



# 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

The free, bi-monthly publication of Audubon Community Nature Center, Inc.

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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.*

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## President's Desk

Leigh Rovegno

Dear Members and Friends,

We at Audubon Community Nature Center are enjoying the winter months, with great anticipation of the upcoming spring. Our new Indoor Nature Play Area, which was recently installed in the third floor sky room, has been a great success! It allows parents to sit back and relax while their kids build forts, cook a meal over the "campfire", and map their way through the Nature Center trails with their own back pack filled with exploration tools. The Indoor Nature Play Area will continue to be available throughout the spring at the Nature Center, and then it will get packed up and hit the road to be a part of our many community outreach efforts.

Becoming a member of Audubon Community Nature Center is a great way to take advantage of things such as the nature play area while supporting a local organization that you love.

Our "More the Merrier" membership drive is taking place from March 1 through April 30. During this time, we are asking each of our existing members to invite just one new member to become a part of the ACNC community. It is our goal to increase membership by 27% this year to reach a total of 1,000 members. Many thanks to the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, which has committed \$1,000 from the Karl Peterson Fund to support our new member campaign in addition to a \$1,000 pledge made by an existing ACNC member to match new member revenue. These commitments were made as of our newsletter print date, and we anticipate receiving additional commitments to support the membership drive. We're already off to an excellent start!

During the membership drive, new members will receive \$5 off any membership level in addition to being entered into a drawing to win a "behind the scenes" visit with Liberty, ACNC's resident Bald Eagle.

At the end of the membership drive, we will celebrate with a Member's Brunch which will be held in conjunction with our annual Bird-a-thon and bird banding activities. Members will get to see birders "in action" as they log the different species of birds found at ACNC.

Take a moment to consider who you'd like to invite to be a part of your Audubon community. Ask yourself what ACNC means to you, why you enjoy being a member, and who might also benefit from the many programs, people, and educational enrichment that Audubon Community Nature Center provides.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you at the Nature Center.

*Leigh J. Rovegno*

## This Time in Audubon's History

Share in this reflection on the past.

The following excerpts are from previous March – April newsletters:

### 1958

"The weatherman certainly didn't cooperate with us on our trip to Dunkirk Harbor. In spite of the zero weather eleven members made the trip.

The following birds were seen, harlequin, redhead, canvasback, oldsquaw."

### 1969

"Two weeks ago a deputy game warden called to ask about some birds he had seen that morning; he was puzzled for he had spent a great deal of time during his lifetime in the woods and had never seen anything like them. He described perfectly the beautiful northern visitors, pine grosbeaks."

### 1979

"Stressing that wildlife must be provided with food, water and cover, Senior Forester Bruce Robinson suggested ways to 'Invite Wildlife to your Backyard'. You might have wondered at such phrases as 'I love dead trees', 'Don't mow lawns' and 'Don't rake leaves'. However, Robinson soon explained..."

### 1989

"I'm pleased to report that our campaign to construct an addition to our nature building is proceeding very well. (From the report of Naturalist Director, Jim Yaich)"

### 1999

"For those of you who haven't heard the exciting news, the Jamestown Audubon Society has obtained permission to house a live American Bald Eagle at the nature center."

### 2009

"Our hard-working volunteers have just finished updating Audubon's lights and exit signs to be more energy efficient, thanks to a grant from the Lenna Foundation. We couldn't have done it without the help of Todd Hanson of Ahlstrom-Schaffer Electric, who helped us find our energy dragons and slay them."

## Board Officers

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

## Volunteer Highlight

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.

## Membership Form (Please Print)

You may also renew online at [auduboncnc.org](http://auduboncnc.org)

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  
 Full-time Student \$35

#### Premium Levels

- Organizational \$150  
 Sustaining \$100  
 Contributing \$250  
 Supporting \$500  
 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**

## The More the Merrier

### Nature Center Membership Drive

If you are already a member, thank you! If not, you're invited to join the vibrant Audubon community.

