunch and water bottle are also needed.

## Thursday 20

### Family Yoga (Children ages 4 – 15 and adults)

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

\$16 Adults; \$12 Nature Center members  
\$9 Children 4 – 15

*Paid reservations required by February 18.  
Walk-ins accepted if room, call for availability.*

See January 16 listing for more info.

## Thursday 27

### Three Pillars of Meditation (Adults)

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

\$16 Adults; \$12 Nature Center members

*Paid reservations required by February 25.  
Walk-ins accepted if room, call for availability.*

See January 23 listing for more info.

## Saturday 29

### The Great Leap Day (All)

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

\$8 Adults; \$6 Nature Center members  
\$6 Children 3 – 15; free 2 and under

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

Leap Day comes but once every four years and this is the year. Visit with live animals that hop, jump, and leap. Learn about cycles of flora and fauna, some every year, some every other, and some every 17 years. Participate in leaping challenges and play leaping games.

## Snow Camp

(Children 4 – 12)

February 17, 2020

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\$40 Children

\$30 Nature Center members

\$5 Sibling discount

*Paid reservations required by Friday, February 14, 2020 at noon.*

**Special Information:** Children should come prepared to go outside, with a complete change of clothing and extras of things that tend to get wet like mittens, gloves, socks, and pants. A non-refrigerated lunch and water bottles are needed too.



Children can enjoy a day at Audubon playing in the snow, exploring nature, or creating winter art. Along the way, they will learn about nature and all the cool activity that occurs during the snowier months of the year. Children will be in age groups for some activities and in larger groups for others.

### Program Registration

- Online at [auduboncnc.org](http://auduboncnc.org) • Phone: (716) 569-2345
  - By mail with credit card information or a check payable to ACNC
- Audubon Community Nature Center**  
1600 Riverside Road,  
Jamestown, NY, 14701

### Refund Policy

- If Audubon Community Nature Center cancels the program, students receive full refunds.
- If a student cancels **before** the deadline, a refund, with \$5 withheld as a processing fee, will be made.
- If a student cancels **after** the deadline, no refund will be made, but ACNC still needs to know of your cancellation.

*Note: Programs may be cancelled if there are not enough registered. Register early to ensure the class fills. Some programs have limited enrollment.*

## Audubon Exclusives

These special services and events are offered as fundraisers by ACNC staff, volunteers, members, and friends. Consider supporting Audubon by participating in one of these opportunities. To learn more and reserve your exclusive, visit or call: [auduboncnc.org/exclusives](http://auduboncnc.org/exclusives) (716) 569-2345



### Saturday, January 11

#### Winter Walk and Wine Tasting

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

\$35 per person (Adults 21+ only)

*Paid reservations required by January 5 by 5 p.m.*

Too often people find themselves hibernating indoors all winter, when a world of wonder lies just outside in the snow. Explore the winter world on a naturalist-led hike through the woods. Warm up afterwards while enjoying a selection of wine tastings provided by trained staff members of Bag and String Wine Merchants.

### Wednesday, January 22

#### A Feast for the Beasts

4:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Share a feast for the beasts with Audubon at Miller's Coconut Grove in Frewsburg. Enjoy good food and drinks and help support the education animals of ACNC.

### Date TBD When Reserved

#### Raised Bed Starter

\$230 per raised bed (5 available)

*Paid reservations required by February 29.*

The Boutwells will construct a raised bed and help you get it ready to plant. Compost, lime, and peat moss are included (top soil not included).





## Groundhogs

Sarah Hatfield, Education Coordinator

Have you ever heard of a Whistle-pig? It is a mammal that lives around here, I'm sure you've seen one. Other names are Woodchuck, Groundhog, Marmot, and sometimes Gopher. It is neither hog nor gopher, however. Groundhogs are actually the largest squirrel in the region.

These lumbering ground squirrels have many of the family characteristics — a varied diet of mostly plants, two long front incisors, strong claws, and a bushy tail. Rather than being designed to climb, though, they are built to dig. With a flattened rib cage and skull, they can power through the earth to create tunnel systems.

Their main entry tunnel usually has a prominent mound of dirt outside on which the Groundhog can perch on and survey for danger. They create several “drop holes” in their tunnel system, which are inconspicuous to provide both emergency escape and places from which to survey. These animals usually stay within a half mile or so of their territory.

In the winter, Groundhogs hibernate. They build up an extreme layer of fat before cold sets in and den up by the end of November. A Groundhog's body temperature falls to 40 degrees Fahrenheit and its heart rate drops to a mere four beats per minute. The males may emerge from hibernation as early as February to look for mates and often fight aggressively with each other.

