

# 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

## → OWL RELEASE:



Members were invited to a once in a lifetime opportunity to see an Owl Release on August 23rd. While we do not accept injured or surrendered wildlife from the general public, we do work with local, state and federal agencies to temporarily hold, rehabilitate or care for wildlife. We had the great opportunity to care for and then release three healthy Barred Owls back into the wild. Prior to the release, we shared information with the crowd about Barred Owls, as well as the Great Horned Owls and Screech Owls which live at the Nature Center. Approximately 150 members attended.

## → FAMILY & PET PHOTO DAY:



EVERYONE SAY CHEESE!!! Sign up now to bring your family and your favorite pet to the Nature Center on Saturday, October 1st between 10am - 5pm for our Family & Pet Photo Day! If you do not have a pet to bring along, you can borrow one of our animals.

Photographers from Venture Portraits will be here to take your photos and each family will receive their best shot digitally for free! In addition, each family will receive a gift certificate worth \$500, entitling them to a free one-hour photographic session at the

Venture Portraits studio in Greenwich, CT plus a follow-up design consultation, and an original 5" x 7" contemporary framed portrait. Pre-registration and pre-payment required on-line. Everyone will need to sign up for a specific time slot. Photos will be taken outside, weather permitting. Visit our website to learn more about this fun

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

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### Our Supporters



and memorable program and for the link to register. Members \$40, Non-members \$50

## → ORGANIC GARDEN A DELICIOUS SUCCESS:



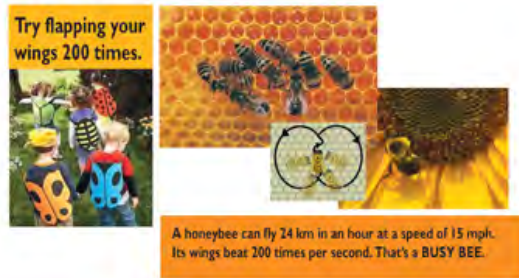
Whole Foods Market White Plains, the sponsors of our Organic Garden, helped us tend to the garden all summer. On Wednesday, August 24th, they brought delicious foods prepared from our bountiful harvest and we enjoyed them together. Thank you

Whole Foods Market White Plains for your continued support!

Opening October 2011 - Whole Foods Market Yonkers  
Westchester's Ridge Hill, 1 Ridge Hill Boulevard  
[www.wholefoods.com.yonkers](http://www.wholefoods.com.yonkers)

## → NATURE'S DISCOVERY PLAYGROUND

### HONEYCOMB MAZE



Make 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.

We need your support!

## → 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

Now available on-line on our website  
[www.greenburghnaturecenter.org](http://www.greenburghnaturecenter.org) in the About Us section.

## → SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

WED, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011 at 7:30PM - SIGNS OF HOPE:  
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IN LAW & POLICY - a  
presentation by Sheila Collins, PH.D. In the first half of this



presentation, Dr. Collins explains the principles of environmental ethics and describes how these principles have been incorporated into national and/or international law. Dr. Collins then shares some of the positive sustainability steps that various countries, regions and cities have already undertaken to bring our world into better ecological balance. Sheila D. Collins, a New Rochelle resident, recently retired as Director of the Masters Program in Public Policy and International Affairs at William Paterson University of New Jersey. Dr. Collins has lectured on climate change and environmental ethics and policy in the US, Canada, Italy and the Czech Republic. This FREE program, co-sponsored by the Lower Hudson Chapter of the Sierra Club, is designed for adults and high school students.

→ **SEPTEMBER 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; September 12, 19, 26**

**CRITTERS, CRAFTS AND KIDS (18 months-5 years old):** Enjoy walks, live animals and stories at the Nature Center. Members: \$5 adult; \$4 child; Non-members: \$9 adult; \$7 child  
**Wed: 10-11am; September 7, 14, 21, 28**

→ **SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE:**

**SUN, SEPTEMBER 4, 11:30AM - GNC HIGHLIGHTS TOUR** - Take a guided tour of the gardens and grounds, and learn about the treasures on the Nature Center's 33 acres. Trail maps provided. FREE

**SUN, SEPTEMBER 11, 2:30pm - FLIGHTS OF FANCY** - Come walk among the butterflies in our indoor Butterfly Exhibit and have an informal chat with a Nature Center naturalist, who will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about these "flying flowers." FREE with Museum admission

**SUN, SEPTEMBER 18, 2PM - FAMILY-FRIENDLY GEOCACHING** - A combination of hide and seek and treasure hunting, geocaching has become an international pastime. We invite you to participate in a family-friendly version of geocaching on the grounds of the Nature Center. We'll give you the "coordinate locations" on our 33 acres, and then you're off to do modern day treasure hunting. Best for ages 5 and up. Members FREE, Non-members \$10 per family

**SUN, SEPTEMBER 25, 2PM - HARVEST PARTY** - It's the season to reap the harvest of the Nature Center's gardens and hives. With Naturalists Dean Fausel and Greg Wechgelaer, pick ripe veggies from our organic garden and help make apple cider using a hand-operated press. The harvest from our hives will be extracted indoors and away

## Westchester Greenhouses



from our active outdoor beehives by beekeeper H. Peet Foster. There will be a free tasting of fresh honey-from-the hives. Newly harvested honey will be available for purchase. Members \$4, Non-members \$8

### AND CHECK OUT THESE EXHIBITS WHICH WILL BE CLOSING SOON:

**WALK AMONG LIVE BUTTERFLIES** through September 30th  
When you step into our greenhouse, in addition to colorful and fragrant flowering plants, you'll be greeted by native butterflies. Flying freely among the greenery, you'll be sure to see Monarchs, Painted Ladies and Swallowtails fluttering from blossom to blossom in search of nourishing nectar, or you may even catch sight of them resting in a shady spot to cool off or see them sipping water from a puddle. While enjoying the beauty of these delicate creatures, you'll have an opportunity to learn about the life cycle of a butterfly, from egg and caterpillar stages, to chrysalis and butterfly. You'll also discover the unique relationship between specific plants and butterflies. Exhibit appropriate for all ages. FREE with Museum admission. Sponsored in part by Central Animal Hospital and Westchester County Parks.

### **THE WAY OF WATER: WESTCHESTER WATERSHEDS** through October 2nd

Our Annual Natural History Exhibit, The Way of Water, covers the watershed systems in Westchester County, with a focus on the Lower Hudson River Estuary and the Bronx River watersheds, and the life they support. Learn about some of the environmental challenges to keeping the water clean and discover ways you can help protect your watershed. Exhibit geared for all ages. On display through October 2. FREE with Museum admission. Sponsored in part by Houlihan-Lawrence and Westchester County Parks.

### **STORY WALK** through September 30th

Walk on our trail to enjoy *Farfallina & Marcel*, as many times as you want. Bookmarks and passes for a free CPKids Meal will be available in the Manor House, courtesy of California Pizza Kitchen. FREE

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.

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