



**Baltimore Woods  
Nature Center**  
*Nature in your hands*



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## *Wisdom from Wonder*

Socrates said, "Wisdom  
begins in wonder."

To wonder at this big blue  
world, or a tiny snowflake,  
to be astounded by the  
lengthening of the days,  
or a salamander that finds  
its way back to the pool  
where it was born - this is  
where wisdom begins.

## **Notice of Annual Meeting**

*All members are invited.*

The 2018 Annual Meeting of  
Baltimore Woods Nature Center  
will take place at 6:30pm on  
Tuesday, January 23 preceded by  
a pot-luck dinner at 6:00pm. On  
the agenda will be the election of  
members of the Board of Directors,

Officers, and members of the  
Board Development Committee.  
The ballot will be available on our  
website before January 16, 2018.



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## **A Time of New Beginnings**

by Whitney Lash-Marshall

Happy New Year! It's an exciting time at Baltimore Woods as we embark upon 2018 together. Winter is a time of new beginning, with blankets of snow and the possibilities that come with the first of January. Our spirits are high after celebrating with our family, friends, and the Baltimore Woods community throughout the holidays and a whole new season awaits exploration through the fields and forests of our preserve! We hope you will come and join us this winter to enjoy a walk in freshly fallen snow and explore the wonder of winter. The birds are active at our feeders along the windows in the Interpretive Center. There are tracks to find along the trails, ranging from snowshoes to squirrel paws, and a wide variety of upcoming programs will take you on adventures to learn more about the worlds still active under the snow.

But as we know from living in Central New York, in just a few weeks or months we'll be actively searching for the sights and smells that indicate a transformation to spring is underway. From the quiet beauty of snow-covered woods comes the burst of spring greens and the smell of fresh mud. Amphibians will emerge for their annual migration and our thoughts will turn to the long days of summer when the sunlight peeks through the dense tree canopy and we have more time to explore the trails. Of course, not too far off is then an explosion of autumn colors and the looming chance of snow.

Change is a powerful thing, and these seasonal transitions are part of the reason many of us live in the northeast. The Woods has just come through a year of transition - it's hard to believe just

last January I arrived at The Woods as the new Executive Director. This year will also be an exciting one for us as we embark upon a strategic planning process that reflects on how far we've come (and there is a lot to reflect on - 52 years of programs, 30+ years of camp, and 16 years of *Nature in the City!*) and envisions how we will continue to grow and deliver our mission. Not only will this process involve our staff and board, but we'll be looking to you as our members, friends, and partners to help inform the vision of the future. I look forward to working with all of you in this effort to continue the incredible work of Baltimore Woods Nature Center!





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

**Interpretive Center Hours:**  
**Monday–Friday 9am–4pm**  
**Saturday 10am–4pm**  
**Closed Sundays**  
**Trails open dawn to dusk.**  
**Free parking and no admission fee.**  
**No pets please.**

## Keepin' It Natural...Every Day!

By Fran Lawlor, Land Manager

Day-to-day land management at Baltimore Woods focuses on trail maintenance, habitat preservation, and restoration on our 180-acre preserve. To meet our educational mission of connecting people with nature, we require healthy ecosystems. Our 2018 land management mission is to serve that need. Due to our special geological history, there is a wide range of soil types that support a diversity of ecosystems and habitats traversed by almost five miles of trails, a great place for nature education!

Our community of hikers, volunteers, and staff are out in all kinds of weather monitoring the trails for potential hazards. We regularly monitor our high-quality habitats, including the

woodlands traversed by the Valley and Field to Forest trails and our forested streams and seeps for threats, such as erosion and trampling or incursions by invasive plants, insects and diseases. We partner with public and private agencies to find financial and science-based resources for managing the succession from former agricultural fields to young forests that provide increased food, forage, and shelter options for native wildlife.

