



Baltimore Woods Nature Center

Nature in your hands

the Overlook

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Close to Home

A personal connection to nearby nature, that which is close to home, is essential for a healthy relationship with the land. Nature is a member of our communities, just like a neighbor, a playground, the fire department, or the corner grocery. Spend some time getting to know the members of your community, including the often overlooked plants and animals that live alongside you.



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wings are made of!**
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to learn how you can help
Baltimore Woods continue to
spread its wings and grow.

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No matter when you became a part of the Baltimore Woods community, you have shared in the building of a place that changes people.

How has Baltimore Woods changed you? Tell us how you're connected to The Woods and how we can continue to build on our mission and grow as an organization. Share your stories by taking a short survey on our website.



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It Takes a Community...

by Whitney Lash-Marshall

Community is a word we use often here at The Woods, and one that carries a lot of different meanings. We talk about our local community of Marcellus and our members that live all across Central New York. We share in the camaraderie among our community of volunteers gathering at monthly volunteer appreciation lunches and the excitement of the communities that we reach through our *Nature in the City* program in the City of Syracuse.

One of the key factors that drew me to Baltimore Woods Nature Center is the sense of community that has been the core to its success for more than 50 years. Not only do we have a large number of people connected to this place, but I am consistently amazed at the stories of how this place, in turn, has impacted people's lives. From the beginning, Baltimore Woods has provided a space for all ages to connect to nature, to be inspired by the wonder of natural systems, and to become environmental stewards.

This season, we are looking for new ways to connect with our communities. We hope you'll join us for an exciting new program in September, "A Night at The Woods", that will help you experience Baltimore Woods as never before – at night! This fall, I also invite you to join me at one of three "Walks with Whitney" where we will go for short walks on the property and talk about the past, present, and future of Baltimore Woods Nature Center. In December, we'll come together for our annual dinner to share our appreciation for the community of supporters who help Baltimore Woods operate successfully throughout the year. We look forward to connecting with you at an upcoming event.

At its most basic definition, a community is a group of interacting species (or people) that live in the same place - including the ecological communities that make up our 182 acre preserve. Taking a hike along one of our trails, you can see how the habitat changes as you descend into valleys, transition from forest to meadow, or follow along spring-fed brooks. The diversity and differences can be astounding, and these forest communities are home to incredible interactions between plants and animals: pollinators and wildflowers, predators and prey – and even interactions we can't see as creatures work to help break down leaf litter on the forest floor. Each individual has a place, and plays a role in defining what that place is – and the same holds true for the communities of people it has taken to bring Baltimore Woods to where it is today.

Community Appreciation Dinner

December 5th, 6-9pm
RSVP by November 30th
by calling (315) 673-1350.





About Us

**Baltimore Woods
is a premier
educational organization
that transforms individuals
and communities by cultivating
a personal connection
to the natural world.**



**Baltimore Woods
Nature Center**
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Congratulations Anna Canny

Congratulations to Anna Canny, the 2017 recipient of the Patty Weisse Education Assistance Award. Anna will be attending Cornell University this fall to study plant sciences.

Trail Improvements and a Summer of Land Management

by Fran Lawlor, Land Manager

This summer at The Woods will be in the history books for torrential downpours and gully washers. One hundred-year floods became a monthly event and, of course, there were remarkable impacts here at The Woods. Both stream culverts that carry Spring Brook under the Boundary Trail plugged up with silt, and woody debris and water washed over the trail. The upper washout found a new course right down the trail to Weeks Meadow and the new beaver dams up Baltimore Brook broke under the sudden pressure of the relentless burst of rain. The sudden, huge, pulses of water coming from both directions carved some fresh erosion in the stream bank just below the culvert. Further downstream, we fared better. The combined pulse of water rearranged the stream bed, but no further trail impacts occurred.