Groundhogs are primarily found in fields, pastures, and along woodland edges. While they can survive in forests, they rarely build up significant populations. They are one species that benefits from the human activities of farming and clearing land, and don't seem to mind living in proximity to humans. Perhaps you have one near your home, especially if you have a garden!



**Top:** A Groundhog's diet is mostly plant based. *Photo by Dave Cooney.*  
**Bottom Left:** A wet Groundhog next to the Nature Center in the early spring.  
**Bottom Right:** A Groundhog's main entry tunnel leading into its burrow. Each burrow system can be extensive with a main nesting area, a “bathroom” area, and additional chambers.



# Groundhog Day Word Search



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Groundhog  
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Holiday  
Mammal  
Pennsylvania  
Prediction  
Punxsutawney

Phil  
Rodent  
Shadow  
Sign  
Six Weeks

Spring  
Underground  
Weather  
Winter

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## Membership Program Updates

Membership is a special way of expressing your commitment to ACNC's mission of building and nurturing people's connections to nature. When you purchase a membership, you say, "I belong! I'm part of a community that values learning about, spending time in, and protecting the natural world."

Effective April 1, 2020, there will be a few updates to ACNC's membership program. The prices for some levels will increase modestly in order to better meet the needs of the organization, which continue to grow each year. The benefits will also expand and be more clearly defined.

All members will receive further information detailing the new structure and pricing in the coming month. This information will also be posted on the website at: [auduboncnc.org/memberships](https://auduboncnc.org/memberships).

In the meantime, members can renew as early as six months before their expiration date to take advantage of the current pricing structure. As always, ACNC is grateful for its members and the support that they provide the organization. Thank you!



A family enjoying time together in the Nature Play Area on a winter afternoon.

## Day Camp Registration

The camp sessions for 2020 are set and open for member registration starting January 1, 2020. Non-members may register beginning February 1. ACNC is continuing their efforts to actively engage children with the outdoors through play-based camps, with plenty of opportunities for campers to learn and grow. More information is available at [auduboncnc.org/daycamp](https://auduboncnc.org/daycamp).

## Summer Job Opportunities

So much happens during the summer months that Audubon has to add staff members. To help with educational programming through the spring and summer, Audubon hires Nature Education Interns. Invasive species are still a concern on the grounds so Audubon will also hire Invasive Species personnel to help combat the high-priority invasives. Check the website [auduboncnc.org/jobs](https://auduboncnc.org/jobs) for details and position openings beginning January 1, 2020.



Day camp is a wonderful way for children to explore and learn about nature.

## Welcome New Nature Center Members

Joined between May 4 and October 31, 2019

### Sustaining

Mrs. Lois T. Galloway — Lakewood, NY  
Bill and Mary McFarland — Russell, PA

### Family

Joshua and Amanda Adkins  
— Cattaraugus, NY  
Kelly Drago Amatuzzo — Jamestown, NY  
Tim and Rachel Anderson — Jamestown, NY  
Melinda Arrance — Stockton, NY  
Heather, Nate, and Piper Bennett  
— Parker, CO  
Laura and Richard Bierbower  
— Sugar Grove, PA  
Kelly and Thomas Blake — Lakewood, NY  
Misty Boe — Kennedy, NY  
Erin Butzer — Frewsburg, NY  
David and Sharon Chertoff  
— Bemus Point, NY  
Corey Chipman — Jamestown, NY  
Erin Comstock — Randolph, NY  
Charity Crossley — Jamestown, NY  
Lorraine Diggs — Jamestown, NY  
Stephanie Dipenti — Russell, PA  
Mary Eckwahl — Lakewood, NY  
Andrea and Lee Finch — Frewsburg, NY  
Mary and Dennis Franklin — Jamestown, NY  
Victor Garcia — Jamestown, NY  
Leslie Hoisington — Sugar Grove, PA  
Damian Horner and Ashley VanEpps  
— Warren, PA  
Andrea Latona — Frewsburg, NY  
Evelyn J. Myers and her parents  
— Randolph, NY  
Sarah Malinoski Umberger  
— Bemus Point, NY  
Jessica McGuire — Warren, PA  
Priscilla and David Menzies  
— Lakewood, NY  
Diana Miller — Hickory, PA

