



# 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

*Trails are open from dawn to dusk.*



## President's Desk

Ruth Lundin

The last few months have been full of positive energy and planning, all efforts to form a complete mosaic as change looms large. For those who have not heard, I recently announced my retirement as President of Audubon Community Nature Center. This has set in motion several initiatives. A transition committee was appointed, with staff and board, to make sure everything is in place to ensure the best welcome for a new leader and continued success for the organization. A search committee formed, consisting of board, staff, volunteers and members intimately associated with the organization. We are working to better define who we are, so the new director has a clear sense of the organization he or she will lead.

Audubon Community Nature Center offers a dynamic organization in a community that offers the best in cultural and natural attractions. The call has gone out nationally, and we expect a strong response.

One remaining piece to the mosaic is providing strong financial momentum to set the new leader up for success. Internally we are working hard to establish a sound plan for continued development. Beyond our walls, it is important that ACNC receives donations from its many supporters. In March, we will mail the Spring Appeal, followed by the Warren Gives online campaign in May. The success of these efforts will give the new leader the opportunity to get to know the staff, supporters, organization and the community without worry or stress over financial standing. We hope we can count on your generosity as we move forward into the next era for ACNC and that you are as excited as we are about the future.



## From These Roots

B. Dolores Thompson, *Historian*

Since its beginning, Audubon has been blessed with dedicated volunteers. With the acquisition of property and a building, Jim Yaich was hired as the Naturalist Director in 1975. Gradually, several teacher naturalists were added to the staff to bring the Audubon message to the area's school children. One of those was Jennifer Schlick in 1998.

Jennifer was born in Jamestown "just months before JAS founders sat down to dream up this place." Raised in Lakewood with 2 siblings, she spent most of her childhood "ramming around outside with neighborhood kids." She has been active in Girl Scouts since the age of seven with a special interest in Camp Timbercrest.

Her education includes graduation from Southwestern; two associate degrees from JCC in science, math, computer science; undergrad courses at SUNY Fredonia; BA in elementary education from Arizona State University; graduate work at Rochester Institute of Technology and Oklahoma State University in networking and distance learning.

She began her career at Audubon on October 1, 1998 as "Program Director," spending about half of her time teaching and the other half administering the program. Since becoming the grant writer, her time is now almost totally the latter. This seems to be in direct contrast to her reply to my question, why work at Audubon and not somewhere else? "I wanted to work outside more." It is no secret, Jennifer spends as much time as possible outside, many of those hours after a long day's work.

She is married to Bob Schlick, recently retired from JCC's theater program. They have two daughters: Emily who teaches English language learners at Washington Middle School, and Maddie who lives in Denver, CO and works as a therapist with children and their families.

Jennifer loves winter (not summer), likes to hike, snowshoe and cross country ski. Photography provides her creative outlet; some of which you can find throughout this newsletter, the ACNC website, and in ACNC newspaper articles.

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<i>Thanksgiving with the Birds</i> .....	Janet Forbes Alan Brown



Hepatica, by Jennifer Schlick

## Memorials and Honoraria

Recorded between 11/24/2017 and 1/8/2018

**In honor of the wonderful staff  
and board of ACNC**  
Casey and Twan Leenders

**In honor of Bob and Kathy Barber**  
Lynn and Mike LaTone

**In honor of the Don Carlson Family**  
Dan and Brigetta Overcash

**In honor of Ruth Lundin and Paul Hedberg**  
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**In honor of Ruth Lundin**  
Spencer and Carol Drake  
Linda O'Brien  
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**In honor of Linda O'Brien**  
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**In honor of Cooper Stenger**  
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Chris Baglia

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**In memory of Alison Ney**  
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**In memory of Mary SanFilippo**  
Reg and Louise Boutwell

**In memory of Bob Sundell**  
Jack Palomaki

**In memory of Donna Turney**  
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of Shepherds Meadows  
Linda O'Brien  
Irwin Pollock  
The Rea Family  
Judith Stevens

**In memory of Agnes Woodard**  
Craig Thompson and Ro Woodard

## Birdathon Fundraiser

Saturday, May 5, 6:00 a.m.

This is an all-day event in which the naturalists, staff and volunteers of ACNC try to find as many species of birds as possible. Join the naturalists – either in person or by pledging – to support a local student pursuing a natural sciences career or education through the Ryan Exline Memorial Scholarship. Students can apply for the scholarship online at [auduboncnc.org/scholarships](http://auduboncnc.org/scholarships).

