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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

Adjust your thermostat:
Moving your thermostat just 2 degrees down in winter and up 2 degrees in summer could save about 2,000 pounds of CO2 a year.

Our Supporters



➔ GNC Lobbies To Restore State Funding

Last month, Executive Director Kurt Hundgen and one of the GNC's red-tailed hawks traveled to Albany to speak out for New York State's nature centers, zoos and botanical gardens as they face proposed state budget cuts of almost 50 percent. On behalf of the Coalition of Living Museums (a non-profit representing 112 zoos, botanical gardens, aquariums, arboretums and nature centers throughout New York State), Kurt and others appeared before the Joint Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation to express alarm about the proposed drastic cuts to the Environmental Protection Fund and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation.



The GNC relies on annual "ZBGA" (zoos, botanical gardens and aquariums) funding to support personnel costs for maintaining our animal and plant collections. Our local legislators, State Senator

Andrea Stewart-Cousins (pictured above with Kurt) and State Assemblyman Richard Brodsky, have demonstrated their leadership in supporting this funding.

As the primary providers of environmental literacy in New York State, living museums deliver award-winning programming and interactive educational experiences to millions of school children each year. Living museums educate the next generation of conservation stewards and create an informed electorate that values clean water, clean air, and land preservation.

You, our members, can make a difference by telling your legislative representatives how much New York's Living Museums mean to you. All supporters of the Coalition of Living Museums are asked to go to the Wildlife Conservation Society's "take action" link at www.wcs.org and submit an electronic message to Governor Paterson as well as elected officials. It's so easy, and it really helps our message to be heard! Support.

➔ Sponsorships at the GNC

"FAVORITE DESTINATION FOR FAMILY OUTINGS"
www.greenburghnaturecenter.org

Fall Festival **October 17**
The fall festival features a wide variety of family-friendly activities, including live music, face painting, and more. All proceeds go to support the center.

Native Plant Society
Parade **October 21**
The parade features a wide variety of family-friendly activities, including live music, face painting, and more. All proceeds go to support the center.

Holiday Season Train Show
November 13-14
The holiday season train show features a wide variety of family-friendly activities, including live music, face painting, and more. All proceeds go to support the center.

Major Weekend Family Events
Sponsorship Opportunities 2010

The GNC partners with many community organizations and businesses to better serve community needs - just take a glance at the listing on the left panel of this e-newsletter. As a non-profit organization, we rely on a variety of funding sources. In addition to membership fees, program fees and municipal grants, we are striving to be more involved with local businesses and asking them to consider sponsorship opportunities for our upcoming special events.



A GNC sponsorship can help to grow a local business by increasing community awareness of its products and/or services and aligning the business with the positive values of nature and conservation education. This not only generates new business opportunities but at the same time enhances the GNC's ability to continue providing quality programs and events.



This year, we're holding an Open-Air Family Music Fest in May, which will include live performances by a variety of well-known local bands, including bluegrass, country and rock. We'll also be opening a new seasonal (June-September) Live Butterfly Exhibit in our walk-through greenhouse, where visitors will be able to enjoy close encounters with a variety of butterflies and learn about their important role in nature. Both the Open-Air Music Fest and the Butterfly Exhibit are excellent new opportunities for businesses to partner with us.



If you have any sponsorship leads or would like more detailed information regarding featured events, dates, expected attendance and pricing structure for a variety of levels of sponsorship, click brochure picture above, or contact Executive Director Kurt Hundgen at khundgen@greenburghnaturecenter.org or tel. 813-1837.



→ School Vacation Means Fun at the GNC



Not sure what to do with your children during the school break? Sign them up for our Nature Camp! Our program is geared for children in kindergarten through third grade and runs for four days, March 29-April 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. Activities include nature crafts and games, outdoor exploration, interaction with our animals, and more. Small groupings (maximum of ten children) allow for an intimate experience. So if your children love visiting the Nature Center, consider signing them up - but hurry, as this offering tends to fill up quickly. Fee: Members-\$160, Non-members-\$210.



→ Upcoming Programs



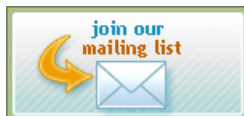
Sunday, March 14th, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Maple Sugaring Party - HELD RAIN OR SHINE -- Come celebrate the end of winter and the peak of the maple sugaring season, when the warming daytime temperatures encourage the sap to flow. Featured activities include depictions of Native American and Colonial style sugaring sites, candy and ice cream making, and live music. Members-\$6, Non-members \$10.



Sunday, March 21, 2:00 p.m. - Odd Creatures of the Deep: Slippery, Slimy, Scaly Animals of the Hudson River -- Brittany Burgio, GNC Living Collections Assistant and Naturalist Educator, will show off some interesting live animals found right next door in the Hudson River - slippery eels, clawing crabs, fantastic fish - as well as mystery creatures that might be found in your own backyard. Visit with these amazing animals and if you're brave enough, have a touch! Members-\$2, Non-members-\$6.



Saturday, April 3rd, 11:30 a.m. AND 2:00 p.m. - Spring Egg Hunt - One of our most popular family events of the year! Visitors of all ages can follow costumed bunnies along our trails, which, just for this occasion, are laden with chocolate eggs! The event also features animals from our live animal collection. Early registration rate (by Thursday, April 1st): Members-\$4, Non-members \$8. Day-of-event rate: Members-\$6, Non-members-\$10. Free for children under the age of two. When registering, be sure to specify which hunt you'll be attending.



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