We had planned to replace both culverts and this rain event drove us to quick action! Take a hike up the Boundary Trail, and you will see two new culverts at each crossing. Our summer land management intern, Rozayra Enid Mori-Millet, is planning a restoration planting of native species in that area. Stay tuned.

Even during our busiest season, our volunteers didn't miss a beat. If you have enjoyed the new steps on the lower Valley Trail, we're happy to report that the

drainage works and they had no problems during subsequent storms! This summer our volunteers have also installed rope fences at the Baltimore Brook bridges to guide our young explorers into the stream at selected access points. This reduced access will prevent the degradation of vegetation that stabilizes the stream banks.

Management of invasive species continues to be ongoing. Pale swallowwort control is especially visible along the Boundary Trail by the orchard, the sand pit, and along the trail down to the lower parking lot. Our volunteers are a force! This fall, we are collaborating with ESF biologists on a pilot restoration project near Phillips Pond. Being a SUNY-ESF student, Rozy will enhance our connection to the ESF plant propagation club. This fall, the club will propagate plants from collection here at The Woods. The site will be prepared and planted as an alumni service project at the end of October.



**Intern Rozy Mori-Millet
received a Fink Career
Fellowship from
SUNY-ESF.**

Why don't we allow dogs at Baltimore Woods?

by Whitney Lash-Marshall, Executive Director

We understand that people love to hike with their dogs and we are often asked why we don't allow dogs on the Baltimore Woods Nature Preserve. Our "no dogs" policy is founded in providing you and all our visitors with the best possible experience connecting to nature during your time with us. Being able to

experience natural wildlife habitat is a key element of our public programming, ranging from preschool programs to year-round nature day camps to adult nature studies. Many of the species that you come here to observe, photograph, and learn more about may be scared off by the presence of dogs, especially some of our creature favorites such as foxes and mink. In addition, we host year-round

children's programming on site, and the comfort and safety of our campers and young visitors is primary to us. We thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep this a place everyone can enjoy, set an example of stewardship on our preserve, and provide a safe environment for everyone in our community to develop connections to the natural world.

This Season at Baltimore Woods...

by Patrick Burke, Environmental Educator

Near the end of summer months as we move into the fall and winter, regardless of where you live, you may begin to notice an increase in local *Corvus brachyrhynchos* activity, otherwise known as the crows coming home to roost.



In some areas this may mean hundreds or even thousands wintering in neighborhoods and cities throughout the United States. There's no scientific evidence as to the reason for the crows' roosting habits, but some postulate that it may have to do with protection from

their greatest predator, the great horned owl. The large contingent of crows may act as an early warning system or prevent solitary birds from being singled out.

Other theories regarding roosting have to do with food supplies. In order to feed such a large number, they settle where food sources are readily available, such as cities, towns, or near open fields that may contain crops. Crows are not picky eaters and will eat almost anything. Another theory suggests that particular groups, or mobs, may have been coming back to certain cities or towns long before these areas were ever populated by humans, and they return instinctually year after year.

Crows are consistent visitors at The Woods and can be found in all areas, so if you have a few moments, stop by and visit our feathered friends and learn what the crowing is all about.

Trail Run Brings Community to... and through...The Woods!

In August, Baltimore Woods hosted its second annual 5K Trail Run and kids fun run, raising nearly \$3,000 to further The Woods' mission of environmental education and stewardship. The event drew over 100 runners from all over Central New York and a crowd of spectators to cheer them on. Race participants received shirts designed by Chris Andrews of Chase Design as well as a bag of race goodies donated by our sponsors. A special thank you to: Wegmans, Firley, Moran, Freer, and Eassa, CPA, P.C., Doug's Fish Fry Skaneateles, Rebound Sports & Orthopedic Physical Therapy, CH Insurance, Taryn Smith Jirousek Family Dentistry, and Reagan Companies as our race sponsors. Prizes for top runners were donated by Daniel's Grill, Finally Ours, Gilda's, Ja Spa and Fitness Center, Johnny Angel's Heavenly

Burgers, Marcellus Pizza, The Great New York State Fair, Lakeside Vista Restaurant, Bailiwick Market & Cafe, and Eat More Sweets Bakery. In addition to this outstanding community support, Baltimore Woods was fortunate to have help from dozens of volunteers, including the Skaneateles Rotary Club. All in all, it was a WINNER of a day for everyone!