New members who join between March 1 and April 30 receive \$5 off the price of their membership. All new members will be entered into a raffle to win a "behind the scenes" visit with Liberty, ACNC's resident Bald Eagle.

ACNC is grateful for a grant from CRCF's Karl Peterson Fund that will help with materials and marketing, and to an anonymous donor who will match memberships up to \$1,000.

### Save the Date for a Members' Only Brunch May 4, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – noon

All Nature Center Members are invited to brunch at the Nature Center. Bird Banding and the annual Bird-a-thon events are also that day. The winner of the "behind the scenes" drawing for the More the Merrier membership drive will also be announced.



### Volunteer Highlight

Linda and Sandy help Audubon with all things membership. They volunteer on a weekly basis to send renewal reminders, thank you letters, and update the member database with current information.

# Programs and Events

## March – April 2019



### Volunteer Focused Opportunities at Audubon:

#### Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Saturday, March 16, 2019  
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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

This complimentary breakfast is both a time to show appreciation to volunteers and to socialize as a community. Meat and vegetarian options are available. Fruit, coffee, and tea are provided. Volunteers are invited to bring a guest or two.

A donation of \$2 is suggested per guest. Breakfast is free for Audubon volunteers.



#### Introduction to Volunteering

Saturday, March 16, 2019  
11:00 a.m. – Noon

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

This introductory training will cover a brief history of Audubon Community Nature Center, review the many facets of the organization in which volunteers are involved, and introduce participants to faces and places at the Nature Center. This training is appropriate for people interested in volunteering or new volunteers.

#### Volunteer Day

Saturday, April 20, 2019  
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Reservations appreciated so staff can plan for the day, walk-ins welcome.*

Celebrate Earth Day by joining Audubon Community Nature Center staff and volunteers as they work on projects to maintain and improve the Nature Center building and grounds.

**Something New.** This year, Volunteer Day will run simultaneously with April's Nature Play Day. To facilitate adult participation in Volunteer Day, parents and other caregivers can bring their kids (ages three and up) and drop them off at the Nature Play Area from 9:00 a.m. to noon (or the Third Floor Play Area if the weather is inclement).

**Special Information:** Rain or shine. Please dress for the weather and bring work gloves if you have them. Complimentary lunch is served at noon.



## 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 1

### First Friday (Adults)

*Never Home Alone: Tom Erlandson*

11:00 a.m. – noon

\$8 Adults; \$6 Members

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

Explore the ecology of the home and learn what animals live with us and why.

**Special Information:** *Bring a brown bag lunch to share afterward and enjoy the company of the speaker and fellow participants.*

## Saturday 2

### Braided Wool Rug Techniques (Adult)

10:00 a.m. – noon

\$45 Adults; \$34 Members

*Paid reservations required by February 24. Limited enrollment.*

Using reclaimed wool clothing, learn how to start, braid, add lengths, and lace to create braided wool rugs.

**Special Information:** *Materials are provided. Bring your own fabric shears if you have them. You should already know how to braid before registering.*

### Pysanky Egg Decorating (Adult)

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

\$49\* Adults; \$43\* Members

*\*Includes materials fee.*

*Paid reservations required by February 22. Limited enrollment.*

Learn the history and tradition of creating pysanky, a Ukrainian and Polish egg decorating technique.

**Special Information:** *Additional workshop scheduled for March 23.*

## Saturday 9

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

*Bones, Skulls, and Scat*

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$8 Adults; \$6 Members

\$6 Children 3 – 8

See page 7 for more info.

## Wednesday 13

### Nature Paint Night (Adult)

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

\$28 Adults; \$21 Members

*Reservations appreciated by March 6. Limited enrollment.*

You will be provided with everything you need to create your own nature-inspired masterpiece.

**Special Information:** *Please wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on.*

## Saturday 16

### Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast (ACNC Volunteers)

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

See page 4 for more info.

