



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
Closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve
Christmas Day, and New Year's Day
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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November 11, 2025)*



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From the Board Chair's Desk

Dear Nature Center Members and Friends,

As the year draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on the many ways 2025 has been a year of both gratitude and new beginnings for Audubon Community Nature Center. Each season has brought with it moments of wonder—whether in the songs of migrating birds, the laughter of children exploring the trails, or the quiet peace of the wetlands at first light. These experiences remind us why Audubon exists: to connect people of all ages with the natural world around us.

This year, we will also be experiencing an important milestone in our story: **the welcoming of our new Executive Director, Aaron Sidder.** You'll read more about Aaron in this newsletter, but I want to take a moment here to share the Board's excitement and confidence as we look ahead under his leadership. Aaron brings fresh energy, ideas, and perspective, and we are eager to see how his vision will help us deepen and expand Audubon's impact in the years to come. Change, especially at moments of transition, can spark reflection as well as renewal. We honor the dedicated staff and volunteers who have carried us forward through this past year and are grateful to now embrace this next chapter together.

At the same time, the close of a year is always a season of gratitude. None of Audubon's programs, habitats, or community connections would be possible without you—our members, donors, volunteers, and friends. Your generosity and commitment keep our trails open, our exhibits thriving, and our educational programs alive for thousands of learners each year. You ensure that people of all ages can continue to find inspiration and connection in nature.

As you celebrate the holiday season, I encourage you to pause and take in the simple joys that surround us: the crunch of leaves beneath your feet, the hush of falling snow, the sparkle of stars in a winter sky. These moments remind us of both the beauty and the fragility of the natural world—and of our shared responsibility to protect it.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your steadfast support throughout this year of transition and growth. We are deeply grateful for all that you do to sustain Audubon's mission. With Aaron now at the helm and with you by our side, I am filled with excitement for what the future holds.

Wishing you peace, joy, and wonder this holiday season.

With gratitude,

Tina E. Downey

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Chair, Board of Directors



ACNC Through the Years

ACNC’s mission is rooted deeply in conservation and education. See how Audubon members and friends have supported education and conservation efforts throughout the years.

1965

“The city has been invaded! On December 1, Bruce Fry reported that 4 Wild Turkeys were in his yard on Lamont St. Jamestown.”

1975

“On November 15, 55 members joined at Quaker Picnic Area of Allegany State Park to hold our 18th annual Thanksgiving with the Birds. The weather was exceptional and the food excellent.”

1985

“The results of the Jamestown Christmas Bird Count on December 22 are in with 61 species and 7,805 individuals.”

1995

“The Bird of the Month was a well-described Bohemian Waxwing on Nov 10 seen and closely compared with about 40 Cedar Waxwings at Saybrook by Chuck and Marjorie Neel. This represents a first record for Warren County.”

2005

“The Board of Directors is moving ahead with negotiations for a gas lease agreement. The board has worked with extreme caution... addressing many environmental issues. We are in hopes that an agreement can be reached so that drilling on the property, if it will occur, will do so in the winter.”

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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!



Thanksgiving with the Birds 2024

Volunteer Corner

ACNC's Volunteer Program provides opportunities to put special skills to use, make a difference in the community, or learn something new. For the Volunteer E-Newsletter, visit auduboncnc.org/volunteer

Upcoming and ongoing volunteer opportunities:

- **Mailing Committee: Thanksgiving Appeal**
Thursday, November 6, 9:00 a.m.
Help prepare the Thanksgiving Appeal for mailing.
- **Thanksgiving with the Birds**
Saturday, November 22, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Help prepare a Thanksgiving dinner with ACNC. Assist with set up, food service, and/or clean up.
- **Wreath Fundraiser Decorating Party**
Tuesday, November 25, 9:00 a.m.
Help decorate assembled wreaths using natural materials for ACNC's Holiday Wreath Sale.
- **Mailing Committee: Newsletter Mailing**
Thursday, December 11, 9:00 a.m.
Help prepare the newsletter for bulk mailing.

Interest in volunteering? Contact Sharon Tefft at stefft@auduboncnc.org or (716) 569-2345.

