

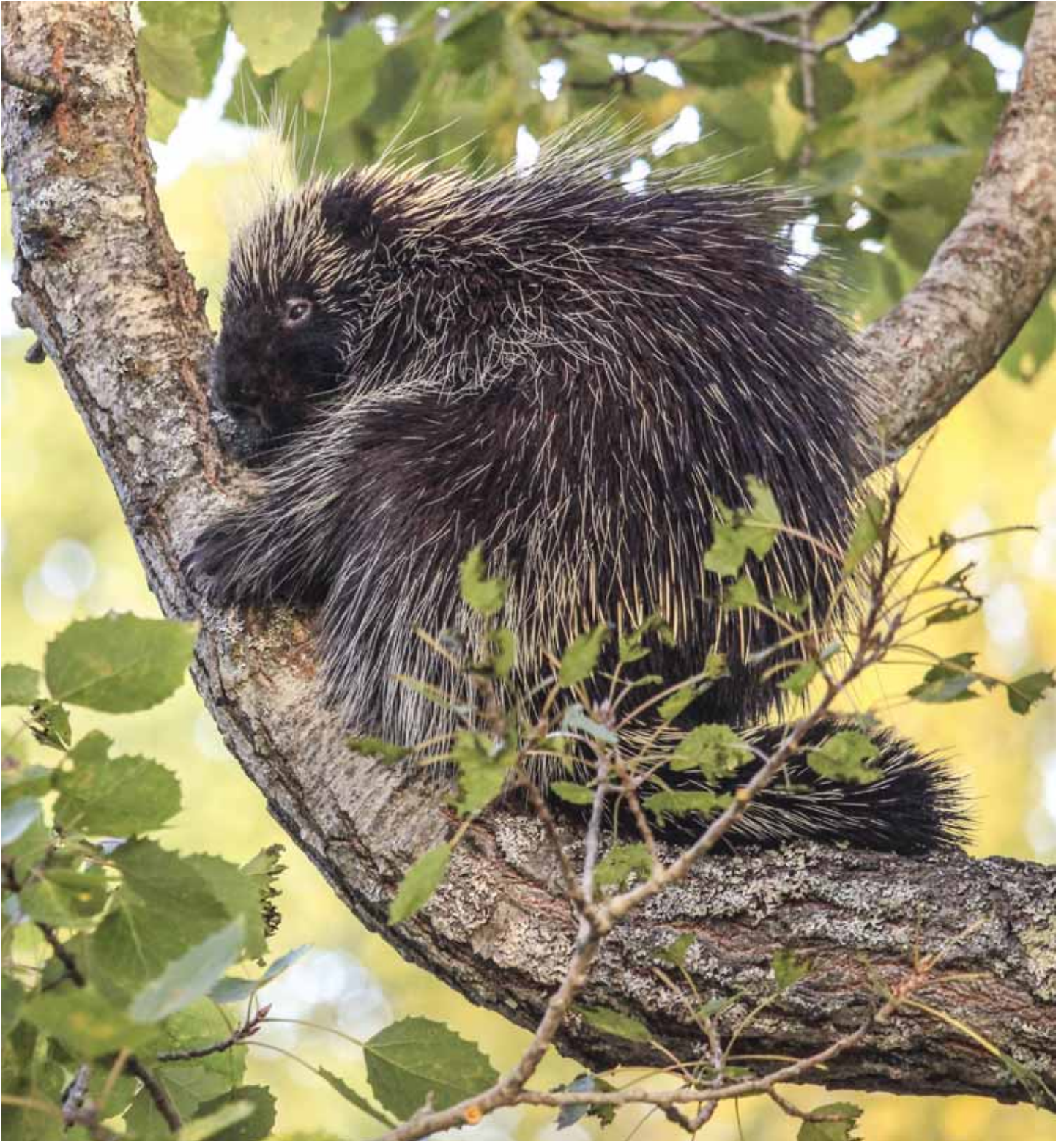


# Audubon Community Nature Center

*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.



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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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## President's Desk

Leigh Rovegno

Wow! Just wow. I am in awe of the deeply genuine welcome that I have received over the last few months into the ACNC community and beyond. Thank you all so very much. My family has deep roots in this area, and it has been such a joy to rediscover those roots as I am simultaneously making new connections to this place that we all call "home".

