



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

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

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Hosting a chapter of National Audubon Society
serving Chautauqua and Warren Counties

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

\$6 Adults • \$2 Children • \$15 Max per family
Free admission for Nature Center Members.
Free admission for SNAP/EBT cardholders.
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Executive Director's Desk

Leigh Rovegno

Dear Members and Friends,

The holiday season is upon us! Life's distractions are at an all-time high.

It is so easy to get lost in our overly packed schedules, gift purchasing, and holiday planning.

What if we chose to do things differently?

What if we intentionally listen to our minds and bodies, and make a conscious effort to rest, relax, and enjoy time with our families and friends?

This season, I encourage you to slow down and enjoy time with your loved ones. Celebrate the connections to each other, and the gratitude that you share for the incredible world that we live in.

Spend time outside together admiring the transition of the seasons. Reflect together on another year that has gone by.

We at Audubon Community Nature Center have a lot to reflect on over the past year. We have said goodbye to long-time staff members, and we have welcomed new ones. We have been given an opportunity to look at things through a new set of lenses, and we are excited to see where this new perspective takes us.

Audubon Community Nature Center's mission will always be to connect people with nature. We as an organization are fortunate to be able to interpret that mission in a variety of ways through both existing and new projects and programs. Each staff member and volunteer brings their own perspective on what that mission means and how it can be interpreted. All of those perspectives combined make us who we are as an organization.

Your membership, volunteering, visitation, donations, and program participation are what keeps this organization moving forward. Together, we are creating real and healthy connections to nature for people of all ages.

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

Thank you for continuing to support this incredible organization, and I hope you enjoy your holiday season.

Sincerely,

Leigh J. Rovegno

Leigh Rovegno, Executive Director



ACNC Through the Years

As fall ends and winter settles in, see how ACNC members have enjoyed the season in years past.

1964

“We will meet, rain or snow, in the parking lot at the rear of the Prendergast Library, at 8:30 a.m. for our annual trip to Allegany State Park... Awaiting us there in the pavilion, will be Ed and Caroline Urban, with a big roaring fire to warm our bones and hot chocolate to warm our stomachs.”

1974

“Despite fairly heavy overnight snowfall and intermittent flurries through-out Sunday, field trips for the birders from all parts of the state – including a large delegation from Long island – went forward as planned under the direction of Bob Sundell. Snow and unseasonable chill notwithstanding, the event was a great success which earned both recognition and new friends for JAS and Burgeson Sanctuary.”

1984

“Now is the time to start thinking about joining JAS staff for the annual New York State Outdoor Education “Winter Workshop”... there will be singing, square dancing, ice fishing, cross-country skiing, good food, good company, and much more.”

1994

“Dec 17 (Sat): Introduction to Nature, 3 & 4 year olds, 10 to 11:30 am. Life Beneath a Blanket of Snow; learn about a flurry of activity under the snow.”

2004

“Please come to the Nature Center for our second annual Homemade Holidays on November 26. This will be a Free Admission Day. The Nature Center will be set up in stations where visitors can make holiday gifts.”

2014

“Using materials from Audubon’s (and other) local property, you will craft a homemade wreath. You will learn how to identify greens, harvest materials, prepare them for the wreaths, assemble your wreath, and decorate it.”

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

Right: Visitors of all ages creating ornaments and gifts during 2007’s Homemade Holidays program.

Board Officers

<i>Board Chairperson</i>	Tina Downey
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<i>Senior Nature Educator,</i> <i>Interim Education Program Coordinator</i>	Chelsea Jandreau
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Volunteer Corner

ACNC is grateful for their community of volunteers, and incredibly appreciative of all they accomplished in 2024. For more information on how to join the volunteer community, visit auduboncnc.org/volunteer.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Thanksgiving with the Birds**
Saturday, November 23, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Celebrate the season and help prepare a Thanksgiving Dinner. Volunteers are needed to assist with set up, food service, and clean up.
- **Wreath Fundraiser Decorating Party**
Tuesday and Wednesday, December 3 and 4
Show your creative side and help decorate assembled wreaths using natural materials for the Holiday Wreath Sale.
- **Mailing Committee**
Thursday, December 12, 9:00 a.m.

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Mailings:** Thursdays as needed, year-round
- **Animal Care (Critical Need):** Year-round

Holiday Gift Memberships



Audubon is offering Holiday Gift Memberships with special packaging starting Saturday, November 30, 2024 through January 3, 2025.