Currently in the Gallery

Woodland Magic

September 8 - October 28

Nature Photography
by Rod Best



with

Fantasy
Wood Carving
by Arlie Howell



Art Reception:
September 9, 2-4pm

Upcoming in the Gallery

Drawing on Talent Member Art Exhibit

November 3 - December 22

Art Reception:
November 4

Call for Artists!

Members of Baltimore Woods are invited to submit work to our 9th annual members' exhibit. Visit www.baltimorewoods.org or stop by The Woods to pick up the entry form and guidelines.

**Submission deadline is
October 23rd.**

September

14 A Walk with Whitney 10-11:30am

See box on page 5 for details.

15 Star Party: Goodbye Summer Skies 7:30-9:30pm

Goodbye to summer, hello to fall skies and a good view of Uranus and Neptune, our two outermost planets that often go overlooked. Our last chance to see some of the summer Milky Way and its bright clusters. Note: There is no back-up date for this program. For all ages. \$6 members; \$9 public.

16 Fall Foraging 10:30am-12:30pm

Did you know that there is a wild plant growing in Baltimore Woods that can produce more starch per acre than potatoes? If you want to find out what that plant is and discover other fall wild foods, then join us as we learn the ins and outs of foraging and seek out and sample a variety of fall wild edibles. Recommended for ages 10 and up. \$6 members; \$9 public.

16 A Night at The Woods 7:30-9:30pm Family Event!

While our trails close at dusk, life in The Woods is just starting to stir when the sun goes down. For one night only, join us as we explore the exciting and mysterious nocturnal world of Baltimore Woods at an event for all ages! Put your senses to the test in a starlit forest walk, investigate which creatures glow under a black light, be wowed by the insects that appear when light is near and listen to campfire stories by a cozy fire! Don't miss your chance to experience A Night at The Woods! This program is free to members and \$5 per person for nonmembers.

19 - October 24 Homeschool Adventures in Nature 10-11:30am

See page 7 for details.



Volunteer Lunches

Dates:
September 27
October 18
November 15

Time:
12:30pm

One Wednesday a month, in appreciation of our hard-working volunteers, Baltimore Woods serves a lunch of locally harvested foods. All volunteers welcome!



20 – October 25 Nature's Little Explorers Series 10-11am

See page 7 for details.

19 Invasive Plants: How to Get Rid of 'Em! 7-9pm

The American Wildlife Conservation Foundation (AWCF) is hosting an evening educational program on invasive plant species. Invasive plant experts will be on-hand to show you how to identify different species, tell you how they got to Central New York, and what can be done to remove them. The two-hour event is limited to 75 people and requires an RSVP. To reserve a spot, call the Interpretive Center at (315) 673-1350 or email info@baltimorewoods.org. Want to test out the skills you learned at this event? Join us for a hands-on experience identifying and removing invasive plants at the Work Day listed below.

23 Invasive Plant Eradication Work Day 9am

Want to test out the skills you learned at the Invasive Plants program on September 19th? Or perhaps you just want to join a legion of invasive plant pulling-volunteers? Either way, join us at Baltimore Woods for a hands-on experience identifying and removing invasive plants. To reserve a spot, call the Interpretive Center at (315) 673-1350 or email info@baltimorewoods.org.

October

7 A Walk with Whitney 2-3:30pm

See box on page 5 for details.

12 A Walk with Whitney 10-11:30am

See box on page 5 for details.

14 Autumnal Fairy Festival at Baltimore Woods 12-4pm Family Event!

See p.12 for the enchanting details!