I feel like I have already learned so much, and I've only just begun! I've learned the definition of "social profit", I've participated in Water Chestnut identification and removal efforts, and most importantly, I've seen just how valuable and precious the natural environment is to the residents of this area.

I am confident that ACNC will continue to flourish based on what I have already seen from the incredible staff, volunteers, and community members who make it the unique place that it is, and I am thrilled to be one of its champions. Please join us for the Annual Meeting on September 24 at 5:00 p.m. at which we will celebrate this year's successes, honor our incredible volunteers, cover some necessary business items, and share some history. I look forward to meeting even more of you in the coming months, and thank you again for your support.



White-tailed Deer. By Jeff Tome.

# From These Roots

B. Dolores Thompson, *Historian*

Sarah Hatfield started her time with Audubon Community Nature Center in 2004. That wasn't her first taste of Audubon however. Previously in her education career she worked for National Audubon at Francis Beidler Forest in South Carolina and Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm in Dayton, Ohio. Before that she attended Wells College, earning a degree in Environmental Studies. Growing up, she was always sort of a nature nerd.

Working as the Farm Educator in Ohio, a missing element fell into place. She discovered a passion for farming that eventually took her to an assistant manager position with a community-supported agriculture program (CSA) in central Pennsylvania. Life is often full of interesting detours, however, and she found her way almost back home to the area in which she grew up, North East, Pennsylvania. When the job opening for a naturalist at the then Jamestown Audubon Nature Center opened, she jumped at the chance.

While not at work, Sarah continues to fuel her farming passion with a couple of big gardens, chickens, pigs, orchards, and field crops.



Garter Snake by Jeff Tome

## Board Officers

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<i>Wild 5K</i> .....	Jeff Rupp
<i>Thanksgiving with the Birds</i> .....	Janet Forbes
	Alan Brown

## Audubon Muse

summer's brilliant colors become muted  
foreshadowing winter's monochromaticity

## Memorials and Honoraria

Recorded between May 22 and July 12, 2018

**In honor of Alan Brown's Retirement**  
Your Pharmacy Family

**In honor of Sheri Chandler**  
Gail Crawford

**In honor of Ruth Lundin**  
Lyndon and Melanie Gritters  
David and Susan Hedberg  
Jane and Rolland Kidder  
Carol Lorenc and Bill Smith

**In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith**  
Carol J. Miller

**In memory of Carol J. Funcell**  
Brenda Ormond Bunce  
Dawn Ormond Constantine

Steve Funcell  
Terry Ormond Nunez  
Wendy Ormond  
Kendra Ormond Waddington

**In memory of Gloria Gardner**  
Michelle P. McIntyre

**In memory of Bob Karbacka**  
Mark and Donna Hampton

**In memory of Gene Keppel**  
Elizabeth, Lisa, and Nick  
Katie Navarro Caproni

**In memory of Christine Beal Leitch**  
Ron Cook and Pam Moran  
Andrew Dickson  
and Janet Chew  
Mary and Joe Gerace

Jane and Rolland Kidder  
Helen Peterson  
Lori Price  
The Rockcastles  
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and Rosemary Beal Stimson  
Kate Storms  
Randy and Vaughn Wilson

**In memory of Florence A. Olson**  
Diane and Donald Anderson  
Larry and Betty Brown  
Sally and Joe Chimera  
David and Anita Cooney  
Shirley C. Glatz  
Ruby Gustafson  
Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson  
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Lorraine Niger  
Megan and Mark Olson  
Durand and Janice Peterson  
Anette and Stephen Skidmore  
Don Southwick  
Marlene M. Wilkinson  
Victoria Wilson  
Kristy Winchester

**In memory of Ruth Wicker Sanderson**  
Dale and Alene Peterson  
Mr. John  
and Rev. Laura Shearer  
Connie and Sammy Tucker

## Give Big CHQ Donors

These donors gave through CRCF to help Audubon purchase new tables.