Timothy Muffitt — Ann Arbor, MI  
James R. Nary, Jr. — Jamestown, NY  
Zachary and Cherise Penhollow  
— Jamestown, NY  
Jonathan and Gretchen Poirier — Warren, PA  
Sara Rafaloski and Carrie Snow  
— Jamestown, NY  
Darlene Roberts — Dunkirk, NY  
John and Pamela Sander — Amherst, NY  
Ronald and Sandra Schifano  
— Jamestown, NY  
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Marshall Sherer — Russell, PA  
Kayla Sherman and Orlo Bartholomew  
— Kennedy, NY  
Danielle Skeates — Frewsburg, NY  
Tom Smith — Spring Creek, PA  
Lori and Donald Stearns — Russell, PA  
Julie Stronz — Jamestown, NY  
Marianne Swartz — Franklinville, NY  
Karlee Szympruch — Pleasantville, PA  
Kevin and Faith Thomas — Russell, PA  
Chris and Danni Wahl — Jamestown, NY  
Shelley Ward — Warren, PA  
Pamela Wassell — Erie, PA  
Vanessa Weinert — Jamestown, NY  
Stephanie Wharton — Russell, PA  
Bekah Windsor — Dewittville, NY  
Olivia E Zawacki — Warren, PA  
Katie and Jon Zimmer — Mayville, NY

### Individual

Annika Anderson — Salamanca, NY  
Kimberly Baker — Salamanca, NY  
Tammie Bullis-Lacki — Sinclairville, NY  
Rhonda Crippen — Sugar Grove, PA  
Emily Garrick — Lakewood, NY  
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Sherry Griffiths — Warren, PA  
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## Ryan Exline Memorial Scholarship Available

Do you know someone going into an environmental field? Audubon offers a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior or JCC student that is going into an environmental field. Applications for the scholarship are due on **March 18**. For more information, visit [auduboncnc.org/scholarships](http://auduboncnc.org/scholarships).

Audubon offers this annual scholarship in honor of Ryan Exline. Ryan was a student, volunteer, and intern at Audubon who helped in numerous ways, from animal care, to gardening, and education programs.



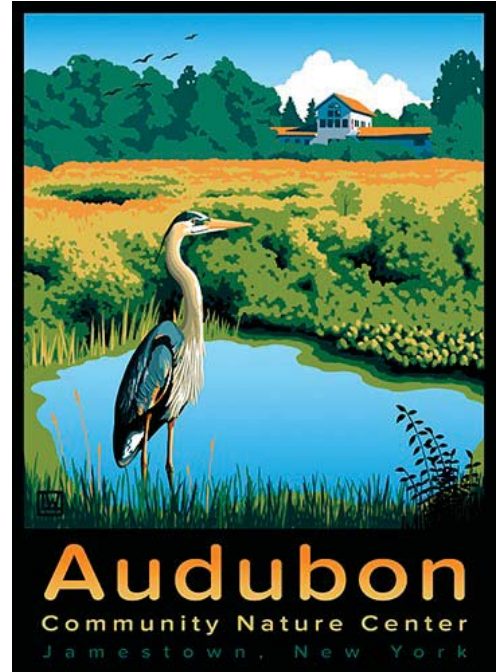
## New to the Blue Heron Gift Shop: Audubon Art Items

ACNC recently partnered with an artist from Rochester, New York to create an artistic image that will be used to promote Audubon Community Nature Center.

After getting her degree in art and spending several years as a graphic designer and commercial illustrator, Laura Wilder discovered the designs and philosophy of the Arts and Crafts movement. Inspired, she learned printmaking, and submitted her vintage-style block prints to the Roycroft Renaissance Jury. The jury certified her as a Roycroft Renaissance Artisan, and soon elevated her to Master Artisan. Twenty years later, she continues to make block prints and paintings inspired by the beauty in nature, the Arts and Crafts Movement, and the sweet, simple things in life. More of Laura's artwork can be found online at [laurawilder.com](http://laurawilder.com).

Laura's ACNC artistic image was funded by a generous donor who is both a member and supporter of Audubon Community Nature Center in addition to being a long-time fan of Laura's artwork. The image celebrates ACNC's history and growth through a timeless artistic image that will be used in ACNC's marketing and Blue Heron Gift Shop.

Stop by the Nature Gift Shop and check out the new merchandise!



ACNC Artwork by Laura Wilder.

## Birdseed Sale

Orders for the winter Birdseed Sale are due by **Monday, January 27**. Order at [auduboncnc.org](http://auduboncnc.org), use the birdseed sale form and send by mail or call. Pick up your seed at the Nature Center on **Saturday, February 8** from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Conewango Blend, every bird's favorite birdseed, is always available in Audubon's Blue Heron Gift Shop.

You can also find Conewango Blend year round at:

- Ashville General Store, *Ashville, NY*
- Howe's True Value, *Warren, PA*
- Lakewood Apothecary, *Lakewood, NY*
- Lighthouse Point Grocery, *Mayville, NY*
- Oneida Lumber, Ace Hardware, *Warren, PA*
- Russell Veterinary Hospital, *Russell, PA*
- Wegmans, *Jamestown, NY*



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Long-eared Owl. Photo by Jeff Tome.