Our staff, volunteers, and the board all strive to stay current with best ecological management practices and work together to assure our most effective management plan each season.  
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## Comings and Goings!

by Whitney Lash-Marshall, Executive Director

We wish good luck to Environmental Educator Margaret Foley, who is pursuing a new opportunity with the Audubon Community Nature Center in Jamestown, NY, this January.

Margaret grew from an intern with our *Nature in the City* program to a full-time educator and, during her time at The Woods, has demonstrated an incredible ability to connect people of all ages to the wonders of nature. Margaret has served as camp counselor for hundreds of campers, inspired many during her public programs, and brought nature into countless classrooms in the City of Syracuse. Margaret will be greatly missed by the Baltimore Woods community and we look forward to having her come back to visit!



**Margaret Foley**

Have you met our part-time environmental educators?

Melissa and Allie have been a part of our team since 2016, helping us deliver *Nature in the City* across classrooms and serving as camp counselors during the summer.

Melissa Kirby graduated from SUNY-ESF in 2016 with a B.S. in Environmental Biology. Her love for the natural world has fueled her passion to help others connect to nature in a personal way and to see the beauty all around us. In her spare time, you'll find her exploring in the woods, probably looking for interesting fungi and wild edible plants. Melissa loves working with children, encouraging their natural curiosity and sense of wonder with the outdoors. She is excited to be part of the Baltimore Woods community.



**Melissa Kirby**

Allie DiGirolamo graduated from SUNY-ESF in 2015 with a B.S. in Conservation Biology. Allie is passionate about bringing hands-on *Nature in the City* science programs into the Syracuse City Schools. She is excited to watch the students' interest in science and the world around them grow throughout elementary school. When Allie is not in the classroom or at the nature center, she loves to get lost in a good book, find a new craft project, or perfect a recipe in the kitchen.



**Allie DiGirolamo**

If you see either of these two nature lovers at The Woods, please stop and say hello!



# This Season at Baltimore Woods...

By Patrick Burke, Environmental Educator



Springtime in Central New York is more than something for which we yearn, it is something that each one of us earns. Our winters are full of gray abysmal days of sub-freezing temperatures. Endless flurries, competing for column inches in the local papers, fill the air and the airwaves as we once again battle Rochester, Buffalo, and all comers for the vaunted title "King of Winter."

If you've lived here long enough, people will ask you, "why?" Why stay in a place where winter resides nine to ten months of the year? I'll give you a reason why, make that five, and they have to do with each one our senses.

The first is our sense of smell. You'll know exactly when you first sniff it, that earthen odor, mixed with the far away winds returning from warmer climes. A second sense, the one of sight: noticing the mix of color, whites turning to blacks and grays, while green grasses mingle

with the purple petals of the coming crocus.

Above us we hear the honk of the returning geese, juxtaposed against the drip, drip, drip, as solid turns to liquid, and that which does not find its way into Baltimore Brook of Phillip's Pond, returns to nature's ever vigilant cycle in the form of a gas. Our sense of touch: as we reach towards the sun's warming rays or kneel next to the subnivean, poking holes in the fading crust, we try and gather insight into the shrews' hidden winter ways.

Lastly, there is taste: and, if we're lucky enough, there will be trees to tap and sap to boil into syrup to spread upon the fading snow - the surest way to know that winter is through with its fling, and for the first time in months, we can bathe in the resurgence of spring!

## Keeping It Natural...Every Day!

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Our efforts are both a part of our mission as well as the basis of our long-standing partnership with the Central New York Land Trust (CNYLT), formerly Save the County. The Baltimore Woods Nature Preserve was the first of the 48 preserves the CNYLT protects today across Onondaga and Oswego Counties. Since

1988, Baltimore Woods and the CNYLT have collaborated to maintain and manage the property with the goal of connecting people with nature, a mission that we both share. This decades' long partnership remains strong and has a positive impact for all members of our Baltimore Woods community.