20 Star Party: Hello Fall Skies 7:30-9:30

Fall skies, with their galaxies and clusters, plus great views of Uranus and Neptune, and maybe a few meteors from the Orionids, which peak about this time every year. Bring a lawn chair to lie back and watch for meteors. Back-up date: October 21. For all ages. \$6 members; \$9 public.

21 Autumnal Owl Prowl 7-8:30pm

Knock knock! Who's there? Owls! Owls who? Yes they do! Join us on a mysterious nighttime walk in search of the owls that hang out in Baltimore Woods. Whooh knows what we'll find? Recommended for ages 8 and up. \$6 members; \$9 public.

26 As the Crow Flies 10-11:30am

Feared as symbols of death, revered by religions, cultures, and civilizations as creator of the world, or trickster gods, ravens and crows are so intelligent as to be nicknamed "feathered primates". Join us at The Woods to learn all this and more about your favorite feathered corvids. Recommended for ages 10 and up. \$6 members; \$9 public.

November

9 The Last Migrants - Field Trip to Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge 9am-12pm

Come along for a guided trip to see the some of the last of the migratory birds before the water freezes over. Carpool meets at Baltimore Woods at 8:15, otherwise meet at the refuge's visitor center at 9am. Bring binoculars. \$6 for members, \$9 for nonmembers.

10 Nature Adventure Day Camp 9am-4pm *School Break Fun!* *See page 7 for details.*

11 Scented Delights! 10:30-11:30am

Gather herbs from our garden to create one of a kind soaps in this fun workshop for all ages! These make excellent gifts or keep them to enjoy just for you. Recommended for ages 5 and up. \$6 members; \$9 public.

17 Star Party: Hello Winter Skies 7-9pm

Say hello to the fall skies with the Leonid Meteor Shower and nice views of Uranus and Neptune. Be sure to bring a blanket or a lawn chair to sit back and watch the meteors. Dress warmly! Back up date: November 18th. For all ages. \$6 members; \$9 public.

18 Pioneer Cabin Campfire Cooking 2-4pm

Just in time for Thanksgiving – come learn some traditional campfire recipes and cooking techniques. We'll make a sampling of a hearty harvest meal right on the fire. Recommended for ages 8 and up. \$10 members; \$15 public.

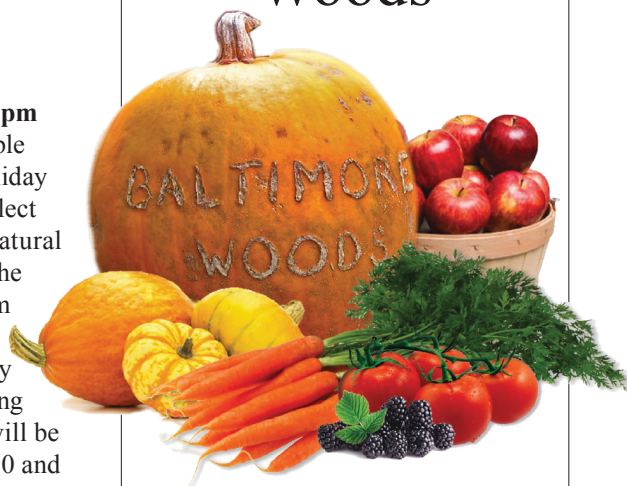
28 Decorations, Naturally! Two sessions: 10-11am & 7-8pm

Using natural materials, it is possible for anyone to create a beautiful holiday swag or spray. The Woods will collect the greens, pine cones, and other natural materials from its preserve. Only the wire and ribbon will not come from The Woods! You can have the pleasure of creating a swag or spray with your own hands to enjoy during the holiday season. All materials will be supplied. Recommended for ages 10 and up. \$20 members; \$30 public.



Fresh. Local. Delicious. Nutritious.
Wonderful!

