

GNC WINTER 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*All paid programs include admission to indoor exhibits and Animal Museum.
Pre-payment is required to reserve a place.*

JANUARY

- 9 **SAT 2:00 PM – THE BEAST WITH 1000 EYES**—Winter blahs? We'll "see" about that! Come in out of the cold and join children's author Laura Dower (Monster Squad series), Animal Curator Travis Brady, and a whole crew of critters as we read from Ms. Dower's newest book, The Beast With 1000 Eyes, design goofy monster/animal masks, and invent our own crazy story together! For ages 5 and up. Reservations recommended. Members-\$2, Non-members-\$6 per person.
- 17 **SUN 2:00 PM – FINDING AND FEEDING WINTER BIRDS**—Join Senior Naturalist Dean Fausel on a winter walk to learn what birds wintering in our area like to eat and where they find shelter. The walk will include a visit to the Center's birds of prey exhibit and busy bird feeders, as well as a search for our more elusive feathered friends. Included with Museum admission.
- 23 **SAT 2:00 – 4:00 PM – CREATIVE INSPIRATIONS FROM NATURE**—A creative writing workshop led by Karen Rippstein, a creative writing teacher who has conducted popular writing programs at Rockefeller State Park Preserve and Westchester Community College. Let the surroundings of the Nature Center be your inspiration to paint words into a poetic rhythm of lyrical language. Recommended for ages 15 and up. Group size is limited to 12, so pre-registration is required. Members-\$10, Non-members-\$15.
- 31 **SUN 2:00 PM - FEEDING FUN**—It's mealtime in our live animal museum. Come see what's on the menu. Included with Museum admission.

FEBRUARY

- 6 **SAT 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM – HUDSON RIVER EAGLEFEST**—GNC is partnering with Teatown Lake Reservation and other environmental organizations in a daylong program that celebrates the bald eagles' return to the Hudson River and other waterways of the Hudson Valley. The day includes birds of prey shows, children's activities, environmental exhibits and more. **Activities take place at Croton Point Park**, with a shuttle bus leaving from there and traveling to other eagle viewing sites along the river. For tickets and more information go to www.teatown.org, or call 762-2912, ext. 110. Bring binoculars. Alternate date for severe weather is Sunday, February 7th.
- 7 **SUN 2:00 – 4:00 PM – NATURAL HISTORY EXHIBIT OPENING – TREES: HEROES OF OUR PLANET**—Trees are essential for a healthy ecosystem. Come visit our exhibit and learn fascinating facts about trees and how they benefit the planet. Refreshments served. Included with Museum admission. Sponsored in part by Houlihan-Lawrence and Westchester County Parks.
- 13 **SAT 10:30 AM – WINTER WONDERLAND PUPPET SHOW**—Puppeteer Jill Liflander brings her creative talents to the Nature Center, leading adults and children alike into the world of imagination. Her playful, engaging puppets will have you laughing with delight! Recommended for ages 2-7. Members-\$2, Non-members-\$6.
- 21 **SUN 2:00 PM – LET'S CELEBRATE SNOW**—Catching snowflakes on your tongue, making snow angels, building snowmen, these pleasures are timeless. We invite you to join us at the Nature Center to participate in all of these activities as we celebrate snow! If Mother Nature doesn't cooperate with a blanket of fresh snow, Naturalist Educator Jennifer Sloan will still lead you on an exploration into the world of snowflakes, and you'll have a chance to make a one-of-a-kind snowflake that you can take home. Pre-registration requested. Members-\$2, Non-members-\$6 per person.

MARCH

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- 7 **SUN 11:30 AM - MEMBERS PANCAKE BRUNCH AND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**—Pre-paid reservations by February 25. Under 5 years-\$3; all others-\$6. Meeting to elect board members and officers at 12:15 PM.
- 14 **SUN 1:00 - 4:00 PM - MAPLE SUGARING PARTY**—Family fun to celebrate the end of winter and the peak of the maple sugaring season, when the warming daytime temperatures encourage the sap to flow. Featured events include depictions of Native American and Colonial style sugaring sites, candy and ice cream making, and live music. For discounted rate, register and pre-pay by Thursday, March 11. Early registration rates: Members-\$4, Non-members-\$8. Day of event rates: Members-\$6, Non-members \$10 per person.
- 21 **SUN 2:00 PM – ODD CREATURES OF THE DEEP: Slippery, Slimy, Scaly Animals of the Hudson River**—Travel to the bottom of the Hudson River and back with Brittany Burgio, GNC's Living Collections Assistant. Brittany, who previously worked for the Hudson River Research Reserve, which studies the health of the Hudson River, will show off some interesting live animals found right next door in the Hudson - slippery eels, clawing crabs, fantastic fish - as well as mystery creatures that might be found in your own backyard. Come see, and touch, these amazing critters. Members-\$2, Non-members-\$6 per person.