Generous supporters pledge an amount, either per species or in total, and the end result is the \$500 scholarship. You can bird with the team or show your support by pledging. Pledges can be made by phone, mail, at the Nature Center or online [auduboncnc.org/donate](http://auduboncnc.org/donate).

Contact Sarah at [shatfield@auduboncnc.org](mailto:shatfield@auduboncnc.org) to join the birding team.



## Annual Fund Donors

Recorded between 11/24/2017 and 1/8/2018

Ann P. Anderson  
Shauna and Dan Anderson  
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Todd and Linda Anderson  
Paul Arnone  
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Laura Blood  
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Leon and Jennifer Stein  
Robert VanEvery and Judith Claire

### Audubon Muse

*the full moon illuminates the night sky,  
the leafless trees casting feathery silhouettes  
on the frosty forest floor,  
soon to be a bed of wildflowers*

# Programs and Events

## March – April 2018



Looking for early spring migrants is a great spring activity.

### Happy Hour Hike: Spring Equinox (Adult)

Tuesday, March 20  
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

\$8 Adults  
\$6 Nature Center members

*Reservations appreciated,  
walk-ins welcome.*

On the first day of Spring, join a naturalist for a hike on the trails.

The earliest Spring risers are sprouting and awakening and you'll get a chance to learn more about them on this hike. Travel Audubon's trails to learn about the plants, birds, seeds, mammals and other nature that you discover along the way. If there's interest, an optional visit to a local watering hole for a happy hour beverage is a possibility.

**Special Information:** *This hike will happen rain, snow, or shine.*

## March 2

### Apples All Year Long: Pruning and Shaping (Adult)

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

\$16 Adults; \$12 Nature Center members

*Paid reservations required by February 28.  
Limited enrollment.*

Learn how to shape your apple trees to improve tree health, facilitate harvesting, or aesthetically match your landscape.

In preparation for next month, this is the time to collect scion for grafting, covered in April's class.

**Special Information:** *This class will have an outdoor component.*

### First Friday Lunch Bunch (Adult)

*White-tailed Deer in the Forest – Dr. Susan Stout*

11:00 a.m. – noon

\$8 Adults; \$6 Nature Center members

*Registrations accepted online through February 28. Walk-ins welcome.*

White-tailed deer are among the best-known wildlife in our forests. This talk focuses on observations of how profoundly deer affect the forest and “managing” plant species and habitat for other wildlife. About 80 years of local science provides the evidence.

**Special Information:** *BYO brown bag lunch and conversation follows the program. Audubon provides coffee and tea.*



## March 10

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

*Making Tracks*

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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

*Paid reservations required by March 8.  
Limited enrollment.*

Who's been to Audubon? Investigate animal tracks indoors and out to discover the answer. Little Explorers are children ages 3 – 8 with an adult or two. A lesson inside is followed by an outdoor portion and a snack. If time and weather allow, a craft is included.

**Special Information:** *This program includes an outdoor component unless the weather is particularly severe.*

## March 17

### Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast (All volunteers)

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Free

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

ACNC volunteers are invited to sit back, relax and enjoy each other's company as staff prepares and serves a delicious breakfast.

**Special Information:** *Come hungry.*

## March 18

### Nature Play Day (Children 2 – 8 with an adult)

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

\$6 Children 2 – 8

*Reservations appreciated online,  
walk-ins welcome.*

Let children explore unstructured outdoor play in a safe environment while you learn how to continue the nature play experience at home. It is an open house format so stay as long as you'd like.

**Special Information:** *Rain, snow, or shine. In the case of severe weather, the program will be cancelled.*

### 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.



## March 20

### Happy Hour Hike: Spring Equinox (Adult)

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

\$8 Adults; \$6 Nature Center members

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

See page 4 for more information.

## March 28

### New Trail Guide Orientation (Adults: New trail guide volunteers)

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Free

*Reservations required by Monday, March 26.*

Serving as a Trail Guide volunteer at Audubon is a rewarding volunteer opportunity. If you have experience or interest in the natural world and working with children, becoming a Trail Guide Volunteer may be for you. Information and skills learned in this training are useful in other volunteer positions at Audubon.