### Nature Play Day

(Children 2 – 8 with an adult)

10:00 a.m. – noon

Free\*

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

Children explore unstructured outdoor play in a safe environment while you learn how to continue the nature play experience at home. \*Supported by Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation Legacy Funds from the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

**Special Information:** *Rain, snow, or shine. If weather is severe, program will be cancelled.*

## Saturday 16 (continued)

### Introduction to Volunteering (Volunteers)

11:00 a.m. – Noon

See page 4 for more info.

## Saturday 23

### Pruning and Scion Collection (Adult)

*Apples and Orchards*

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

\$16 Adults; \$12 Members

*Paid reservations required by March 21.*

Learn how to prune your trees and collect scion wood for grafting later in the spring.

**Special Information:** *A portion of this program will be outside. Please dress for the weather.*

### Pysanky Egg Decorating (Adult)

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

\$49\* Adults; \$43\* Members

*\*Includes materials fee*

*Paid reservations required by March 16. Limited enrollment.*

Learn the history and tradition of creating pysanky, a Ukrainian and Polish egg decorating technique.

**Special Information:** *Additional workshop scheduled for March 2.*

## Wednesday 27

### New Trail Guide Orientation

(Interested Trail Guide Volunteers)

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Free

*Reservations required by March 25.*

If you are interested in the natural world and working with children, becoming a Trail Guide Volunteer may be for you.

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



## Wednesday 3

### Trail Guide Training

(Trail Guide Volunteers current and interested)

**April 3, 10, 17, and 24**

9:00 a.m. – noon

Free

*Reservations requested by two days prior to date.*

This training provides new and returning trail guide volunteers with the skills to lead small groups of elementary students on Audubon's trails, and to inspire and nurture curiosity about the natural world.

**Special Information:** *This training will be partially outdoors so please come dressed for the weather.*

## Friday 5

### First Friday (Adult)

*Wonders of Woodland Wildflowers:  
Becky Nystrom*

11:00 a.m. – noon

\$8 Adults; \$6 Members

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

Become better acquainted with local wildflowers as the gray winter ends.

**Special Information:** *Bring a brown bag lunch to share afterward and enjoy the company of the speaker and fellow participants.*

## Saturday 6

### Starting from Scratch (Adult)

*Apples and Orchards*

10:00 a.m. – noon

\$16 Adults; \$12 Members

*Paid reservations required by April 4.*

In this class, Al will walk through the steps to take and the things to consider before you ever plant a tree.

**Special Information:** *A portion of this program will be outside. Please dress for the weather.*

## Saturday 13

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

*The Great Amphibian Migration*

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$8 Adults; \$6 Members

\$6 Children 3 – 8

See page 7 for more info.

## Tuesday 16

### Backpacking for Kids Information Session

(7 – 9 graders and their parents)

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Free

*Reservations required by April 11.*

Learn more about overnight summer camp offerings at Audubon and assess if the camps are right for your child(ren).

## Saturday 20

### Nature Play Day

(Children 2 – 8 with or without an adult)

10:00 a.m. – noon

Free\*

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

**For this month only,** parents may choose to drop off their children at 9:00 a.m. if the adult is attending Audubon's Volunteer Day. See March 16 listing for more info.

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

### Volunteer Day (Volunteers)

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

See page 4 for more info.

## Monday 22

### Mud Camp (Children 4 – 12)

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\$30 Children 4 – 12

\$25 Nature Center Member children

\$5 discount for siblings

*Paid reservations required by April 18.*

*Limited enrollment.*

Enjoy a day of Day Camp in spring. Children get to explore ACNC, play, discover, and learn.

**Special Information:** *Program takes place indoors and out, dress children appropriately.*

## Save the Date: May 4

### Birdathon (Birders and Donors)

*Supports the Ryan Exline Memorial Scholarship*

6:00 a.m. (all day event)

Donate: [auduboncnc.org/scholarships](http://auduboncnc.org/scholarships)



## Saturday 27

### Bird Banding Demonstration (All)

*Nature Center Pavilion at West Entrance*

Also Saturdays, May 4, 11, and 18

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 18, weather permitting. Watch how they capture migrating and resident birds, fit them with identification bands, measure, weigh, and then release them.