*Currently in the Gallery*

## Nature & Human Nature

Watercolor Paintings  
by Bob Ripley

January 5 - February 24

Art reception: January 13, 2-4pm



*Camp Coffee*

*Upcoming in the Gallery*

## Natural Passions

Photography  
by Diana Whiting

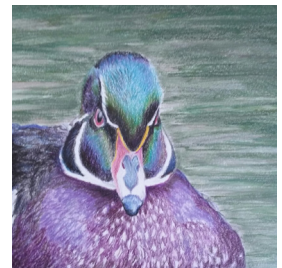
Drawings by Gail Norwood

March 2 - April 25

Art reception: March 3, 2 - 4pm



*Fox Trio* by Diana Whiting



*Wood Duck*  
by Gail Norwood

# January

## 15 Nature Adventure Day Camp: In Search of Yeti 9am-4pm

See page 7 for details.

## 16 Homeschool Adventures Series: Winter Photography 10-11:30am

Six week series through February 27. See page 6 for more details.

## 17 Nature's Little Explorers Series: Winter's Patterns 10-11am

Six week series through February 28. See page 6 for more details.

## 18 Wandering Through Winter 10-11:30am

Join Tom Meier on an inspirational snowshoe hike through The Woods. We will stop at some of the best winter views our trails have to offer and reflect on the words of a legendary naturalist, Edwin Teale. Snowshoes will be provided; terrain will be relatively flat. No snow? No worries - we will still go out for a walk! Program for adults. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

## 19 Star Party: Finest Winter Skies 7-9pm

Winter skies at their finest! The area surrounding the constellation Orion has more bright stars and deep-sky clusters than any other section of the sky. And there will still be good views of Uranus,

as well. *Back up date: January 20<sup>th</sup>.* Be sure to dress warmly. Program for all ages. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

## 20 To Build a Fire: Secrets of Winter Fire Making 10:30am-1:30pm

Learn how to make and maintain fires in cold, snowy, and wet conditions. We will cover fire making, both with and without matches, how to find dry material and process it into kindling and tinder. We will also delve into the "Fire Burrito" and other tips and tricks. Dress for the weather as we will be outside. Program for ages 10 and up. \$10 for members; \$15 for public.



## 27 Under the Owl Moon 7-8pm

Grab your flashlight and winter gear and join us as we search for our favorite nocturnal friends - owls! After a hike down the Valley Trail, follow us inside for some hot chocolate and a reading of one of our favorite owl stories. Program for ages 6 and up. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

# February

## 1 Winter Warmth and Wilderness Skills 10-11am

How did people survive in the winter before modern times? Join us for discussion and demonstrations of both modern and primitive winter wilderness skills. Participants will also sample winter tea made from local, wild edible plants. Program for adults. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

## 14 Sweetheart Snowshoe 7-9pm

Bring your valentine for a romantic, lantern-lit snowshoe for two through the evening woods. Together, you'll discover romantic notes hidden along the trail and share some quiet moments outdoors. Then, warm up indoors with hot drinks and decadent desserts. Limited to 20 couples, registration is required. Snowshoes provided. Program for adults. \$20 per couple for members; \$30 per couple for public.

## 15 Animal Tracking Snowshoe Hike 10:00-11:30am

Come out and stretch your winter weary legs on the trails of Baltimore Woods! Learn how to identify animal tracks and decipher the stories left behind. Snowshoes are included if needed. This is an outdoor program, dress warmly! Program for adults. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

## 16 Star Party: Elusive Planet Mercury 5:30-8:30pm

This is a good chance to see the elusive planet Mercury, right after sunset, plus the area surrounding Orion, one of the brightest in the sky. We have to start early to catch Mercury, and we might still get a good view of Uranus. *Back-up date February 17<sup>th</sup>.* Be sure to dress warmly. Program for all ages. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

## Volunteer Lunches

Baltimore Woods greatly appreciates all the volunteers who give of their time and efforts to further support our mission. One Wednesday of each month, Baltimore Woods hosts a lunch for volunteers made from locally harvested foods. All volunteers are welcome!