Gift membership packages include: regular membership packet plus Audubon greeting card and 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 Holiday Gift Memberships in-person at the Blue Heron Gift Shop, over the phone, or through the ACNC website under membership. They can be mailed for an additional fee of \$4.50.

Save 10% on your gift membership when you stop by the Blue Heron Gift Shop during Small Business Saturday on November 30.

Thank you!

More than 50 volunteers contributed their time to making the Enchanted Forest event a success. From animal actors to fire tenders, each of you play an essential role in creating a unique experience for people of all ages to enjoy.

Thank you for choosing to spend your time helping ACNC succeed.

Interested in volunteering? Please contact Sharon Tefft: STefft@auduboncnc.org or (716) 569-2345 x103



Shop Small on November 30

The Blue Heron Gift Shop is the perfect place to find unique holiday gifts. There’s everything from puzzles, stuffies, and puppets to earrings, field guides, and notecards for the nature lovers in your life. Pick up some of ACNC’s Conewango Blend birdseed, a birdfeeder, and a bird identification book for the perfect gift combo for birders of any age and ability.

Be sure to take advantage of an extra 10% off of everything in the store for Small Business Saturday on November 30. ACNC members receive an additional 10% off purchases for a total of 20% off.



Shop the gift shop and find items too cute to pass up.

Programs and Events

November

First Friday (Adult+)

The Great Outdoors with Rick Rupprecht

Friday, November 1, 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 3, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Free for children and adults

Reservations requested by November 2.

Limited enrollment. Walk-ins accepted if room.

November Camp (Children 4 – 12)

Monday, November 11,

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\$48 Children 4 – 9

\$36 Member children

\$5 Sibling discount

Paid reservations required by November 7.

Holiday Wreath Sale (All)

Orders due Monday, November 18

Wreath Pick-Up:

Friday, December 6, Noon – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 7, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

\$28 Fresh Greens only

\$38 Fresh Greens and DIY decorating

\$48 Uniquely Audubon themed

Fall Foray (Adult+)

Saturday, November 23

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$8 Adults

\$6 Members and children 9 – 15

Free 2 and under

Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.

Thanksgiving with the Birds (All)

Saturday, November 23

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.

Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 30

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

December

Giving Tuesday

An online day of giving

December 3, Midnight – 11:59 p.m.

auduboncnc.org/donate

First Friday (Adult+)

Trails of Chautauqua County with Jacob Bodway

Friday, December 6, 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, December 8, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Free for children and adults

Reservations requested by December 7.

Limited enrollment. Walk-ins accepted if room.

Little Explorers (Children 3 – 8 with an adult)

Nocturnal Animals

Saturday, December 14

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$12 Adults

\$9 Members and children 3 – 8

Paid reservations required by December 12.

Christmas Bird Count (Adult+)

Jamestown

December 15

For more information on how to participate,

contact Leigh Rovegno at

lrovegno@auduboncnc.org.

Christmas with the Critters (All)

Friday, December 27

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.

Holiday Camp (Children 4 – 12)

Monday, December 30

Tuesday, December 31

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\$48 Children

\$36 Member children

\$5 Sibling discount

Paid reservations required by December 25/26.



The Nature Center is closed November 28, 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/Ages = designed for kids — drop them off and pick them up later.

Program Registration

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

Refund Policy

If ACNC cancels the program, participants receive full refunds.

- If a participant cancels **before** the deadline, a refund, less and \$8 processing fee, will be made.
- If the registration is less than \$8, a processing fee will be 25% of the cost of the registration.
- If a participant cancels **after** the deadline, no refund will be made, but please still Notify ACNC of your cancellation.
- No refunds after 30 days from purchase.

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.

Please Note:

For the most accurate information about ACNC programs and events, please visit auduboncnc.org or call (716) 569-2345.

Fallen Leaves

Emma Roth, *Nature Educator and Animal Care Specialist*

Fallen leaves coat the ground. These leaves, which once were a symbol of life for the many plants in the forest, are now lying dead on the forest floor. The leaves' lives and functions are complete. But is that really true? While leaves play an important role in the lives of the plants they grow on, they play an equally important role as a part of the forest floor.

One of the most important jobs of fallen leaves is returning nutrients back to the soil. Through spring and summer, as plants grow, they suck key nutrients from the dirt through their roots, which are then incorporated into the plants' bodies, leaves included. When these leaves die, and eventually fall off, they rest on the ground where they decompose, returning some of those nutrients back to the soil they came from, where the plants can utilize them again in the future.