The Winter Market at Baltimore Woods



The market will run from 10am - 1pm the second Saturday of each month, from November until April. Come and purchase locally grown and produced products to enjoy fresher and more delicious food while vastly reducing the carbon footprint of your food.

There is no admission or parking fee. Visit our Winter Farmers Market page on facebook for more delicious details and updates throughout the season.

Mark your calendar:

November 11
December 9
January 13
February 10
March 10
and April 14

Walks with Whitney

Join Executive Director Whitney Lash-Marshall for a listening session and walk to enjoy the wonder of Baltimore Woods. Along the way, ask questions, share your stories of why this place is special to you, and talk about your hopes for our future. Meet at the Interpretive Center and we'll select a trail for our hike as a group. These programs are free.

September 14th, 10-11:30am
October 7th, 2-3:30pm
October 12th, 10-11:30am

December

5 Community Appreciation Dinner 6-9pm

Baltimore Woods Nature Center invites our community members to a delicious holiday meal at The Woods. This is our chance to give back to the community and the volunteers who have given so much to us. Since there is limited space in the Interpretive Center, registration is required. RSVP by November 30th by calling (315) 673-1350 or sign up online at baltimorewoods.org.

7 Frogcicles and Other Amazing Winter Coping Strategies 10-11am

Just how do animals survive our cold winters? We'll examine several survival strategies for over-wintering animals, from frozen frogs to fat-burning chickadees. We'll also take a short walk around the Harrison Loop and maybe find some inspiration for our own winter coping skills. Program for adults. \$6 for members, \$9 public.



Nature's Little Explorer Fall Series Wednesdays, September 20 - October 25 10-11am

Join us for Nature's Little Explorers Mini Adventures! This fun-filled, six-week series will engage your preschooler through nature crafts and hands-on exploration that will awaken their senses to the wonders of the natural world. For weekly themes and to pre-register, visit our website. Ages 3-5, participants must register for the full series and be accompanied by an adult. \$35 members, \$50 public.

9 Caroling in the Woods 7-8:30pm

Pick up a lantern and song sheet and enjoy a beloved tradition at Baltimore Woods. Bring holiday treats to share with fellow carolers. This event is free for all, and as always, donations are appreciated. Lanterns provided. Bring a flashlight if you prefer. Meet in the pavilion. This program is free; please RSVP on our website.

13 Star Party: Geminid Meteor Shower 7-10pm

The Geminid meteor shower – “Nuff-Said.” The Geminids are caused by asteroid Phaethon 3200, and unlike most other meteor showers, begin their display much earlier in the evening, so no need to wait til pre-dawn! Also, we'll catch our first views of the area surrounding Orion, with some of the brightest nebulae and clusters visible in the northern hemisphere. Back-up date: December 14. For all ages. \$6 members; \$9 public.

21 Solstice Hike 7-8:30pm

Join us for a tranquil, lantern-lit hike through the woods to observe the longest night of the year. Learn about ancient solstice traditions and celebrate the return of the sun by exploring the sights and sounds of nature at night. Snowshoes will be provided. Dress warmly! This program is recommended for ages 8 and up. \$6 members; \$9 public.



Homeschool Adventures in Nature Series Tuesdays, September 19 - October 24 10-11:30am

Come out to Baltimore Woods to add some environmental education to your biology, ecology, and geology curricula! We will meet every Tuesday for six weeks – a great opportunity for hands-on science learning, outdoor exploration, meeting other homeschool students, and getting help with projects. For weekly themes and to pre-register, visit our website. Ages 5 and up, participants must register for the full series and be accompanied by an adult. \$35 members, \$50 public.

Veterans Day Nature Adventure Camp:

Shipwrecked!

November 10, 9am-4pm

Our ship has run aground in Baltimore Woods!
We'll need to use all our wits and skills to survive.

Help us build shelters, find food,
and look for the secret buried treasure!

It's a day of adventure and imagination on the high seas!
Costumes are encouraged.