Marie Anderson  
Wendy Bale, "Looking forward to new tables!"  
Len Barry  
Marion Beckerink  
Andrea Benedett  
Bonnie Bowen  
Chuck and Pat Bringer  
Jeff B  
Pierre Chagnon, "In honor of Ruth Lundin,  
the 'Yoda of Audubon'"  
Elsie V Cochran  
Donald Dove  
Mandi Dove  
Martha Dove  
Constance Duffey  
Willow and Luke Fodor  
David Foley  
Aaron Godert, "Fee Reimbursement"  
Carol Hardenburg  
Terry Horner  
Tory Irgang  
Susan Lawton, "In honor of Ruth Lundin!"  
Twan Leenders, "In honor of Ruth Lundin  
and the great staff of ACNC"

Priscilla Lester, "In honor of Ruth's retirement  
and to all the hard working staff  
and volunteers!"

Ruth Lundin  
Neighbour Al  
Rebecca Nystrom, "Thanks for all you do!"  
Catharine Regis  
Kathleen Riley  
Staff of ACNC, "In honor of our boss"  
Tim Smeal  
Laura Stiner, "I seriously love this place!  
I wish I could give more!"

Suzi  
Jeff Tome  
Delia Westerdahl  
John Willsie

## Annual Fund Donors

Recorded between  
May 22 and July 1, 2018

Kim and Michael Barber  
Colin Beaver  
Delores Erickson  
ExxonMobil Foundation Matching Gift  
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## Warren Gives Donors

These donors contributions directly support the field trip program for Warren Schools.

Ann and Steve Abdella  
Dave and Sherry Albrecht  
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in memory of Halsey Bale,  
Dorothy Burk, Marvin Burk,  
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Robert D. Crowley  
Lois DeMarco and Jay Mengel

Stephanie and Justin DiPenti  
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in honor of the marriage  
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Corrie Johnson  
in honor of Jennifer Schlick  
Ronald and Sharon Johnson  
Gary Kell  
Robert J. Klebacha  
in honor of Ruth Lundin,

Leigh Rovegno, Pierre  
Chagnon, ACNC Staff and  
Volunteers, and Susan  
Klebacha, and in memory of  
Blanche Klebacha, Henry  
Klebacha, Doris Craft,  
and T.Q. Craft  
Celia Knapp  
Danielle LaMancuso  
Laurie Lane  
Rod and Lara Larson  
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Fran Leto  
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Taffi Skopinski  
Tim Smeal  
David Snyder and Susan Stout  
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in memory of Ferdinand Stenta  
Scott and Pam Stoleson  
Linda and Randy Thomas  
Jeff Tome  
Betty Jean Voltmann  
Cassandra L. Waseleski  
Dean and Nadine Westover

# Programs and Events

## September – October 2018



### Enchanted Forest (All)

Friday and Saturday  
October 5 and 6, 2018  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.\*

\$12 Adults  
\$9 Nature Center members  
\$6 Children 3 – 15  
Free 2 and under

*Paid reservations required. No tickets sold at the door. No refunds. Limited enrollment. Group rates not available.*

*\*Walks start at 6:00 p.m. and go out every 10 minutes. Walks last about 45 minutes.*

Walk luminary-lit trails and meet talking animals who share stories about their lives.

This is a wonderful non-scary Halloween event for children and their adults. Talking animals engage your imagination, maybe make you laugh, and teach you something about wildlife in the region. Stay for crafts and snacks as you explore the Nature Center after your walk. For an additional \$3, you can also earn a Fun Patch, perfect for scouts or others looking for a fun way to learn and experience the event.

A special thank you to Northwest Bank for sponsoring this event at the Trail Sponsor level and Michaels Arts and Crafts in Lakewood for supplying crafts. This program is made possible by support from our other sponsors including Kings' Heating and Cooling, and Courier Capital, LLC.

This program is also made possible in part by support from the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County Projects Pool Grants Program.

**Learn more and register online: [auduboncnc.org/enchantedforest](http://auduboncnc.org/enchantedforest)**

## 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.

## Thursday 6

### Caterpillar Wrangling (Adult+)

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

\$12 Adults

\$10 Nature Center members

\$10 Children 9 – 15

*Paid reservations required by September 3.*

Learn how to find and raise a variety of caterpillars in this hands-on workshop. Many caterpillars, including Monarchs and silk moths, can use extra help to restore their populations. Discover how you can help in this program.