**Special Information:** *This program is open-house style. If the weather is inclement, the nets are not opened. No pets allowed.*

### Living with Beavers (Adult)

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$25 Adults; \$20 Members

*Paid reservations required by April 25.*

Learn how to live peacefully with beavers through the use of a variety of flow devices that allow the water to move where people need it to go.

### Member Brunch (Nature Center Members)

10:00 a.m. – noon

Free for Nature Center Members

*Reservations appreciated by May 2 for both events.*



## Little Explorers

(Children 3 – 8 with an adult)

Second Saturday, monthly  
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$8 Adults; \$6 Members  
\$6 Children 3 – 8

*Paid reservations required  
by the Thursday before the program.*

**Special Information:** *These programs  
take place rain or shine, please dress  
for the weather.*

Little Explorers is hosted on the second Saturday of every month from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Each month explores a different nature topic for children and a grown-up to learn about together. Programs include a lesson followed by outdoor exploration, and a snack. If time and weather allow, a craft is included.

### **Saturday, March 9: Bones, Skulls, and Scat**

Animals leave all sorts of things behind. Learn all about different animal signs and how people can use them to figure out what happened to the animal or where it went.

### **Saturday, April 13: The Great Amphibian Migration**

Every spring, while most of us are sleeping, amphibians are on the move. Learn all about these amazing creatures and their great migrations.

#### **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 cancelled 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.





## Early Butterflies

Katie Finch, *Senior Naturalist*

Where do butterflies go in the winter?

The well-known Monarch Butterfly migrates to high elevation forests in Mexico. The majority of butterfly species stay closer to home and endure the region's cold winter. How they do that depends on the species.

Some butterflies overwinter as eggs, others as larvae or chrysalises. They enter a dormant, inactive state for the winter. They also develop an antifreeze to prevent ice crystals forming in their bodies as the temperature drops. A few species overwinter as butterflies. In this region, this includes Mourning Cloak and Eastern Comma butterflies.

As days get shorter, these butterflies store fat and seek out shelter such as a hollow tree or log, a crack in a rock, or a small space inside an old building. Some individuals may move south for slightly warmer winter temperatures before going dormant.

Without another stage of metamorphosis to go through, these butterflies are the last seen in the fall. They are also the first seen in the spring as the day length increases and the earth warms up. These are the early butterflies, the first to welcome spring to continue their life cycles.



Butterflies that overwinter as adults often emerge in the spring with tattered wings. Mourning Cloak by Jennifer Schlick



Look for Eastern Commas warming up in the spring sun. Some can be seen on warm, sunny days as early as February. Eastern Comma by Jeff Tome.



The Eastern Comma gets its name from the white comma mark on its hind wing, visible when the wings are closed. Eastern Comma by Tom LeBlanc

# Spring Coloring Sheet



Many animals, including groundhogs and Mourning Cloak butterflies, awoken in the spring after a long winter.



Coloring book image from from A Walk in the Woods Coloring Book  
by Dot Barlowe published by Dover Publications, 2003.

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## Photography Contest

If you love nature photographs, this fundraiser is for you. Enter your best shots for an entry fee of just \$15, giving you a chance to win \$200. Local photographer and educator Mark Kirsch will judge the 2019 contest, select six winners, one adult and one youth from each of three categories.

*Naturally Funny* entries should be wildlife photos that make you smile or laugh. This category is to celebrate the opening of the National Comedy Center.

Honoring our hometown naturalist Roger Tory Peterson, the *Field Guide Worthy* category seeks photographs of plants and animals that could be used to identify a species.

Because people want to see beautiful nature scenery from the place where you live, the final category, *Naturally Beautiful* is for landscapes that astound you.

For details and to submit your photos, please visit: [acncphotocontest.com](http://acncphotocontest.com)



*Fern Star* by Wendy Bale of Jamestown, NY, a winner of the 2016 nature photography contest.