Camp is for children ages 5-12, The cost is \$45/child.
Registration, 2017 medical forms, and
family level membership are required.
Before and after care are available.

Visit www.baltimorewoods.org to register.



For more details
and to register online
for a camp, visit
www.baltimorewoods.org



Nature in the City News

by Becky Williams, Education Manager



Fall is here and our education team is gearing up for another year of fun and exciting *Nature in the City* lessons! Did you know that our *Nature in the City* program started in one elementary school and is now in twenty? Our program continues to grow and adapt to changing science curricula and opportunities to provide environmental education in the City of Syracuse. For example:

- In 4th grade, we are introducing new programs that explore forms of energy and the environment to align with recent changes to New York State Science Standards
- The Syracuse City School District is sending all 5th graders on a field trip to Baltimore Woods Nature Center in Marcellus in addition

to their three *Nature in the City* lessons. These students will tour the ecosystems on our preserve and examine how food chains work in the living environment – giving them the opportunity to compare food chains here in Marcellus with the greenspace in the City of Syracuse

- This September we are beginning the 2017-2018 *Nature in the City* year with the first ever teacher kick-off event! This will help us connect with both new and returning teachers that we'll be working with all year long.

Even with changes year to year, at its core, *Nature in the City*'s mission remains the same: to enhance science learning with hands-on/minds-on natural science education that engages students

and connects them to nature in their community. In a recent survey, teachers identified some of the most beneficial parts of *Nature in the City* for students:

"Real life experiences. Kids like to touch, play with, taste, and hear things, and the program lends the opportunity to do so." ~ 5th grade, Huntington Elementary

"The students love the hands on activities, and it is great that they are thinking and talking about their own community." ~ 3rd grade, Webster Elementary

"All activities are hands-on. They are able to meet scientists (other than the teacher), go to a city park, and parking lot. Being able to see science in their backyard. The *Nature in the City* curriculum matches up wonderfully with the third grade science and social studies curriculums." ~ 3rd grade, H.W. Smith Elementary School

This fall, our programs begin in October with kindergarteners receiving a special visit from our resident Eastern box turtles, including *Mr T.* pictured above. First grade students will learn about the life cycle of pumpkins! Here's to another fantastic school year of *Nature in the City*!

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September

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Building Closed

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Harvest Moon

Mammals start growing their winter coats in preparation for the coming cold weather.

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A Walk with Whitney
10-11:30am

Star Party: Goodbye Summer Skies
7:30-9:30pm

Fall Foraging
10:30am-12:30pm

A Night at The Woods
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Homeschool Series
10-11:30am
Invasive Plants
7-9pm

Nature's Little Explorers
10-11am

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Autumnal Equinox

Invasive Plant Eradication
9am

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Homeschool Series
10-11:30am

Nature's Little Explorers
10-11am
Volunteer Lunch
12:30pm

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Mice can be observed raiding bird houses to collect materials to insulate their winter hideouts.

October

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Homeschool Series
10-11:30am

Nature's Little Explorers
10-11am



Hunter's Moon

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A Walk with Whitney
2-3:30pm

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Homeschool Series
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Nature's Little Explorers
10-11am

A Walk with Whitney
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Fairy Festival at Baltimore Woods
12-4pm

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Nature's Little Explorers
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As the Crow Flies
10-11:30am

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Art Exhibit Ends

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Fur color of weasels and snowshoe hares begins to change to white; a color better suited for the coming winter.



Don't forget to pre-register for programs online at www.baltimorewoods.org/programs.

Sunday

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November



Beavers are busy prepping their lodges for winter.

Great horned owls are setting up their territories and will start nest building soon.

Bats consume over 50% of their body weight during hibernation.

