



# Audubon Community Nature Center

*The connection begins with you.*

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



## Mission

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.

## Building Admission

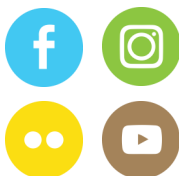
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## Executive Director's Desk

Leigh Rovegno

Dear Members and Friends of the Nature Center,

I invite you to join Audubon this holiday season in sharing gratitude for the places and people that we love.

We are fortunate enough to live in a place that is rich with resources. The forests, lakes, rivers, streams, and ponds are what make this place special. Building an appreciation of these incredible gifts starts early.

At Audubon Community Nature Center, our goal is to build and restore the practice of 'wonder'.

"I wonder how that tiny turtle can find its way to the pond?"

"I wonder what animal is making that sound?"

"I wonder where this trail might take me and what I might see."

Wonder is something that we experience at all ages — even if we temporarily forget that it exists. With the busyness of the world, it is so easy to forget about the simple joys of wonder. We get caught up in the holiday season — spending money on things we don't need, planning extravagant gatherings, over-booking our schedules.

This season, I encourage you to slow down. Find your moments of wonder. Hold on to them, and share them with your loved ones. Give your family the gift of wonder, and it will stay with them forever.

Together, at Audubon Community Nature Center, we continue to provide real and healthy connections to nature for people of all ages. Audubon educators provided more than 1,400 nature-based programs throughout the community each year — engaging people with the natural world that surrounds them — building wonder for all that exists right outside our front door.

Join us in finding your own wonder this season by continuing to be a part of Audubon through your membership, program attendance, volunteerism, visitation, and donations.

Audubon Community Nature Center exists because of **you**. It continues to grow and thrive because of **you**.

Thank you as always for your support, and I hope you enjoy your holiday season.

Sincerely,

*Leigh J. Rovegno*

Leigh Rovegno, Executive Director



# This Month in ACNC History

The Nature Center has newsletters dating back to 1957, full of interesting tidbits about things going on. Here are some of the things that were happening in the past. Some things are fairly straight forward, but past editors had a style all of their own. Here are some glimpses of times past at ACNC.

## 1963

“Your program chairman, Mr. Neal, asked your editor to give a program on trees... I was struck with horror. But Mr. Neal is a persuasive gentleman, standing as he does well over six feet and probably able to stare down a charging elephant... All I can hope for now is that December 13 turns out to be a dark stormy night...please, friend, don't bring any vegetables. Your editor will be suffering enough.”

## 1973

“(Volunteers) hosted a group of 60 third-graders from Fairmount School at (ACNC). The youngsters first had lunch in the Urban Pavilion, then were shown the natural beauty of the sanctuary.”

## 1983

“The equipment storage building, in the woods behind the service building, is complete. It was built by... volunteers.”

## 1993

“An army of volunteers rose to the challenge of hosting the Nature Art Festival.”

## 2003

“Ruth Lundin announced changes in the hours and admission for the... Nature Center. Non-members now pay \$4.00 and the Nature Center is closed Monday through Friday, November through February.”

## 2013

“70 volunteers worked over 800 hours to remove Water Chestnut from all of the sanctuary ponds last summer. Kudos to all.”

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

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

**Right:** ACNC Nature Educators visit a classroom in 1976.

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## Volunteer Corner

Over 200 Volunteers help to make ACNC all that it can be each year. Join the crew by volunteering for one of the upcoming opportunities listed below.

### Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Thanksgiving with the Birds**  
**November 18, 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
Celebrate the season and help prepare a Thanksgiving Dinner with ACNC. Volunteers are needed for food preparation, admissions, and everyone's favorite: cleaning the dishes.
- **Wreath Decoration**  
**November 29, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
Lend your crafting skills to assemble an assortment of berries, cones, and other natural materials for ACNC's Wreath Sale.
- **Wreath Sale Pick-Up**  
**December 1 and 2, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
Volunteers are needed to organize and distribute pre-ordered wreaths. Morning and afternoon shifts are available.

For more information, please contact Emily Nelson at (716) 569-2345 x103 or [enelson@auduboncnc.org](mailto:enelson@auduboncnc.org).



## Find Unique Gifts at the Blue Heron Gift Shop

The Blue Heron Gift Shop is perfect for unique presents. There is everything from puzzles and puppets, to earrings and books, for the nature lover in your life. You can even pair birdseed, birdfeeders, and bird books for a delightful gift for any age. The Gift Shop will also feature locally crafted items including upcycled wool mittens lined with fleece again this year.

Take advantage of an extra 10% off of everything in the store for Small Business Saturday on November 25.