January 17, February 28, March 21, and April 18  
Time: 12:30pm





## 17 Snowshoes, Stars, and Stories 7-9pm

Bring your family out on a snowshoeing adventure as we take a hike through the mysterious moonlit winter trails of Baltimore Woods. We'll travel down to Phillip's Cabin where we will be welcomed by a crackling fire, hot cocoa, and tantalizing tales. Snowshoes will be provided. Program for ages 7 and up. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

## 20-23 Nature Adventure Day Camp: Winters Around the World 9am-4pm

See page 7 for more details.

## 24 Sun Party 1-3pm

Clear winter days are perfect to see our nearest star with specially-equipped solar telescopes, showing sunspots, flares, and eruptions. *Back-up date February 25<sup>th</sup>*. Be sure to dress warmly. Program for all ages. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

# March

## 1 Who Goes Below? 10-11:30am

Have you ever wondered what takes place below the snow during the winter? Join us as we explore the world of the subnivean and the insects, plants, and mammals that survive and thrive underground during the winter months. Snowshoes provided, if necessary. Program for adults. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

## 14 Nature's Little Explorers Series: Time to Wake Up! 10-11am

Six week series through April 18. See page 6 for more details.

## 15 Magical Maples and Munchies 10-11am

Is there a tree so magical as a maple? Join us in a celebration of all things maple, including some special maple treats! This program will include a short walk outside

to our sugar bush. Snowshoes provided, if necessary. Program for adults. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

## 16 Star Party: Goodbye Winter Skies 7-9pm

Join Bob Piekiet to say goodbye to winter skies. There will still be great views of Orion and maybe a few Lyrid meteors, as well. *Back-up date March 17<sup>th</sup>*. Be sure to dress warmly. Program for all ages. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

## 17 Spring Equinox Meditation Hike 10:00-11:30am

The Spring Equinox is near; a time to finally shed our winter coats! Through guided meditations along the trails, we'll tune into the renewal and awakening magic of nature. This is an outdoor hike; please dress appropriately. Program for adults. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

## 21 Amphibian Alert Watch runs through April 15th

Each spring during the first warm rainy night after the equinox, hundreds of amphibians move from underground lairs to vernal pools. To find out when the nature center staff will attempt to observe this migration at Labrador Hollow, watch for alerts on our website, or sign up online to be put on our alert list. Program will meet at Labrador Hollow Unique Area. Program for ages 5 and up. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.



## 24 March Madness 10-11:30am

While college basketball teams battle on the hardwoods for title of the best team, we'll be competing in The Woods to see who survives in games pitting predators vs. prey. Just because you're a predator

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January 13  
February 10  
March 10  
April 14

Time: 10am-1pm

There is no admission or parking fee.

doesn't mean you always get your prey! Predator and prey will compete using hunting, escape, and tracking tactics to see who can survive a morning in The Woods. Program for ages 10 and up. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

## 24 Earth Hour 2018 8:30-9:30pm

Join millions of people across 152 countries in turning out your lights for one hour in support of a global movement to curtail climate change. To find out more about Earth Hour, sponsored by WWF, visit [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org).

Register online for programs at  
[www.baltimorewoods.org](http://www.baltimorewoods.org)

# April

## 5 Signs of Spring 10-11:30am

Spring has sprung, which is a big deal for frogs and salamanders! How did they survive the winter? Where did they all suddenly come from? We'll answer these questions and more as we explore a most mysterious and astounding natural phenomenon: the great amphibian awakening. This program will include an easy hike on fairly flat trails. Program for adults. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

## 13 Star Party: Hello to Spring Skies 7:30-9:30pm

Watch as the seasons change, both on the ground and in the starry night. Orion will be setting and being replaced by Leo the Lion. *Back-up date April 14th.* Program for all ages. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