**Special Information:** *If weather permits, we will go for a short, easy walk.*



## Skunk Cabbage

Sarah Hatfield, *Senior Naturalist*

Skunk Cabbage is blooming as you read this. Its spikey flower hood, or spathe, is maroon, often with lime or chartreuse stripes or speckles. To find it, a visit to a wet woods, swamp, or mushy streambank is in order. It thrives in places humans often avoid.

Perhaps the most remarkable trait of Skunk Cabbage is that it can regulate its temperature. For a two-week period in late winter, the plant uses stored energy to keep the temperature of its spathe about 35 degrees Fahrenheit above ambient temperature. Basically, it acts warm-blooded for that time frame.

The reason is two-fold: to melt the snow around the spathe to provide access for pollinators, and to create an air current that carries the scent, that of a decaying animal, into the air around it, thus attracting pollinators. Flies and beetles are often the only insects active in cold temperatures, hence the carrion smell. Honeybees often source Skunk Cabbage as their first pollen source.

Look for Skunk Cabbage along the trails at ACNC. Bend down to peek inside, find the flower (spadix) and perhaps some pollinators or spiders taking a break in nature's warming huts.



# Coloring Sheet





## April 2

### Mud Camp (Children 5 – 12)

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$30 Children 5 – 12;  
\$25 Nature Center members  
\$5 Sibling discount

*Paid reservations required by March 29.  
Limited enrollment.*

Mud Camp is a day for children to celebrate the arrival of spring with some outdoor play, learning, and exploration.

**Special Information:** Much of this program takes place outdoors unless the weather is severe.

## April 4

### Trail Guide Training (Adult trail guide volunteers)

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Also on April 11, 18 and 25  
Free

*Reservations required by Monday, April 2.*

Serving as a Trail Guide volunteer at Audubon is a rewarding volunteer opportunity. This multi-day training provides new and returning trail guide volunteers with the skills to effectively lead small groups of elementary students on Audubon's trails.

**Special Information:** This training will take place inside and outside so be prepared to go outside each day. A BYO lunch and optional walk follow the training.

## April 6

### Apples All Year Long: Planting and Grafting (Adult)

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
\$16 Adults; \$12 Nature Center members

*Paid reservations required by April 4.  
Limited enrollment.*

Gain an introduction to grafting techniques for apple trees to replicate favorites or known varieties as well as learn the best way to plant new apple trees.

### First Friday Lunch Bunch (Adult)

*Interpreting the Songs, Calls and Vocalizations of the Wild Birds of Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania — Jim Berry*

11:00 a.m. – noon  
\$8 Adults; \$6 Nature Center members  
Registrations accepted online through April 5.  
Walk-ins welcome.

Enjoy an audio tour of bird song that is sure to then get you outside experiencing the native birds around you.

**Special Information:** BYO brown bag lunch and conversation follows the program. Audubon provides coffee and tea.

## April 7

### Reuse It Donation Day (All)

10:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
*No reservations required, open house style.*

You're invited to a garage sale type day, where you name the price on items Audubon needs to rehome.

## April 14

### Awesome Amphibians (All)

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
\$8 Adults; \$6 Nature Center members  
\$6 Children 3 – 15; free 2 and under  
*No reservations required.*

See page 7 for more information.

### Little Explorers (Children 3 – 8 with an adult) *A Seed Is Sleepy*

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
\$8 Adults; \$6 Nature Center members  
\$6 Children 3 – 8  
*Paid reservations required by April 12.  
Limited enrollment.*

Come and learn about seeds, their shapes and sizes, and go for a spring seed hunt outside to find some that have sprouted or are about to.

## April 21

### Volunteer Day (All)

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Free

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

Join staff and volunteers to make the Nature Center buildings and grounds more beautiful and friendly for visitors and the wildlife residents. Celebrate Earth Day by giving back.

**Schedule:**  
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.: Registration  
Noon – 1:00 p.m.: Lunch and prizes

**Special Information:** Dress for the weather. Work happens rain or shine. Bring work gloves if you have them. Lunch is served at noon.

## April 28

### Bird Banding: Spring Demonstrations (All)

*Nature Center Pavilion at West Entrance*  
7:00 – 11:00 a.m.\*  
Also May 5, 12, and 19, 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Free; Donations encouraged.