## Friday 7

### First Friday Lunch Bunch (Adult)

*The Nature Plan*

11:00 a.m. – noon

\$8 Adults

\$6 Nature Center members

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

It takes a lot of time and effort to keep Audubon's property beautiful, diverse and amazing to hike. In fact, there is a whole plan throughout the year that ACNC follows. Come and discover some of the hidden gems at Audubon as you discover more about how the staff make sure you can always find them.

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



Pressing apples to make cider by Sarah Hatfield

## Saturday 8

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

*Sensing Nature*

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$8 Adults

\$6 Nature Center members

\$6 Children 3 – 8

*Paid reservations required by September 6.*

This month the Little Explorers put their eyes, ears, nose, hands, and tongues to the test as they learn all about how the animals around Audubon use their senses to survive.

**Special Information:** *Rain or shine, please dress for the weather.*

### Apples All Year Long: Cider, Sauce, and More (Adult)

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

\$16 Adults

\$12 Nature Center members

*Paid reservations required by September 6. Limited enrollment.*

The culmination of apple season is the delicious reward. Come and learn more about products like cider, sauce, and jelly this month to prepare for harvest next month. Cider will star in this program, both sweet and hard. There might even be samples.

**Note:** *An offsite apple field trip will happen in October. Date dependent on weather and apples.*

## Saturday 15

### Nature Play Day

(Children 2 – 8 and an adult)

10:00 a.m. – noon

\*Free

*Reservations appreciated, 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.

\*This program is supported by the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation Legacy Funds from the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

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

### Fall Wild Edibles (Adult+)

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

\$16 Adults

\$12 Nature Center members

\$12 Children 9 – 15

*Paid reservations required by September 13. Limited enrollment.*

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

**Special Information:** *This program happens inside and outside. Dress for the weather and up to 1.5 mile walk.*

## Monday 24

### Volunteer Appreciation Night and Annual Dinner (Adult+)

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

\$20 per dinner

*Paid reservations required by September 16.*

Join Audubon in honoring volunteers, celebrating the successes of the year and welcoming new Board members.

See page 10 for a schedule of events.

## Thursday 27

Birdseed orders due by 5:00 p.m.



## Goldenrod

Sarah Hatfield, Senior *Naturalist*

Some people view it as the nemesis of late summer, but goldenrod is an essential autumn element for myriad species. The New York Flora Atlas lists 36 species of goldenrod present in New York. Even if you don't know the names of any of them, they are fairly recognizable by their deeply rich golden hue and fireworks-like display of flowers.

In late summer, while many blossoms are fading, goldenrod blooms enthusiastically, full of nutrient-rich pollen and nectar. This is a boon for late summer insects, especially those that migrate like Monarch butterflies.

One, called Zigzag Goldenrod (*Solidago flexicaulis*), prefers the edges of woodlands not the fields that you might typically think of as goldenrod habitat. As you may guess, it has a zig-zagged stem, which gives it its name.

Early Goldenrod (*Solidago juncea*) blooms in July and prefers dry, thin soils. Frequently seen along the edges of roads, this species is often wrongly blamed for the symptoms of hay fever. It just happens to bloom at the same time as the inconspicuous ragweed, which does trigger allergies in many people.

Sweet Goldenrod (*Solidago odora*) has characteristically anise-scented leaves, which can be used in tea. It is not common in the region, but likes both roadsides and woodland clearings. If you spend a little bit of time in September watching a field of goldenrod, you will be mesmerized at the variety of visitors and the flurry of activity. Once you learn to enjoy what goldenrod has to offer to many species, it becomes an oasis rather than a nemesis.



# Goldenrod Coloring Sheet \_\_\_\_\_



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## Friday 5

### First Friday Lunch Bunch (Adult)

11:00 a.m. – noon

\$8 Adults

\$6 Nature Center members

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

Topic to be determined. Call for info.