## 19 Derby Hill Field Trip 10am-12pm

Spring hawk migration peaks in April, and the Derby Hill Bird Observatory is the best place around to catch it. Hundreds of raptors fly overhead each day on their way north around Lake Ontario, surely a sight to see! Meet at Baltimore Woods at 9am to carpool, or meet the group at 10am at Derby Hill. Dress warmly and bring binoculars. Program for adults. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

## 21 Earth Day Celebration 1-4pm *Family event!*

It's Earth Day! Come celebrate at a fun and educational event, including info booths on home energy, recycling, crafts, guided nature walks, live animal shows, and a special live performance of Dr. Seuss's *The Lorax*. Program for ages 3 and up. Free to the public.

## 21, 22, 28, & 29 Weekend Wildflower Walk 2-3pm

Baltimore Woods Nature Center's premier woodland wildflower garden is a local treasure. Join caretaker Audrey Loewer for a pleasant walk through one of the wonders of spring. Each week, new species will bloom and Audrey will reveal their past and present medicinal and culinary uses. Call for accessibility information. Donations appreciated.

## 23-27 Spring Break Camp: Predator and Prey 9am-4pm

See page 7 for details.

## 28 Spring Wild Edibles: The Hunt for the Wild Leek 10:30am-12:30pm

Join us as we celebrate spring by foraging for and cooking with early, wild, edible plants. Learn how to identify, ethically harvest, and prepare a wild treat with campfire cooking. Meet in the lower parking lot. Program for ages 10 and up. \$6 for members; \$9 for public.

## Homeschool Adventures in Nature Series

### Winter Photography January 16- February 27 Tuesdays, 10-11:30am

Bare trees, crystal skies, icicles dangling above the stream... with its many habitats, Baltimore Woods is a wonderful playground for a photographer. Each week we'll head to a new location, exploring and discovering the woods with the eyes of photographers. Bring a camera (any will do!) and follow in the snowy footsteps of artists and naturalists as we learn their secrets to freezing moments in time.

Participants must be accompanied by an adult. See website for more details. Program for ages 5-16. \$35 for members; \$50 for public.

Register online at  
[www.baltimorewoods.org](http://www.baltimorewoods.org)



## Nature's Little Explorers Series

### Winter's Patterns January 17 - February 28 Wednesdays, 10-11am

Winter is a great time to explore nature's patterns! Each week we will discover the many wonderful patterns of trees, birds, snowflakes, tracks, and even sounds.

### Time to Wake Up! March 14 - April 18 Wednesdays, 10-11am

Spring is coming and the forest is starting to wake up! Each week, we will head out into the woods to see who is waking up next - could it be salamanders? Or maybe butterflies? Bumble bees and flowers? There's only one way to find out - we've got to get outside and explore!

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Program for ages 3-5. \$35 for members; \$50 for public.



# Outdoor Adventure at School Break Camps

## ...the perfect cure for cabin fever AND spring fever!

### January Camp

#### In Search of Yeti

January 15

9am-4pm

Ancient legends from around the world tell of mysterious creatures living in the frozen tundra. Join us as we explore Baltimore Woods in search of dire wolves, tundra yeti, and the elusive Abominable Snowman. This is an adventure you won't want to miss! Pre-registration is required. Before and after care are available. Space is limited so don't miss out! Program for ages 5-13. \$45/child. Family membership required.



### February Camp

#### Winters Around the World

February 20-23

9am-4pm

Join us at Winter Break Camp for fun-packed days of discovery and adventure! Each day we'll explore winter around the world – from the Yukon to Everest, this will be the most epic winter camp yet! Pre-registration is required. Before and after care available. Space is limited so don't miss out! Program for ages 5-13. \$45/child/day. Family membership required.

#### Tuesday

Yukon Adventures and the race to find gold!

#### Wednesday

Everest Challenge: Can you make it to the highest summit?

