

Greenburgh Nature Center Newsletter

DECEMBER 2011



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

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→ SPEND PART OF YOUR DECEMBER BREAK AT THE NATURE CENTER



This year, the Nature Center's Animal Museum and indoor exhibits will be open from 9:30am-4:30pm on December 26th through December 29th and 10am-1pm on December 31st so come visit us!

MANOR HOUSE CLOSINGS: Every Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve Day), December 25 (Christmas Day), December 31 (½ Day, New Year's Eve Day), January 1 (New Year's Day).

→ HARTSDALE ROTARY CLUB PRESENTS BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sat, December 3, 2011, 9-11AM at the Multipurpose Center at Anthony F. Veteran Park. Due to an overwhelming response, tickets are no longer available and the event is sold out. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Greenburgh Nature Center for our Nature's Discovery Playground. This program is sponsored by the Hartsdale Rotary Club and the Greenburgh Parks & Recreation Department.

→ TOP TEN GREEN GIFT IDEAS FOR THE HOLIDAYS:

1. Give a Nature Center membership to friends, family, and/or business colleagues (go to www.greenburghnaturecenter.org for details on membership levels)
2. Pick out nature gifts from our gift shop
3. Give a Nature Center gift certificate
4. Adopt a Nature Center animal for the year
5. Sponsor an animal program at your child's daycare center or school class
6. Provide financial support for an educational program for a local school or organization in need
7. Sponsor a child's participation in a camp program

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

Our Supporters



The Power of Giving



- 8. Rent the Nature Center for your own special event
- 9. Make a tax-deductible contribution to the Nature Center
- 10. Donate to the Nature's Discovery Playground to ensure completion in 2012

All of the above will bring great joy and will help support the mission of the Greenburgh Nature Center. Contact Sara Cashen, Director of Development, at 914.813.1831 or scashen@greenburghnaturecenter.org, for information on how to purchase or personalize your gift.

→ 2011 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our 2011 Annual Appeal. It is not too late to still make a tax-deductible donation by mail, on-line or by phone. We rely on your support so that we can continue to provide high-quality and relevant programming.

→ NATURE'S DISCOVERY PLAYGROUND

ANIMAL JUMP PIT

Go the distance. Give it a try and JUMP.

Leapin' lizards. Jumping frogs. Hoppin' rabbits. Animals move in all kinds of ways to travel distance and to get away from prey.

Approvals have been received and plans are underway for our exciting new playground, scheduled to break ground in the spring 2012. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation on our website or at the Nature Center to help build the Nature's Discovery Playground, Phase Two of our Core Master Plan. Together, we can create a great, green future for everyone.

→ DECEMBER PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

FRI, DECEMBER 2, 2011 at 8:30AM REGISTRATION / 9AM PROGRAM - CONVERSATIONS ON CONSERVATION CAFÉ PRESENTS ENERGY CONSERVATION: OVERCOMING RESISTANCE

Co-sponsored by the Greenburgh Nature Center, the event will be held at the Greenburgh Public Library, 300 Tarrytown Road, Elmsford, NY 10523. A panel of experts will discuss the successes and challenges of engaging a community to conserve energy. Coffee provided by Coffee Labs Roasters. Help save the environment, BYOM

(Bring Your Own Mug) and carpool if possible. To RSVP, please e-mail Mindy at mqs5@westchestergov.com.



THUR, DECEMBER 8, 2011 at 10AM - EMERALD ASH BORER AND ASIAN LONG-HORNED BEETLE INVADING OUR TREES!

The Greenburgh Nature Center in partnership with the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets and Cornell Cooperative Extension will be offering a seminar on the Emerald Ash Borer and Asian Long-horned Beetle at the Greenburgh Public Library, 300 Tarrytown Road, Elmsford, NY 10523. Although this seminar is specifically targeted to municipal arborists and tree crews, nursery owners/managers, tree professionals, and landscape contractors, it is open to the public. Join us to see how our trees are being threatened by these invasive pests, and how it will affect your trees. Pre-register for this program by e-mail or by phone: Anne Jaffe Holmes at the Greenburgh Nature Center at 914.813.1251 or ajaffeholmes@greenburghnaturecenter.org.

→ DECEMBER PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN:

NATURE BUGS (2-5 years old):

Meet a museum animal, hear a story and do a craft or nature game. Members: \$5 adult; \$4 child; Non-members: \$9 adult; \$7 child. Mon: 1:30-2:30pm; December 5, 12, 19

CRITTERS, CRAFTS AND KIDS (18 months-5 years old):

Enjoy wonderful winter days at the Nature Center with walks, live animals and stories. Members: \$5 adult; \$4 child; Non-members: \$9 adult; \$7 child. Wed: 10-11am; December 7, 14, 21

→ DECEMBER PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE:

SUN, DECEMBER 4, 1PM - BEYOND BIRD FEEDERS

Some people stop with bird feeders, but we can do better than that. Join senior naturalist Dean Fausel in making tasty treats for our wildlife friends and hanging them on the Center's trees. Members \$3, Non-members \$6

SAT, DECEMBER 10, 10AM - SUN, DECEMBER 18, 4:30PM SPECIAL HOLIDAY SEASON EXHIBIT - TRAINS: YOUR TICKET TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS! A DISPLAY OF MODEL TRAINS PRESENTED BY WESTCHESTER MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