*No reservations required.*

Join ornithologists on the west side of ACNC on Saturday mornings through May 19, weather permitting. Learn the process of bird banding from experts.

\* Drop in for any amount of time. If weather is inclement, the nets will not be open.

### Spring Wild Edibles (Adult+)

10:00 a.m. – noon  
\$16 Adults; \$12 Nature Center members  
\$12 Children 9 – 15

*Paid reservations required by April 26.*

With a little bit of knowledge, nature is your grocery store. Learn to identify spring greens, flowers and other wild plants available this time of year and how you can eat them.

**Special Information:** This class takes place inside and outside. Dress for the weather.



Blue-spotted Salamander - Photo by Jeff Tome.

## Awesome Amphibians (All)

Saturday April 14  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

*No reservations required.*

Spring brings out frogs, salamanders and other fascinating creatures. Spend some time with local and exotic frogs and salamanders while enjoying some local spring frogs.

There will be a selection of amphibians from all over the world. Learn what makes an amphibian an amphibian while seeing some amazing ones up close. You can also go for a frog walk outside and learn more about local amphibians.

**Special Information:** *An element of this is outdoors, dress for the weather if you plan on going on the walk.*

### Program Registration

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

*Keep in mind, a program may be canceled if there are not enough people registered. Register early to ensure the class fills up. Some programs have limited enrollment.*

### 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 we still need to know of your cancellation.

# Welcome New Nature Center Members

Recorded between 11/24/2017 and 1/8/2018

- David and Jade Barber — Jamestown, NY
- Crystal and Josh Casel — Jamestown, NY
- Marcia and James Clark — Mayville, NY
- Steven and Gail Ann Crawford — Livingston, TX
- Kathryn and Tyler Freeman — Westfield, NY
- Robert Groesch — Fredonia, NY
- Jerry and Karen Mathewson — Fredonia, NY
- The Milks Family — Youngsville, PA
- Audra and Kurt Moeller — Sinclairville, NY
- Garrett and Brooke Moller — Frewsburg, NY
- Rhonda L. and Bob Smith — Jamestown, NY
- Lois F. Strickler — Jamestown, NY
- Steve and Vanessa VonVolen — Bemus Point, NY

## Membership Co-chairs:

Linda Anderson and Sandy Fletcher

# ACNC Gold Members

Recorded 9/8/2017



White-crowned Sparrow, by Dave Cooney

## Membership Form (please print)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please send (choose one):

- Paper Newsletter
- eNewsletter
- Both

## Membership Levels

### Basic Levels

- Individual \$45
- Family \$55
- Senior (65+) \$30
- Senior Family \$40
- Fulltime Student \$35

### Premium Levels

- Organizational \$150
- Sustaining \$100 – \$299
- Contributing \$300 – \$499
- Supporting \$500 – \$999
- Benefactor \$1,000 +

### Additional Donation

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help ACNC.

## Payment Method

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_  Credit Card  Other

Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If paying by credit card (choose one):

- VISA
- MasterCard
- Discover

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVC: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: **Audubon Community Nature Center**  
**1600 Riverside Road**  
**Jamestown, NY 14701**

## A Fowl Time of Year

Jeff Tome, *Senior Naturalist*

March and April are the mud season, the time of year when things are sticky, wet and gray. A bright spot of this time is the beginning of a huge migration of ducks, swans and other waterfowl through the region.

The sounds and sights of these birds passing through is a promise of the warmth to come. Tundra Swans, with their bright white feathers and warm coos, seem to draw the snow back north with them as they travel. The wide variety of ducks and gulls include everything from elegant Wood Ducks and Northern Pintails, to awkward looking Northern Shovelers with their extra long bills. The birds quack, whistle, peep and croak their way through local ponds, flying with fast-beating whirs of wings.

Many birders have commented on how Big Pond, once an amazing place to witness this migration, has changed for the worse since the cattails grew. The best locations for watching ducks simply changed from the Hugh Wood Tower to the Big Pond Photo Blind on the other side of the property. From the blind, visitors can see a large expanse of open water, often filled with ducks, swans, eagles and other interesting birds.

See for yourself. The trails of Audubon Community Nature Center are open to the public daily from dawn to dusk.



Buffleheads migrate in March and April. Photo by Jeff Tome

## Photo Contest: Now Open

Submission deadline is July 31, 2018

Audubon's annual nature photography contest is now open. Bill Smith will be the judge of this year's applicants.