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

### Enchanted Forest (All)

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

\$12 Adults

\$9 Nature Center members

\$6 Children 3 – 15; free 2 and under

*Paid reservations required. No tickets sold at the door. No refunds. Limited enrollment. Group rates not available.*

Walk luminary-lit trails and meet talking animals who share stories about their lives.

See page 4 for more info.



## Saturday 6

### Roadside Cleanup Volunteer Opportunity (Ages 12+)

8:30 a.m. – noon

Free

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

See page 7 for more info.



Red Oak Leaf by Jeff Tome

## Saturday 6 (continued)

### Enchanted Forest (All)

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

\$12 Adults

\$9 Nature Center members

\$6 Children 3 – 15; free 2 and under

*Paid reservations required. No tickets sold at the door. No refunds. Limited enrollment. Group rates not available.*

See page 4 for more info.

## Saturday 13

### Birdseed Pick Up (All)

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*Birdseed orders due September 27.*

Audubon holds a bi-annual birdseed sale fundraiser. Orders for the fall sale are due September 27. Arrive at the Nature Center on October 13 and friendly volunteers will load your seed order into your vehicle.

Order your seed by mail with the paper form, by phone at (716) 569-2345, or online at [auduboncnc.org/shop](http://auduboncnc.org/shop)

All proceeds from this sale directly support Audubon Community Nature Center.

## Saturday 13 (continued)

### Little Explorers (Children 3-8 with an adult) *Fall Frolic*

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$8 Adults

\$6 Nature Center members

\$6 Children 3 – 8

*Paid reservations required by October 11.*

A new season means that big changes are coming. Come learn all about these amazing changes and celebrate.

**Special Information:** *Rain or shine, please dress for the weather.*

## Saturday 20

### Nature Play Day

(Children 2 – 8 with an adult)

10:00 a.m. – noon

\*Free

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

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

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



## Roadside Cleanup Volunteer Opportunity

(Ages 12+)

Saturday, October 6, 2018  
8:30 a.m. – noon

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

Every little piece of trash makes a difference when it comes to keeping nature healthy. You can help nature and Audubon by volunteering to collect trash along Route 62.

Volunteers meet at Audubon in the morning, divide into teams, gear up with gloves and orange safety vests, and then ride in the van to various sections of Route 62 cared for by ACNC. Snacks are provided for breaks and afterward. Volunteers ages 12 – 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Special Information:** Meet at the Nature Center. If you have your own gloves you can bring them but ACNC has plenty to borrow. Wear closed-toed shoes and dress for the weather.

### 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

*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 May 22 and July 12, 2018

- Bobbie Jo Anderson — Sugar Grove, PA
- Michelle Braymiller — Jamestown, NY
- Corey Butler — Jamestown, NY
- Andrew and Jan Carlson — Ashville, NY
- Chrystal Clover — Frewsburg, NY
- Chris and Meghan Demorest — Jamestown, NY
- Scott and Terra Devereaux — Jamestown, NY
- Miranda Erickson — Jamestown, NY
- Jean Fairbank — Ashville, NY
- Debbie Fitzsimmons — Russell, PA
- Clare Foley — Fredonia, NY
- Jeanette Hesedahl — Lynnwood, WA
- Celia Knapp and William Cobb — Warren, PA
- Shannon Luong — Lakewood, NY
- Steve Martins — Lakewood, NY
- Shane Murphy — Fredonia, NY
- Andrea Norene — Jamestown, NY
- Debbie and Jim Penley — Sugar Grove, PA
- Zarah Pratz — Warren, PA
- Susan and Ken Rapp — Sugar Grove, PA
- Leasen Robinson — Jamestown, NY
- Leigh and Brian Rovegno — Chautauqua, NY
- MHA Chautauqua — Jamestown, NY
- LeeAnn Russell — Sugar Grove, PA
- Leonard Waxham — Fredonia, NY
- Edmund Wesolowski — Hamburg, NY
- Bonnie Wilcox — Falconer, NY

### Membership Co-chairs:

Linda Anderson and Sandy Fletcher



Wild Grapes by Jennifer Schlick

## 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

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

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

If paying by credit card (choose one):

VISA

MasterCard

Discover

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

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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



Cedar Waxwing by Kelly Colgan Azar

## Volunteer Honorees 2017 – 2018

Join us in honoring these volunteers for reaching milestone hours at the Volunteer Appreciation Night and Annual Dinner on Monday, September 24.