## Audubon Fundraisers

ACNC has set an ambitious goal of raising \$16,000 through mini-fundraisers. Please consider supporting Audubon by participating in one of these opportunities.

### Services:

Staff, volunteers, members and friends offer their services in exchange for a donation to ACNC.

- Coin Appraisal
- Garden Consultation

### Exclusive Private Programs:

Schedule one of these programs for your group.

- Grandpa Dave's Storytelling and Folklore
- Healthy Eating Lecture
- Maple Syrup Lesson and Demonstration
- Pennsylvania Timber Rattlesnake Photography Hunt
- Venison Dinner for Four to Six People

### Fundraising Events:

- Behind the Scenes with Wild Kingdom's Peter Gros

For more information and to register, please visit: [auduboncnc.org/exclusives](http://auduboncnc.org/exclusives) or call (716) 569-2345



Participants learned how to make fresh pizza at a previous exclusive private program.

## Community Partners

Thank you Bob and Kathy Frucella for your dedicated support this year.

Community Partners make an annual contribution of at least \$2,000 that directly supports Audubon's facilities, staff, and educational programs.

To become a Community Partner, please contact Leigh Rovegno at [lrovegno@auduboncnc.org](mailto:lrovegno@auduboncnc.org) or (716) 569-2345.

# Discover Your Place

*Apply to be an ACNC Volunteer*

There are numerous ways to help out at Audubon Community Nature Center. Some volunteers contribute their time once or twice a week, others once or twice a year. Volunteers at Audubon build bridges, maintain trails, lead walks, assist with mailings, park cars at festivals, help children do crafts, care for animals, tend gardens, and a myriad of other things that keep ACNC running.

While the Nature Center depends on volunteers, there are many benefits to volunteering. It can be a wonderful opportunity to share your talents, learn new things, and meet new people. When you volunteer, you'll join a group of diverse, talented, energetic people that help keep ACNC running smoothly. Discover your place in the Audubon community.

*Learn more or apply online at: [auduboncnc.org/volunteer](http://auduboncnc.org/volunteer)*



# Volunteer Hours

*156 volunteers (including 30 RSVP volunteers) logged 3,063 hours from September to December 2018.*

- Berk Adams • Jill Adams • Ann Anderson • Dan Anderson • Denny Anderson • Linda Anderson • Todd Anderson • Thom Armella • Wendy Bale • John Barone • Nancy Barr • Edith Bensink • Heidi Bird • Barbara Boone • Patricia Borowski • Bonnie Bowen • Monica Bragg • Pat Bringer • Brenda Brook • Alan Brown • Larry Brown • Leah Bullock • Josey Campbell • Lee Campbell • Scott Cappa • Ray Carlson • Pierre Chagnon • Carole Colter • William Colter • Barb Conklin • Arlene Connelly • Cindy Conquer • Elaine Conti • Elaine Crossley • Thomas Dawson • Bill Dies • Don Dove • Martha Dove • Debbie Dunn • Kimberly Dunnigan • Kate Ebersole • Kyle Eddy • Cummins Engine • Mary Erlandson • Tom Erlandson • Justin Fancher • Mel Feather • Logan Fincher • Patricia Fincher • Lee Fletcher • Sandy Fletcher • Aidan Fodor • Kieran Fodor • Willow Fodor • Janet Forbes • Dean Frentz • Elaine Frentz • Martin Grunzweig • Mary Hackford • Randy Hallberg • Terry Hallock • Susan Hedberg • Hannah Hornyak • Maddie Huggins • John Hyde • Karen Inwood • Kathleen Johnson • Rick Johnson • Ron Johnson • Kelly Joslyn • Evan Kirchhoff • Tracy Kirchhoff • Bob Klebacha • Margaret Lane • David Lange • Sue Lawton • Nancy LeBaron • Terry LeBaron • Justin Leid • Greg Leonard • Penny Lester • Ned Lindstrom • David Lobb • Karen Lobe • Judy Long • Susan Lowe • Ruth Lundin • Greg Lyle • Patrica Martinez • Natalie Maschensic • Elizabeth McIntyre • Amanda Meleen • Kelli Merchant • Antoinette Meyer • Barry Millspaw • Thomas Mooney • Marlene Mudge • Shane Murphy • Julie Nelson • Rachel Noling • Amelia Ostrum • Heather Peters • Daniel Pierce • Jennifer Pierce • Carly Polisoto • Debbie Pring • Freda Pyles • Ryan Restivo • Art Robb • Johannah Robb • Blanche Robbins • Rick Rupprecht • LeeAnn Russell • Carol Samuelson • Alan Sandberg • Rick Sandberg • Robert Schlick • Judy Schultz • Linda Seleen • Don Sharp • Chris Short • Jacob Short • Tina Short • Veronica Short • Tim Smeal • Tammy Smith • Lasharie Sparks • Chip Spiesman • Kay Stahlman • Rose Stark • Barb Suckow • Rebekah Swart • Merle Szydlo • Tom Tempel • Craig Thompson • Michelle Thompson • Rhett Thompson • Ralph Tressler • Robert Ungerer • Bob VanEvery • Ruth Wahl • Don Watts • Don Weber • Joyce Weber • Sharon Weiler • Nathan Welker • Mary Jane Whaley • Nancy White • Catherine Willard • Bob Williams • John Willisie • Rhonda Willisie • Ro Woodard • Edward Yager • Phillip Yates • Sue Yauchzy