## Give Big Chautauqua Donors

Donations made on June 8, 2023 totaled \$8,464.

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# Programs and Events

## November

### First Friday (Adult+)

*Planting for Pollinators with Jan Bowman*

Friday, November 3, 11:00 a.m. – noon

\$8 Adults

\$6 Members and children 9 – 15

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

### First Sunday Story Time

(Children 2 – 8 with an adult)

Sunday, November 5, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Free for children and adults

*Reservations requested by November 4.*

*Limited enrollment. Walk-ins accepted if room.*

### November Camp (Children 4 – 9)

Friday, November 10,

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\$48 Children 4 – 9

\$36 Member children

\$5 Sibling discount

*Paid reservations required by November 8.*

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

*Fur, Feathers, and Scales*

Saturday, November 11

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$12 Adults

\$9 Members and children 3 – 8

*Paid reservations required by November 9.*

### Thanksgiving with the Birds (All)

*Adventures in Bird Banding*

Saturday, November 18

11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

\$8 Adults

\$6 Members and children 3 – 15

Free 2 and under

*Paid reservations required by November 15.*

## Program Registration

*Registrations required for most programs.*

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

For the most accurate information about ACNC programs and events, please visit

[auduboncnc.org](http://auduboncnc.org) or call (716) 569-2345.

## Register for a program:

- 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

## November (continued)

### Holiday Wreath Sale (All)

Orders due Monday, November 20

#### Wreath Pick-Up:

*Friday, December 1, Noon – 4:30 p.m.*

*Saturday, December 2, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*

\$28 Fresh Greens Only

\$46 Uniquely Audubon Theme

### Thanksgiving Camp (Children 5 – 11)

Wednesday, November 22

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\$48 Children 5 – 11

\$36 Members

\$5 Sibling discount

*Paid reservations required by November 20.*

### Natural Investigators

(Children 8 – 12 with an adult)

*Animal Signs and Game Cameras*

Saturday, November 25

10:00 – 11:30 p.m.

\$12 Adults

\$9 Members and children 8 – 12

*Paid reservations required by November 23.*

### Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 25

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### Giving Tuesday

*An online day of giving*

November 28, Midnight – 11:59 p.m.

[auduboncnc.org/donate](http://auduboncnc.org/donate)



**The Nature Center is closed November 23, December 24 and 25, and January 1. The trails and grounds are still open for visitors.**

## 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.

## December

### First Friday (Adult+)

Topic TBD

Friday, December 1, 11:00 a.m. – noon

\$8 Adults

\$6 Members and children 9 – 15

*No reservations required.*

### Decorating with Greens (All)

Saturday, December 2

**Session 1:** 10:30 a.m. – noon p.m.

**Session 2:** 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

\$16 Adults

\$12 Members and children 3 – 15

Free 2 and under

*Paid reservations required by December 1.*

### First Sunday Story Time

(Children 2 – 8 with an adult)

Sunday, December 3, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Free for children and adults

*Reservations requested by December 2.*

*Limited enrollment. Walk-ins accepted if room.*

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

*Evergreens and Conifers*

Saturday, December 9, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$12 Adults

\$9 Members and children 3 – 8

*Paid reservations required by December 7.*

### Christmas Bird Counts (Adult+)

*Warren, Jamestown, and Dunkirk*

December 16, 2023 — Warren

December 17, 2023 — Jamestown

*Visit [auduboncnc.org](http://auduboncnc.org) for more info.*

### Holiday Camp (Children)

Wednesday, December 27 (Children 5 – 11)

Thursday, December 28 (Children 4 – 12)

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\$48 Children

\$36 Member children

\$5 Sibling discount

*Paid reservations required by December 25/26.*

### Christmas with the Critters (All)

Friday, December 29

**Session 1:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Session 2:** 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