### 10,000+

Lawrence Brown\*

### 7,000+

Edward Yager\*

### 5,000+

Todd Anderson

### 2,000+

Barb Conklin\*  
Sandy Fletcher\*

### 1,000+

Bonnie Bowen\*  
Raymond Carlson  
Susan Yauchzy

### 500+

Mel Feather\*  
John Hyde  
Nancy White

### 250+

Alexis Berry  
Susan Lawton  
Marlene Mudge  
Deborah Pring  
Nathan Weyandt  
Catherine Willard\*

### 100+

Charles Conaway  
Tracy Kirchhoff  
Penny Lester  
Elizabeth McIntyre  
Kelli Merchant  
Julie Nelson  
Jennifer Pierce\*  
Austin Swanson  
Akayla Weatherby  
Robert Williams

\*R.S.V.P. (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program)

## Poetry Corner

### Autumn

By Elizabeth Drew Stoddard

No melancholy days are these!  
Not where the maple changing stands,  
Not in the shade of fluttering oaks,  
Nor in the bands

Of twisting vines and sturdy shrubs,  
Scarlet and yellow, green and brown,  
Falling, or swinging on their stalks,  
Is Sorrow's crown.

The sparkling fields of dewy grass,  
Woodpaths and roadsides decked with flowers,  
Starred asters and the goldenrod,  
Date Autumn's hours.

The shining banks of snowy clouds,  
Steadfast in the aerial blue,  
The silent, shimmering, silver sea,  
To Joy are true.

My spirit in this happy air  
Can thus embrace the dying year,  
And with it wrap me in a shroud  
As bright and clear!



Milkweed Seed Pod by Jeff Tome

## Foundation Support

Foundation Support recorded between  
May 22 and July 12, 2018

The Holmberg Foundation  
The Lenna Foundation



Ray Carlson, working hard this summer to help control invasive plants. By Jeff Tome

## Share Your Catch

Local fisherman, if you find yourself with extra fish, please consider sharing with Liberty, the Bald Eagle. To share your catch, please freeze fish prior to delivery and contact the Nature Center for drop off instructions at (716) 569-2345. If you visit after hours, instructions are near Liberty's enclosure.

## Birdseed Sale

Conewango Blend and other seed varieties are available through Audubon's bi-annual birdseed sale. Orders are due by **Thursday, September 27** and seed will be ready to pick up on **Saturday, October 13** from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Conewango Blend is always available at ACNC in the Blue Heron Gift Shop and 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

## Invasive Species Update

Visitors to Audubon this summer have noticed people in waders towing canoes through the waters of the largest ponds. This dedicated crew has been pulling Water Chestnut four days a week. For the first time in years, there are large areas of open water on the pond. Areas that were covered with so much Water Chestnut that a bird could walk on it from one side of the pond to another were cleared completely this summer.

Open water on the pond is something to celebrate. Staff and volunteers donated hours of time over many years to make this possible.

Next year, the work will begin anew. Water Chestnut seeds can stay viable in the mud for a decade, and one year's clearing of the pond does not mean that there will be fewer plants the next.

Special thanks goes to WNY PRISM, for their help in clearing the pond, as well as finding an isolated patch of another invasive plant, *Phragmites*, that needs to be dealt with. Further thanks goes to RTPI's Youth Ambassador Program for their help during Invasive Species Week and the NYS DEC for funding the eradication efforts.

## Volunteer Appreciation and Annual Dinner

Celebrate this year's successes and volunteers at Audubon's Volunteer Appreciation Night and Annual Dinner on Monday, September 24, 2018.

### Schedule of Events:

- 5:30 p.m. — Social time, hors d'oeuvres, and drinks
- 6:00 p.m. — Dinner, Dessert, and Coffee
- 6:45 p.m. — Business Meeting, Ballot Results, and Installation of New Board members
- 7:15 p.m. — Volunteer Recognition





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*These 133 volunteers (including 30 RSVP volunteers) logged 2510.25 hours during **May and June 2018.***