## Volunteer Highlight

The OWLS meet twice a week to help with general maintenance and upkeep. Audubon couldn't exist without all of their help. Nancy and Ray are part of that group and have helped control mischief beaver activity to prevent damage of the trails.

## Volunteer Application

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Contact:  Email  Phone

**Please check any opportunities you would like to be contacted about:**

- Administration
- Buildings and Grounds
- Education
- Animal Care
- Gift Shop
- Reception Desk
- Events
- Fundraising
- Research
- Outreach

Please list any skills, training, or experience that you would like to share with ACNC:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## The Ripple Effect

An excerpt from an article  
by Sarah Hatfield, *Education Coordinator*

Some of Audubon's volunteers have been spending time here for a long while, Larry Brown is one of them. Years ago, a little oak, whippy and short, caught his eye and he put a tree tube around it. He said someday it'd be a magnificent tree. Today that tree flames crimson in the fall like no other, standing 30 feet tall. How many trees have thrived because of Larry? His effect on the habitat at ACNC is dramatic, much larger than any single action he has taken here over the last 40 years. The ripple effect.



Lee, Rori, and Ed, some of Audubon's regular volunteers, working to build a bridge in 2009.

Other volunteers build things that visitors use daily. How many children have sat at the picnic tables they've built? At least 3,000 per year for the last 15 years. The Hugh Wood Tower, the Blue Heron Overlook, the Adirondack Shelter, three deer enclosures, two photo blinds... If the volunteers had a nickel for every visitor that ran their hand over a railing that they helped construct, they'd be rich. Other volunteers spend their time teaching children about the magic of the natural world. Those moments, those connections, are ripples that could become the best of tsunamis. Whether it is by making the world a better place, or making the people in the world better, volunteers have a powerful effect. This is the ripple effect.

It is why we volunteer, why we help, why we work, and why we change our behavior. We know that our impact can be greater than it seems. What is your ripple effect?

## Bird Seed

Conewango Blend, a mix of birdseed especially formulated to attract a wide array of birds to your feeders, 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*
- 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*



## Beers for the Beasts

**Thank you** to everyone who supported this event and helped reach the fundraising goal of \$2,000. This money will provide food and care for ACNC's animals for one full year.

Thank you Brazil Craft Beer and Wine Lounge for hosting the event and donating 25% of all food and beverage sales of the night to ACNC.

Additional thanks to The National Comedy Center, Plant Life, The Reg Lenna, Terry Lorenc, Crooked Cabin Farms, and Jamestown Container for their donations of raffle items.



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Long-spurred Violet. Photo by Jennifer Schlick