At this family-oriented exhibit, imagine you're aboard a train. Ring the bell or blow the whistle to let everyone know that you're on your way! Will you dream up the goods that you'll transport from the country to the city or vice versa? Or perhaps you will commute to work. Without doubt, you will see the model-sized scenic wonders of New England, upstate New York and even the Greenburgh Nature



Center. Trains have long played a significant role in commerce, commuting and leisure travel. Today we are becoming evermore aware of the potential benefits for emission reducing forms of transporting goods and people. Renew the nostalgia for yesteryear and celebrate the great outdoors in an environmentally important and exciting way. Members FREE, Non-members \$3, in addition to the regular Nature Center admission fee. Sponsored in part by Central Animal Hospital, WFAS and Westchester County Parks.

→ INDOOR ONGOING EXHIBITS:

ARTHUR BEACH - VIEW OF THE GREENBURGH NATURE CENTER THROUGH JANUARY 8, 2012

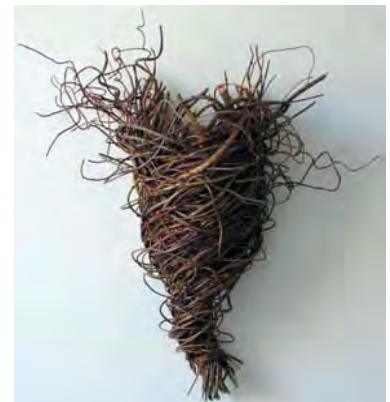
Arthur Beach, an illustrator and painter, was a member and past president of the Scarsdale Art Association (SAA). A longtime resident of Scarsdale, he developed a close relationship with the Nature



Center when his teenaged son began volunteering here in the 1980's. Using the buildings, grounds, animals and programs as his muse, he created wonderfully evocative oil and watercolor paintings. Many of the paintings were donated to the Nature Center; some remain in his family's private collection, which they generously loaned to us for this exhibit. Come see Mr. Beach's paintings of the Nature Center, as well as other paintings by this treasure of a local artist.

CATHERINE LATSON - BRINGING NATURE INDOORS THROUGH JANUARY 29, 2012

Nature provides so much inspiration for creativity, as well as opportunities to learn about the world around us. Tromping through nature preserves and woodland areas, woody vines tug on the curiosity of young and old.



Catherine Latson is an artist, who lives in Tarrytown, NY. Over the last

few years, she has found an abundance of raw material from the invasive Oriental bittersweet. She removes these vines throughout the year and takes the harvest back to her studio. She responds to the natural movement of the vines and begins to sculpt. Soon free forms emerge as art objects, as well as tables, lamps and chandeliers. Come see the artistic and resourceful use of invasive vines. These climbers and twiners, with twists and turns, can easily spark the imagination. After viewing this exhibition, take a walk in the woods with a whole new perspective.

The Greenburgh Nature Center's community weekend events,

environmental forums, public programs and nature education programs are supported, in part, by Westchester County Parks and the Town of Greenburgh.

SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR OUR MEMBERS:

BERENSTAIN BEARS LIVE FAMILY 4-PACK TICKET GIVEAWAY & DISCOUNT

Congratulations to our winner Maya Konig - we hope you and your family enjoy the show with your FREE family 4-pack! For anyone else who wants to see this fun show in NYC, we have a special offer for our valued members and visitors - a 20% discount on all tickets to the show. Tickets can be purchased on-line using the code NATURE or by calling 866.811.4111. [BUY ONLINE](#)

NEA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION: NEW NAME, SAME BENEFITS AVAILABLE FOR OUR MEMBERS!

An added-value benefit as part of your GNC membership: NEA Federal Credit Union, formerly called Westchester Federal Credit Union, offers our members FREE financial services including checking and savings accounts, low-interest loans and IRAs. See their website www.neafcu.com for more details or contact the NEA Federal Credit Union directly at:
Greenburgh Office -- 914.422.2555
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OUR HEARTFELT THANK YOU...

TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS:

This includes our 16-member Board of Directors, Town of Greenburgh Associates, Special Events and Committee Volunteers, Administrative Volunteers, Adult Museum Volunteers, Building and Grounds Volunteers, and High School Volunteers - we could not operate the Nature Center and continue to run our wonderful programs without all of your help. Please know how much we rely on you and appreciate your dedication and hard work.

TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND VISITORS:

For supporting us by attending our events and programs, and reminding us why the Nature Center is so important and special.

TO ALL OF OUR 2011 SPONSORS:

We greatly appreciate all of their support throughout the year and look forward to our continued relationship in 2012. Please help us by doing business with our local supporters.

ALSO THANKS GO TO:

Houlihan Lawrence (Scarsdale) for their sponsorship of our upcoming Natural History Exhibit about Beautiful Dirt, which will run at the Center from February 5th through September 30th.



GNC Director of Marketing Vicki Sherman receives a \$1500 check from Houlihan Lawrence Brokerage Manager Lewis Arlt at the HL offices in Scarsdale.

WFAS Radio (103.9 and 106.3 FM) for their ticket giveaways and airtime to promote all of our weekend events. Look to them for up-to-the-minute information for traffic and weather-related closings.

→ WISHING YOU ALL A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

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