

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

RECYCLE MORE
You can save 2,400 pounds of CO2 per year by recycling just half of your household waste.

Our Supporters



→ Live Butterfly Exhibit Attracts Visitors

Our visitation numbers were significantly up this past summer, thanks certainly in part to our first-ever "Walk Among the Butterflies" exhibit, which ran in our greenhouse from early June through September. Visitors delighted in the opportunity to observe Monarchs, Swallowtails, Red Admirals and Question Marks up close, among fragrant flowering plants. We are grateful to our sponsors who made this exhibit possible! Thanks to the Geraldine Stutz Trust, Cablevision, Sprainbrook Nursery, Bartlett Tree Experts, Hitachi America, Central Animal Hospital and HSBC. We also received invaluable assistance from Edgemont High School volunteers Shaun Chi Lee and Matt Sarubbi (pictured here, just prior to the exhibit's opening), who helped to refurbish our greenhouse.



→ Fall is For Tree Planting



With the recent rains and the cooler temperatures, now is the time to focus on grounds and gardens for the following year. On Saturday, October 9th, at 10:30 a.m., come to the Nature Center to get expert advice on how to plant a tree. Our guests, Bartlett Tree Experts, will demonstrate the latest planting techniques to give your new trees a strong and vigorous start. This program is free for members; for non-members, there is \$6/person fee.

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→ Local Photographer Shares Backyard Wonders

Martin Stankiewicz, a nature photographer residing in Chappaqua, left his legal practice in 2008 in order to spend more time on his true passion, nature photography. "Backyard Wonders," a show of his landscape and wildlife photography, opens at the GNC on Saturday, October 30th, with an opening reception that day from 2 to 4 p.m. Stankiewicz's work, which focuses on the Northeastern United States and is for sale, will be on display through December 5th. Be sure to stop by and see these impressive and captivating photos!



→ Fall Events Offer Fun for All Ages

It's autumn, and here at the Greenburgh Nature Center, that means cider making, scarecrow building and pumpkin carving! Be sure to come out for our Fall Festival on Sunday, October 17th, from 1 to 4 p.m. The outdoor fun includes tractor rides, crafts, contests, face painting, a scavenger hunt, live music, and, of course, our live animals. Bartlett Tree Experts will be here as well to give a special tree climbing/pruning demonstration. Our sponsors for the event include AT&T, Walmart, Snip-its Haircuts for Kids, Central Animal Hospital, Capital One Bank, Whole Foods Market, Burger King, Trader Joe's, and Westchester County Parks. Admission on the day of the event is \$7/person for members and \$10/person for non-members; if you pre-register by Thursday, October 14th, you'll





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receive a \$2 discount on admission fees.

Then, on Sunday, October 24, from 1 to 3:30 p.m., it's our annual Scarecrows and Pumpkins Parade, where costumed characters lead families through the woods, meeting fairy tale characters along the way. It's a great Halloween event for young children, who are welcome to come in costume too! After the woodland walk, there'll be cider and treats, tattoos and face painting. Admission fees on the day of the event are \$6/person for members and \$9/person for non-members. Pre-registration by Thursday, October 21st provides you with a \$2 discount on admission fees. This event is sponsored in part by Country Bank, Houlihan Lawrence, Cablevision, Whole Foods Market, Burger King, and Westchester County Parks.



Government Partners Are Critical

During these difficult economic times, the GNC is so glad to work with government partners at the town, county, state, and federal levels. For example, County Legislator Tom Abinanti (pictured at right), with other county legislators and the Westchester County Parks Department, was instrumental recently in securing 2010 funding from Westchester County. The support of government officials at all levels enables us to offer a wide range of environmental programming for families, school groups, and adult audiences. Thank you!



Attention Members: New Benefit Available!

Westchester Federal Credit Union (WFCU) financial services



including checking and savings accounts, loans and IRAs are now available to GNC members at no charge. More information will be available in the next newsletter, or you can contact the WFCU directly at www.westchesterfcu.org or by phone: Greenburgh Office -- 914-422-2555 White Plains Office -- 914-397-6055

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