#### Thursday

Winter Games from Around the World

#### Friday

Fire and Ice, our epic forest-wide Capture the Flag game tradition returns!



### Spring Break Camp

#### Predator and Prey

April 23

9am-4pm

It's spring break! Spend a day or five exploring the wonders of Baltimore Woods! Each day we'll learn about different predators and their prey through games, crafts, and imaginative play. Pre-registration is required. Before and after care are available. Space is limited so don't miss out! Program for ages 5-13. \$45/child/day. Family membership required.

#### Monday

Hawks and Squirrels

#### Tuesday

Foxes and Rabbits

#### Wednesday

Coyote and Deer

#### Thursday

Bears and Grubs  
(aka The Great Log Roll-off!)

#### Friday

The Bug Eaters

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## Nature in the City News!

By Becky Wilson, Education Manager

This is the time of the year when we start to slow down (or should) and take stock of all we are thankful for - to appreciate the little things that mean the most. It's in this frame of mind that I think of the impact that *Nature in the City* lessons have on the students of Syracuse City School District (SCSD). They are the reason I look forward to each day as I walk into one of any of the 19 schools, hearing the students' shouts of excitement as they exclaim "*Nature in the City* is here!" as soon as they see us, our bright green shirts, and our familiar faces.

You may have heard about our award-winning program and how it brings hands-on, minds-on science learning to over 10,800 students in the SCSD each year or how our lessons are designed to support the teachers and the curriculum they are teaching, but you may not have heard about the daily smiles, the elation, and the connections our environmental educators make with these students every day, not just to nature but to us as educators.



This is my 7<sup>th</sup> year teaching *Nature in the City* and the reward of working with these students has not lost its luster. Many of the older students I am teaching this year I remember from Kindergarten and many still remember me, or at least the turtle I brought in when they were little. Students know what to expect when a *Nature in the City* educator arrives at their class; a break from their usual routine, a breath of fresh air, and fun science games and experiments! It's these repeated positive experiences that make the *Nature in the City* lessons so successful and so rewarding for all of us as we see these environmental stewards grow!

## Partner Spotlight: KeyBank Foundation Makes Three-Year Gift to Nature in the City

The KeyBank Foundation has made a three-year commitment to delivering hands-on/minds-on science lessons to the Syracuse City School District with a grant of \$25,000! A partner of *Nature in the City* since 2010, KeyBank currently sponsors *Nature in the City* lessons at Salem Hyde Elementary School.

In addition to their annual support, KeyBank was instrumental in helping Baltimore Woods Nature Center expand *Nature in the City* from 11 to all 19 elementary schools in 2013. KeyBank Vice President Thomas Breed said "Key makes philanthropic investments in organizations and programs that prepare individuals for thriving futures. Key is

pleased to provide charitable support to organizations such as Baltimore Woods Nature Center that serve the public interest and address critical needs within the community." *Nature in the City* is funded by the Syracuse City School District and our dedicated donors, including local corporations and individuals. Thank you to KeyBank for making the first-ever multi-year commitment to *Nature in the City* and helping us continue the work of connecting over 10,000 students each year to nature right in their community through the wonder of science!

**KeyBank**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January						
	1 Building Closed	2 	3	4	5	6 
7 Even though snow appears to be white, individual ice crystals are actually translucent.	8	9	10	11	12	13 Winter Farmers Market 10am-1pm Art Reception 2-4pm
14	15 Nature Adventure Day Camp 9am-4pm	16 Homeschool Adventures 10-11:30am	17 Nature's Little Explorers 10-11am Volunteer Lunch 12:30pm	18 Wandering Through Winter 10-11:30am	19 Star Party: Winter Skies 7-9pm	20 To Build a Fire 10:30am-1:30pm
21	22	23 Homeschool Adventures 10-11:30am Annual Meeting 6pm	24 Nature's Little Explorers 10-11am	25	26	27 Under the Owl Moon 7-8pm
28	29 	30 Homeschool Adventures 10-11:30am	31  Nature's Little Explorers 10-11am Blue Moon	Owls can rotate their heads up to 270 degrees.		