Dead and decaying leaves are also a crucial food source for many organisms that live on the forest floor. Many critters feast on these fallen leaves, including millipedes, snails, and pill bugs. Fungi and bacteria also eat up the leaves and help return those nutrients to the ground.

The dead leaves provide valuable shelter for many small creatures. Salamanders, toads, and insects all use the leaf litter for cover or camouflage. Some caterpillars stay in the leaf litter all winter long as they wait for spring to pupate and become adults.

These important roles aren't exclusive to the forest either. Leaves are beneficial in all habitats and spaces, even in yards and lawns. While they may seem unsightly, they are a valuable part of the ecosystem, and their presence helps a multitude of organisms live, grow, and thrive.



Fallen leaves hold moisture and create vital habitats for many different animals, like this toad.

2023-2024 Grants Received

Art Services Inc. Creative Impact Fund

\$5,000 — Bee Exhibit Upgrades

Carnahan Jackson Foundation

\$20,000 — Educational Program Support

Chautauqua Region Community Foundation Community Service Grant

\$20,000 — Educational Program Support

Chautauqua Region Community Foundation General Grant

\$4,000 — Replacement Server

Cummins Jamestown Engine Plant

\$4,908 — Recycling Stations and Outdoor Interpretation

Holmberg Foundation

\$12,000 — Educational Program Support

Hultquist Foundation

\$20,000 — Educational Program Support

Jessie Smith Darrah Fund

\$10,000 — Educational Program Support

The Lenna Foundation

\$23,000 — Educational Program Support

The Lenna Foundation

\$24,800 — Urban Pavilion Upgrades (for the 2024-2025 fiscal year)

NY State Zoos, Botanic Gardens, and Aquariums (ZBGA) Fund

\$56,281 — Education and Care for Natural Collections

Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation

\$14,327 — Utility Room Upgrades

United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County

\$500 — Community Art Project

Give Big Chautauqua Donors

Donations made online on June 13, 2024 totaled \$7,562.

Bree and Zach Agett	Federal Credit Union in honor of Mel Feather	Ruth Lundin and Paul Hedberg	Ron and Sandy Schifano in honor of Beth Pfeffer Kresge
James Barnes	Pat and Jim Fincher	Jerry Mathewson	Lexi Schosek
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Pat and Mark Evans in honor of Dr. Anne Louise Rassiga	Casey and Twan Leenders		
Southern Chautauqua	Penny and Gary Lester		

Warren Gives Donors

Donations made online on May 15, 2024 totaled \$11,752.

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Donations made between March 1 and July 31, 2024

\$5,000 – \$10,000

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\$1,000 – \$2,000

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Barbara Swift Suckow

Farewell to Kim Turner

ACNC has been fortunate enough to benefit from the many talents of Kim Turner over the last ten years.

Kim, who started as a volunteer in 2014 and was hired in 2015, has had the most unique role of any staff member within the organization. Over the years her jobs have included Education Intern, Receptionist, Education and Administrative Assistant, Designer, and Animal Care Specialist.

Her dedication to creating and maintaining ACNC's brand quality has allowed the organization to blossom into the highly regarded non-profit entity that it is today. Her artistic vision and attention to detail have been critical in the transformation of 'Jamestown Audubon Society' into 'Audubon Community Nature Center'. From illustrating Day Camp shirts to designing interpretive signs, her creativity can be seen throughout the building, grounds, and the ACNC community itself.

One of Kim's continuous goals was to improve the Animal Ambassador program to offer the best possible life for the captive animals at ACNC. Her vision of adding glove trained birds to the education team, improving and creating new habitats for the reptiles and amphibians both indoor and out, and creating a designated medical space for the animals have all been put in motion since she took on the title of Animal Care Specialist.

Kim's dedication has been endless. She has put her heart into each and every task that she has taken on during her tenure at ACNC. She will be missed dearly, and we wish her the very best in her new adventures.



Kim Turner with Soren, the Red-tailed Hawk.

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?

Please contact Leigh Rovegno for more information at lrovegno@auduboncnc.org or (716) 569-2345 x101.



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Audubon Community Partners include businesses, individuals, and families who make a contribution of \$2,000 or more to ACNC.

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For more information, visit auduboncnc.org/communitypartners or call (716) 569-2345.



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Blue Jay eating Staghorn Sumac.