December

Seasons of Giving Holiday Fundraiser 12-4pm
Cold Moon

Decorations, Naturally!
Two sessions:
10-11am and 7-8pm

Community Appreciation Dinner 6-9pm



Star Party: Geminid Meteor Shower 7-10pm

Frogcicles and Other Amazing Winter Coping Strategies 10-11am

Winter Solstice Solstice Hike 7-8:30pm

Member Art Exhibit Ends

Seasons of Giving Holiday Fundraiser 10am-4pm

Farmers Market 10am-1pm

Caroling in the Woods 7-8:30pm

Building Closed

Male white-tailed deer will start shedding their antlers this month.

The Interpretive Center will be closed for the holidays through January 1, 2018

The first person to capture a photo of a snowflake was "Snowflake" Willie Bentley in 1885.



Volunteer Spotlight

by Sue Jones

Hikers at The Woods this summer may see our newest trail update. Volunteers, including several of our A-team members, took on a major project: repairing and building new steps along both sides of the Valley Trail. They first felled, stripped, and cut black locust logs to make the new steps. Some old steps were re-positioned and brand new stairs were added. The steps were then back-filled with gravel for easy striding. To keep the stairs from flooding, along the lower Valley Trail they added a culvert so the water would no longer wash along the trail. The new system was tested by a gullywasher only three days after installation and it performed perfectly! Another Woods project well done!



Seasons of Giving Fundraiser

December 2, 10am-4pm &

December 3, 12-4pm

Baltimore Woods Nature Center will hold a special holiday fundraiser featuring an extensive, private collection of unique ornaments and holiday décor. Among the treasures, shoppers will find miniature theme-decorated trees, wall frames, wreaths, miniature holiday scenes, and much more! By shopping at this one-of-a-kind holiday sale, your season of giving will be extended.

Not only will your holidays be enriched with festive decorations shared forward to your home, but more importantly, a child will discover the wonders of nature next season at summer camp through your support. All proceeds from this event will go directly into the Baltimore Woods Camp Scholarship Fund. Become a member and enjoy the added benefit of a 10% discount on your purchases. For more details on this festive fundraiser, visit www.baltimorewoods.org.

Membership Matters

by Sue Jones

Baltimore Woods greatly appreciates the continuing support of all our members, both new and renewing. Thanks also to our long-time membership sponsor, Doug's Fish Fry of Skaneateles.

A warm welcome to our newest life members, the Kligerman family: Olga, Jordan, August, and campers Silas, Eli, and Ezra. Life membership dollars are added to our endowment, allowing the income to support The Woods far into the future.

Looking for a unique gift this season? Give the gift of nature with an annual membership to Baltimore Woods!

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Baltimore Woods Nature Center

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to sign your friends up.

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- discounts on public programs, rentals and gift shop items
- discounts at 150 nature centers in the US & Canada
- free snowshoe use on site
- summer and school break camps
- knowing they are helping preserve our valuable and beautiful environment now and in the future

Join online at baltimorewoods.org, call (315) 673-1350, or mail the form below.

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The Interpretive Center and
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Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm
Saturday, 10am-4pm
Closed Sunday

Closed Sept. 2 & 4, Nov. 23 &
24, Dec. 23-Jan. 1, 2018

Hiking trails are open every day
from dawn to dusk.

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No parking or admission fees.

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NATURE TIP:



While you might be tempted to get rid of every single leaf that lands on your yard this fall, save a few small piles to use around your yard. Once the leaves are dried, cut them into small pieces with a lawnmower or leaf shredder. These leaf pieces can then be mixed in with your compost or used as mulch to insulate your growing plants.



Discover the Magic of The Woods *during the* Autumnal Fairy Festival

Saturday, October 14th from 12-4pm

One remarkable day in autumn, when the trees are a flutter with the colors of fall, the enchanted side of Baltimore Woods shimmers through. Fairies, trolls, and other fantastical creatures can be seen and heard frolicking through the forest. All humans and magical beings are invited to meet the fairy queen, explore the enchanted trails, stroll through our labyrinth and make fairy houses in the gardens! Costumes are encouraged and imagination is a must! More details can be found on our website. \$10 members, \$15 public.