Welcome MaryAnn Alpaugh

New Receptionist and Gift Shop Volunteer!

"I've lived in Chautauqua County most of my life. Since I've been young, I've always loved the outdoors.

Audubon Community Nature Center always appealed to me because of its magnificent hiking trails and most importantly for me, their bird banding in the spring. I'm a huge birder and take no shame in saying I can sit for hours watching, listening, and identifying birds.

My husband and I are retired. Our son and daughter-in-law live in Colorado. While exploring nature on the mountains, it made me realize the need to give back locally.

So here I am volunteering. Audubon is a great place to enjoy nature for everyone of all ages. The staff here have been so welcoming and I'm happy to be of help."



Holiday Gift Memberships

Give the gift of experience for an entire year! **Purchase Holiday Gift Memberships with special packaging from November 29, 2025 through January 2, 2026.** Packages include a membership packet, Audubon greeting card, and gift packaging.

Holiday Gift Memberships can be given for a new member and as a soon-to-be renewal for an existing member.

Purchase in-person, over the phone, or online at auduboncnc.org/membership.

Receive a free honey product with your gift membership when you shop in person at the Blue Heron Gift Shop on November 29 – 30.



Blue Heron Gift Shop

Small Business Saturday

Get your unique holiday presents at Audubon! **Save 10% off everything in the gift shop for Small Business Saturday on November 29 and Sunday, November 30.** ACNC members receive an extra 10% off purchases for a total of 20% off.

Get everything from children's books, puzzles, stuffies, and puppets to earrings, field guides, and notecards for the nature lovers in your life. Pick up Audubon's Conewango Blend birdseed, birdfeeder, and bird identification book for a great gift combo for birders.



Programs and Events

November

First Sunday Story Time

(Children 2 – 8 with an adult)

Sunday, November 2

12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Free for children and adults

Reservations requested by November 1.

First Friday (Adult+)

How Does a Watershed Affect You

Friday, November 7

11:00 a.m. – Noon

\$8 Adults

\$6 Members and children 9 – 15

Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.

Little Explorers (Ages 3 – 8 with an adult)

Time for Turkeys

Saturday, November 8

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$12 Adults

\$9 Members and children 3 – 8

Paid reservations required by November 6.

November Camp (Ages 4 – 11 with adult)

Sign up for one or both days. Prices are per day.

Monday, November 10

Tuesday, November 11

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\$48 Children 4 – 11

\$36 Member children

\$5 Sibling discount

Paid reservations required by November 6/7.

Holiday Wreath Sale (All)

Orders due: Friday, November 14

Wreath Pick-Up

Friday, November 28, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 29, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

\$28 Fresh Green Wreath Only

\$48 Uniquely Audubon Themed

Thanksgiving with the Birds (All)

Saturday, November 22

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 14.

November/December

Small Business Saturday (All)

Saturday, November 29

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Throwback Shirt Fundraiser (All)

Pre-order by: Monday, December 1

\$28 Adult unisex t-shirts

\$28 Adult women's cut t-shirts

\$32 Adult unisex long-sleeve

\$22 Youth t-shirt

\$42 Hooded sweatshirt (Adult/youth)

**Additional \$5 for size XXL shirts and sweatshirts.*

Giving Tuesday (All)

An online day of giving: auduboncnc.org/donate

December 2, 2025

Midnight – 11:59 p.m.

First Friday (Adult+)

"Fleeting Moments" A Collection of Wildlife Photographs

Friday, December 5

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 7

12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Free for children and adults

Reservations requested by December 6.

Little Explorers (Ages 3 – 8 with an adult)

Under the Snow

Saturday, December 13

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$12 Adults

\$9 Members and children 3 – 8

Paid reservations required by December 11.

Christmas with the Critters (All)

Monday, December 29, 2025

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 if space is available.

December (Continued)

Holiday Camp (Ages 4 – 12 with adult)

Sign up for one or both days. Prices are per day.

Tuesday, December 30

Wednesday, December 31

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\$48 Children 4 – 11

\$36 Member children

\$5 Sibling discount

Paid reservations required by December 26/29.

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 children: drop them off and pick them up later.

