

Greenburgh Nature Center

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Mission

Our mission is to educate and to promote conservation, research, and appreciation of nature and the environment while preserving the natural and historic character of our property.

Vision

The Greenburgh Nature Center will be the leader in nature and environmental education, igniting a lasting desire to preserve and protect the natural world.

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Green Tip of the Month

Reduce the bulk: When you receive unwanted catalogs or junk mail, request to be removed from the mailing list before you recycle the item.

Our Supporters



→ GNC Annual Giving Campaign Underway



For 2010, our Annual Giving Campaign is focusing on raising funds for the next phase of our Master Plan: a new "Nature's Discovery Zone for Children." The goal of this nature-themed playground is to engage children ages 2-12 in outdoor exploration and discovery. We envision the area including a variety of play elements intended to mimic the natural environment, such as an artificial spider web to climb, an eagle nest to sit in, animal tracks to identify, and a fossil dig area to explore. Please help us fulfill our mission and commitment to serve our members and the community by contributing to this year's Annual Giving Campaign Project "Nature's Discovery Zone for Children."

→ All Aboard!



The Greenburgh Nature Center is partnering with the Westchester/Yonkers Model Railroad Club (WYMRC) to present a special, nine-day holiday season show entitled "Trains - Your Ticket to the Great Outdoors." The exhibit opens on Saturday, December 12th, and runs through Sunday, December 20th. Designed for train lovers of all ages, the show will feature a special 12- by

18-foot display of HO gauge model trains traveling through countryside scenes of natural beauty, modeled on the terrain of upstate New York and New England. Our thanks go out to WFAS, Coldwell Banker, Ambac, Whole Foods Market and Westchester County Parks for their underwriting support.

→ GNC Hosts Inter-Municipal Tree Roundtable



Al Krautter, owner of Sprainbrook Nursery and GNC Board member, addresses Tree Roundtable

The Inter-Municipal Tree Roundtable held at the GNC last month brought together representatives from the Town of Greenburgh, and the villages of Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings, Irvington, Scarsdale, and Tarrytown to discuss ways to work together to protect trees and the ecosystem services they provide. Greenburgh Town Forester Aaron Schmidt presented information about a new technical tree manual the Town will be publishing to promote proper tree care. This manual will be able to be adapted and used by the villages to support municipal tree codes, and distributed to municipal employees, contractors, and homeowners. Mark Gilliland, Chair of the Irvington Tree Board, gave a presentation on the process of conducting street tree inventories and explained how the data can be used in developing effective municipal tree planting and maintenance plans. Al Krautter, owner of Sprainbrook Nursery and GNC Board member, offered information on a new product and planting method for increasing the survival rate and health of street trees. Each village then reported on tree-related issues particular to their municipality. The creation of a satellite survey of our region's canopy will be pursued. The GNC looks forward to announcing follow-up roundtables and tree education programs.

→ A Gift of GNC Membership

Give the gift of Greenburgh Nature Center membership this holiday season! Share the wonders of being a Greenburgh Nature Center member:



- meeting our animals, from our furry ferrets to our slithering snakes to our majestic eagles;
- viewing our exhibits and learning about environmental issues;
- attending our special events, including our Maple Sugaring Party, Spring Egg Hunt, and Spring Family Festival;
- enjoying our beautiful grounds and trails, and much more.

Being out-of-doors, interacting with animals, and witnessing nature's seasonal changes can provide a nurturing effect that is welcomed during these turbulent times. We're sure your friends and family will agree: a GNC membership is a great gift! Plus, it's tax-deductible. To purchase a membership, go to www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.



CENTRAL ANIMAL HOSPITAL



OR...

Make an Adopt-an-Animal gift donation in honor of someone you love for the holidays! Our Adopt-an-Animal program helps feed and care for the more than 100 different animals in our care-including invertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals and insects. It's the perfect gift for children who are familiar with our animal collection, or for those with a keen interest in animals who want to learn more. See the "Get Involved" section of our website, www.greenburghnaturecenter.org, for details.

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