## February

The average snowflake falls at about three miles per hour.



4	5	6 Homeschool Adventures 10-11:30am	7 Nature's Little Explorers 10-11am	8	9	10 Winter Farmers Market 10am-1pm
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28	29	30	31			

Minks do not hibernate, but they will remain in their den during periods of extreme cold or snow.





## Volunteer Spotlight

by Whitney Lash-Marshall, Executive Director

You may have seen Jeremy Davidheiser working on one of the trails, driving our tractor to combat invasive plants, or at a board meeting or event. At the end of his first, three-year term as a board member, Jeremy has played a large volunteer role here at The Woods. A member of the Executive Committee of our board, he has served as secretary and vice president and will be up for election as Board President at our annual meeting.

In addition, he has used his background as a landscape architect to help inform and complete many projects on the preserve, including designing our new pole barn and working with our team of dedicated volunteers to replace the culvert wash-outs along the Boundary Trail last year. If you see Jeremy, join us in thanking him for his dedicated service to Baltimore Woods!



*Jeremy Davidheiser with his daughters.*

## Membership Matters

by Sue Jones, Office Manager

When did you become a member of Baltimore Woods Nature Center? As a membership supported organization, we are grateful for each and every member who renews each year and new ones that arrive! Our membership base of over 1,000 people spans more than 50 cities and towns across Central New York, and even includes members in Rochester, NY and Key West, FL! No matter where you're from or when you joined us, your membership makes you part of our community here in Marcellus and we hope you will take advantage of visiting to enjoy some of the benefits of membership, which include free snowshoe rentals this winter.

We also wish to welcome those who became lifetime members in 2017, bringing our total number of Life Members to 63!

Scott and Amy Hafler  
Margaret Manring  
The Kligerman Family  
Gretchen and William Christenson  
John and Mary Hosford  
Karen Jean Smith

If you have any questions about membership or are interested in becoming a member, simply call or email Sue at 315-673-1350 or sue@baltimorewoods.org.

### *No Snowshoes? No Problem!*

Members can sign out a pair of snowshoes at our front desk at no charge!  
Non-members can use our snowshoes as well for a nominal fee of \$5.  
What are you waiting for? Get outside and explore this winter!

## Join Baltimore Woods

*Share your love of nature*  
**GIFT MEMBERSHIPS**  
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**Call (315) 673-1350**  
*to sign your friends up.*

### **Baltimore Woods Nature Center members enjoy ...**

- discounts on public programs, rentals and gift shop items
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- 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](http://baltimorewoods.org), call (315) 673-1350, or mail the form below.

### **Annual Membership Level**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Senior/Student

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Individual

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$1000 Life

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*Nature in your hands*

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Marcellus, NY 13108

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New York  
Permit Number 9

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**Interpretive Center & Art Gallery**  
**Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm**

**Saturday, 10am-4pm**

**Closed Sundays**

**Closed January 1, 2018**

**Hiking trails are open dawn to dusk**

**No pets please**

**No admission or parking fees**

Find us on the web at  
[www.baltimorewoods.org](http://www.baltimorewoods.org)  
or on social media



## NATURE TIP



For birds, glass windows can be both confusing and deadly. Windows reflect the sky and surrounding plants, so to birds they look like a safe place to fly. Window collisions are difficult to eliminate entirely, but there are several things you can do to reduce the number of bird fatalities this winter. Some of the easiest solutions are closing your blinds or curtains and hanging decals on your window.



**SAVE THE DATES IN 2018**

**Mother's Day Garden Tour  
at Sycamore Hill Gardens**

*Sunday, May 13, 11am-4pm*

**Native Plant Sale at Baltimore Woods**

*First weekend in June*

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