Program Registration

- Online at auduboncnc.org/events
- 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 Audubon Community Nature Center cancels the program, participants receive full refunds.
- If a participant cancels before the deadline, a refund, less an \$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.

Please Note:

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

Registration is required for most programs. Programs may be cancelled if there are not enough registrations. Register early to ensure the program runs. Some programs have limited enrollment.

Nature Notes: Goldenrod Galls

By Emma Roth
Nature Educator and Animal Care Specialist

Those of you who frequent the trails at Audubon are probably familiar with our little meadow, Bluebird Field. While this field is aptly named and is frequented by bluebirds, the name Goldenrod Field would be equally appropriate. In September, the field is still full of the golden yellow flowers, but by November, those flowers have died and the stalks have turned dry and brown. However, these dead plants are still hosting life.

If you've walked through a field of goldenrods, alive or dead, you may have noticed a nearly perfect spherical growth on some of the stalks. These bulbous growths are galls, the incubation chambers made by an insect known as a Goldenrod Gall Fly. These flies lay their eggs on the goldenrod stalks. After the eggs hatch, the larvae burrow into the stalk, and begin to eat the plant tissue. This causes the plant to react and grow around the insect, creating the ball-shaped gall we see.

In early fall, before the goldenrod dies and dries, the larvae create a tunnel, which reaches almost to the surface of the plant stalk, before going dormant and spending the winter in the tunnel. In the spring, the larva goes through a final molt, becoming an adult where it chews through the remaining portion of the

stem and emerges into the world. In the spring, you can find the tiny holes on the sides of dried goldenrod galls where the adult fly has emerged.

Goldenrod Gall Flies are not the only insects that overwinter in dead plants. Many types of beetles, moths, butterflies, and bees overwinter, often in larval form, in dead leaves or stems of plants. While winter landscapes often seem dead and bleak, in truth they are teeming with life, often right under your feet, just waiting for the warm days of spring.



The spherical galls on dried goldenrod stalks are the homes of Goldenrod Gall Fly larvae, who are waiting for the warm days of spring to emerge. Photo by Jennifer Schlick.

2024-2025 Grants Received

Carnahan Jackson Foundation
\$20,000 Educational Program Support

\$500 Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation
\$250 Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation

Chautauqua Region Community Foundation
\$20,000 Educational Program Support

Holmberg Foundation
\$12,000 Educational Program Support

Discretionary Grants
\$1,250 Gebbie Foundation
\$1,000 Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation
\$500 Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation

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\$10,000 Educational Program Support

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The Lenna Foundation
\$23,000 Educational Program Support
\$21,123 Well and Septic System Upgrades

Northern Allegheny Conservation Association
\$1,000 Invasive Species Program Support

Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation
\$17,651 Reception Desk and Restroom Remodel (for 2025-2026 fiscal year)

\$1,010: Computer Replacement
\$5,000: Executive Director Search
\$500 Discretionary Grant

United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County
\$500 Pollinator Exhibit Flower Replacement

Give Big Chautauqua Donors

Donations made online on June 12, 2025, totaled \$7,214.

Breeanne Agett	Mark Conover	Mark and Christine King in honor of Leigh Rovegno	Steph Rogers
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Donations made online on May 14, 2025, totaled \$10,966.

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Audubon Welcomes New Executive Director, Aaron Sidder

Audubon is thrilled to announce that Aaron Sidder has joined ACNC as the new Executive Director!

Aaron brings nearly two decades of experience in conservation and nonprofit leadership, with a passion for helping people connect with the natural world. He is a published science writer for publications like *National Geographic* and has helped secure significant funding for conservation projects in his previous roles.

“I am honored to lead this incredible organization and to help strengthen the ties between people and the natural world,” Aaron shared. Board Chair Tina Downey says his deep expertise and ability to inspire make him an exceptional fit.

His leadership comes at an exciting time, and ACNC can't wait to see the vision and energy he brings. Please give Aaron a warm welcome to the Audubon team!



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 Jessica Piskor for more information at jpiskor@auduboncnc.org or (716) 569-2345.

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Contact Jessica Piskor at (716) 569-2345

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Audubon's Holiday Wreath Sale