First place winners receive \$300 while second place winners receive \$100. There will be a first and second place for each division, adult and youth.

Instead of separate categories, this year's contest has one overarching theme — *Natural Wonders: Big and Small*.

Learn more about the contest and submit your best shots at: [acncphotocontest.com](http://acncphotocontest.com)

## Foundation and Corporate Support

*Foundation and Business Support recorded in the last 365 Days*

Alfie's Restaurant  
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Chautauqua Region Community Foundation  
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Gebbie Foundation  
Holmberg Foundation

Hultquist Foundation  
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Kiwanis Club of Warren  
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Lenna Foundation  
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PNC Bank  
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Southern Auto Exchange  
Taco Hut  
United Arts Appeal  
United Refining Company  
Wegmans  
Weinberg Financial Group  
Whirley-DrinkWorks!  
Whittier Farms  
Wild America Festival at Panama Rocks

## Birthday Lunch

These folks are celebrating birthdays in March and April. Join the Audubon community at noon to celebrate. Bring your lunch and enjoy birthday cake.

### Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Sharon Reed — March 2  
 Jeff Tome — March 3  
 Terry Hallock — March 5  
 Lissa VanDewark — March 14  
 Sandy Potts — March 15  
 Karen Lobe — March 18  
 Judy Lockwood — March 21  
 Kristin Morse and Margaret Foley — March 23  
 Pamela Johnson — March 24  
 Murl Kinal — March 28

### Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Thomas Mooney — April 4  
 B. Dolores Thompson — April 7  
 Don Sharp — April 10  
 Pierre Chagnon — April 15  
 Mac Dawson — April 21  
 Sally Pray — April 28  
 Peter Stark — April 30

## Bird Seed

Conewango Blend, every bird's favorite bird seed, is always available at ACNC in the Blue Heron Gift Shop.



You can also find Conewango Blend year round at the following locations:

- Ashville General Store, Ashville, NY
- Bridgeview One Stop, Bemus Point, NY
- Hamlet Farms, Sheridan, NY
- Herbs R 4 U, Jamestown, 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

## Thank You Snowflake Local Living Festival Sponsors

ACNC appreciates your support for this community event.



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 Jamestown Awning  
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 Alumidock, Metallic Ladder Mfg. Corp.  
 Courier Capital LLC., Randy Ordines  
 James M. Smith CLU.

## Backpacking Adventure Call for Supplies

Day Camp this year features an immersion backpacking program. ACNC needs help providing supplies for kids that don't have them. **Please call the Nature Center and ask for Katie Finch before you bring any items in.** She will set up a time with you to go over your supplies and make sure it is something still needed.

**ACNC is looking for:** youth sized backpacking packs, sleeping mats, two-person tents, backpacking stoves, and dry bags, bear bags or drawstring bags to accommodate three days of food.





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## Volunteer Day

Saturday, April 21, 2018  
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day at Audubon Community Nature Center by giving back. Join the community in completing spring projects to make Audubon better for visitors and wildlife.

Thank you to the 2018 Volunteer Day Sponsors:  
**Jamestown Area Community Credit Union**  
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## Audubon Community Nature Center Volunteers

Bethany Anderson \* Dennis Anderson \* Linda Anderson \* Todd Anderson \* Thom Armella \* Wendy Bale \* Robert Baiber \* John Barone  
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Tom Erlandson \* Mel Feather \* Lee Fletcher \* Sandy Fletcher \* Aidan Fodor \* Kieran Fodor \* Willow Fodor \* Janet Forbes \* Dean Frentz  
Elaine Frentz \* Kristine Fuller \* Alex Glazier \* Terry Hallock \* Sally Hawkinson \* Susan Hedberg \* John Hyde \* Karen Inwood \* Kathleen Johnson  
Ronald Johnson \* Kelly Joslyn \* Muri Kinal \* Robert Klebacha \* Amelia Kloecker \* Susie Knight \* David Lange \* Susan Lawton \* Justin Leid  
Penny Lester \* Karen Lobe \* Judy Long \* Steve Maggio \* Natalie Mashensic \* Elizabeth McIntyre \* Joanne Miller \* Barry Millspaw  
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*These 92 volunteers (including 25 RSVP volunteers) logged 862 hours during November and December 2017.*