\$8 Adults

\$6 Members and children 3 – 15

Free 2 and under

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

## Frozen Frogs

Emma Roth, *Nature Educator*

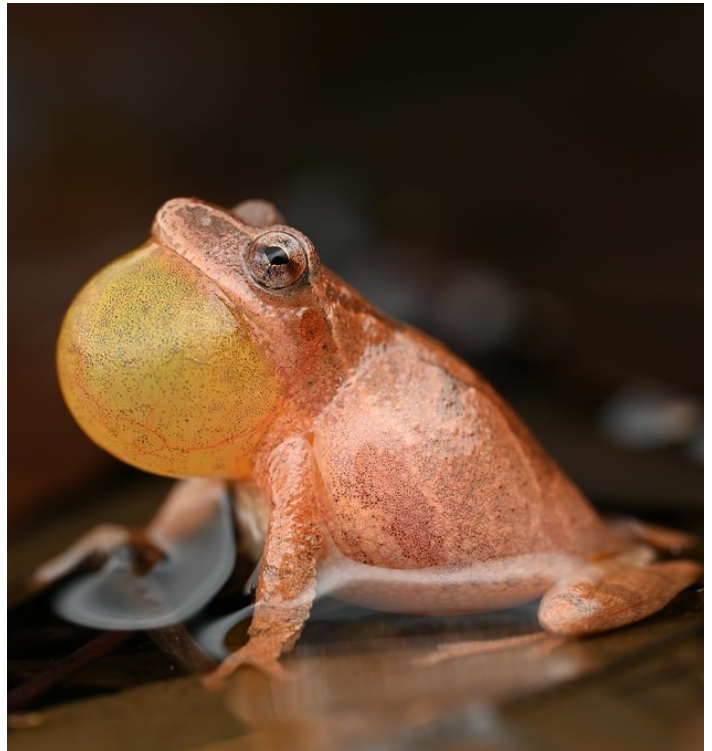
As the temperatures drop and snow begins to fall, many people express their discomfort with the phrase “I’m freezing!”. When humans are “freezing,” we wrap ourselves in blankets and sweaters, drink a hot beverage, or find refuge in a warm place. We certainly do not turn into a frozen human popsicle. If a frog is heard saying “I’m freezing,” they might mean it.

There are many ways our local creatures survive the dropping temperatures of winter. Some migrate to warmer climates; others go dormant or enter full hibernation. Some mammals grow thicker winter coats or spend much of their time underground. Aquatic turtles will dig down into the mud at the bottom of the pond and wait patiently for the warmer temperatures of spring.



Some frogs freeze solid. They don’t just get cold; they turn into little frog ice cubes. Three species in this area are known to freeze solid with the winter temperatures: the Grey Tree Frog, Spring Peeper, and Wood Frog. These are all terrestrial frogs that spend the winter in the leaf litter on the forest floor or tucked in crevices in bark or pieces of wood. These locations offer very little insulation, and as temperatures drop below freezing, so do the frogs.

Normally, freezing solid is a death sentence for animals. Expanding ice crystals in the liquid of the animal, even down to the cellular level, causes tissue destruction and organ failure. These frogs, however, have a secret: antifreeze. As the temperatures decrease and the frogs reach freezing temperatures, freezable frogs release a large amount of glucose into their blood streams, which works its way into major organs. This glucose acts like antifreeze for the frogs, allowing their vital organs to survive a deep freeze and the frogs to survive the winter.



**Top Right:** *Wood Frog*. Photo by Dave Huth.

**Bottom Left:** Certain frog species are known to freeze solid as the leaf litter they stay in freezes.

**Bottom Right:** *Spring Peeper*. Photo by Benjamin Genter.

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# Give the Gift of Belonging this Holiday Season



Audubon is offering Holiday Gift Memberships with special packaging November 25 through January 2, 2024. Gift membership packages include: a regular

membership packet plus Audubon greeting card and special gift packaging.

Gift memberships are valid for one full year of ACNC member benefits and can be added to an existing membership to extend a current membership's renewal date.

You can purchase in-person at the Blue Heron Gift Shop, over the phone, or through the ACNC website under membership. Gift memberships can be mailed for an additional \$4.50.

Save 10% on your gift membership when you stop by the Blue Heron Gift Shop on Small Business Saturday, Saturday, November 25.



## Blue Heron Legacy Society

ACNC strives to ensure that every child from the local community has a real and healthy connection to nature. You can be a part of this vision, make it stronger, and leave a lasting legacy for the future.



ACNC's vision becomes stronger through long-term commitments made by Nature Center members, donors, and friends; those who wish their legacies to be a part of a thriving, educational, nature-based organization. Commitments can include listing ACNC as a beneficiary in your will, IRA account, retirement plan, or designated fund.

What will **your** legacy be? How will you leave **your** mark on the world?

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## Community Partners

- Carnahan-Jackson Foundation
- Chautauqua Region Community Foundation
- Holmberg Foundation
- Hultquist Foundation
- Jessie Smith Darrah Fund
- The Lenna Foundation
- The Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation
- Whirley-DrinkWorks!

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- Bob Frucella's Tax Service
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  - Hal and Mary Conarro
  - Doug and Lamae McCullor
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*Fall into Winter.* Photo from 2023 ACNC Photo Contest winner, Karen Christy.