



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

the Overlook

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Nature is Home

At Baltimore Woods, we believe that a healthy relationship to nearby nature is essential to healthy human and natural communities. As Gary Snyder puts it, "Nature is not a place to visit, it is home."

You're Invited!

Baltimore Woods Community Appreciation Dinner

**December 4, 2018
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.



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More Than A Place...

by Whitney Lash-Marshall, Executive Director

Nature centers and preserves play a special role in their communities. Not only in the sense that they help protect the beauty and diversity of the natural world – setting aside forests, streams, and habitat that everyone can enjoy, but also as a place that you can experience and interact with nature in ways that are important to you.

Our recent survey results and focus group meetings have helped us reflect on all the roles we've grown to play for the CNY community. We've learned that many of you see this as a place to go and recharge – to take a relaxing walk with family and friends or on your own to clear your mind. It's also a place you look to for recreation – hikers and trail runners of all ages take on the hills and valleys of the preserve to get outside and be active. We're a place you come to connect with your community – to reunite with friends at A Night at The Woods or to shop locally at our Winter Farmers Market. We're also proud to be a place where you and your families come to build memories through new, immersive experiences at our public programs, camps, and events.

Whether it's Nature Day Camp, *Nature in the City*, Nature's Little Explorers, Trail School, weekday adult programs, or a weekend public program – we want to provide you with hands-on experiences in nature wherever you are – rural or urban, a forest or a garden. We know one of the most important roles we can play is to help people of all ages connect to nature in ways that benefit them and the community. In the coming months we hope you'll join us for programs where you can try your skill at wayfinding,



explore the magic of the woods during our Autumnal Fairy Fest, or enjoy an annual tradition like Caroling in The Woods or a winter snowshoe outing.

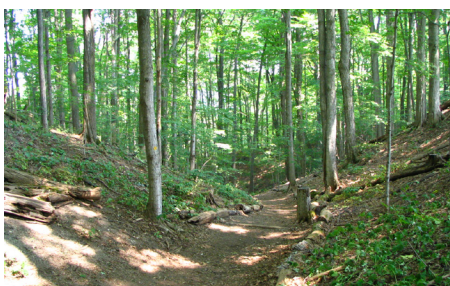
This year, our organization has made a renewed commitment to these many roles we play for you, both as a nature center and as a preserve, by updating our mission to reflect the diverse ways we serve our community:

Baltimore Woods Nature Center fosters enduring stewardship of our natural world by offering immersive programs and a place in Central New York for everyone to cultivate appreciation and personal connections to nature through environmental education, recreation, play, and research. We put nature in your hands.

We've changed the words of our mission statement, but not who we are as an organization – and these words will continue to guide us as we look to the future in the years ahead. We look forward to continuing to help you immerse yourself in nature, explore your senses, and build a sense of place here at Baltimore Woods Nature Center. We hope you come for a visit soon!



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Community Interactions

by Fran Lawlor, Land Manager

The Baltimore Woods natural community is shaped by interaction of many organisms. Changes can be subtle and transient or dramatic and long lasting. A few years ago, the beavers flooded Griffiths Flat, girdling trees and drowning honeysuckle infestations. Now we have a beautiful wet meadow.

Human activity has been more extensive and profound. Our ecological communities are successional old fields, shrublands and forests, succeeding from former farming and mining activities. Impacts from human global activity have also brought us a wide assortment of invasive plants and insects. Ash and hemlock trees may follow elm and chestnut out of the community. Swallowwort, “bucksuckle” and deer are changing the plant community matrix, creating conditions that change forest

regeneration.

We are working to maintain and restore the health of our natural community. The new boot brush stations at trail entrances have been embraced by the hiking community. Volunteers and staff are managing invasive species to assure continued habitat for native plant and animal communities.

This fall we will have a walking workshop, inviting specialists in invasive species and habitat restoration to help us think about the best use of our limited resources and technology to assure the health of the diverse ecological communities that are Baltimore Woods. Healthy woods are essential to our mission of connecting people with nature.

We'd Like To Introduce....

by Whitney Lash-Marshall, Executive Director

Gaetane Perreault joined our team in 2016 as Bookkeeper, bringing years of experience in accounting to The Woods.

A native of Quebec, Gaetane moved to New York State in 1989 to follow her American husband and studied accounting at Jefferson Community College and Empire State College. She is an avid cross country skier, hiker, and cyclist – and even won our 2nd annual 5k trail run for her age bracket in 2017! An outdoor enthusiast, she loves hiking at The Woods in all seasons of the year!



Gaetane Perreault

Environmental Studies and officially joined our staff this year as a part-time environmental educator and camp counselor.

Growing up on the outskirts of the Adirondack Park inspired her to view the natural environment as her personal playground. She is interested in bridging the gap between youth and the natural world, especially in cities, which is why she is so passionate about delivering *Nature in the City* programs to Syracuse City School District students. Brenna enjoys painting, writing poetry, gardening, and sharing her love of all things wild with her son, Leo.



Brenna Galligan and Leo

Brenna Galligan was a *Nature in the City* intern before graduating from SUNY-ESF in 2017 with a B.S. in

Strategic Planning Update!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our survey and focus groups these past months. In June, our entire board and staff spent two days in a strategic planning workshop, using your feedback and ideas as a baseline as we envisioned our future. Over these next few months, we'll be sharing our strategic plan and exciting new initiatives here at The Woods! Watch your email for updates and an invitation to a community meeting later this year.



Consider a year-end gift to help The Woods keep going and growing!

***You can contribute online at
www.baltimorewoods.org
or via check through the mail!***

This Season at Baltimore Woods...

By Patrick Burke, Environmental Educator

Fall is a busy time for our furry and feathered friends that inhabit the woods. If you look about in the fall, chances are you'll see many creatures busy collecting food. This is known as hoarding or caching. These activities take place while foodstuffs are plentiful and can be stored for consumption at a later date.



A red squirrel hides its cache in one place; whereas, gray squirrels hide their winter food supply in several places within their territory.

There are two different types of hoarding: larding or scattering. Species who lard create a central location in which to store their reserves. The advantage to this method of storage is that all the food is in a single place, making it easy to access. The drawback is that it constantly needs to be defended or can be wiped out by one or several intruders or visitors.

Scatter hoarders hide their food supply in various locations. The gray squirrel is a perfect example of a scatter hoarder and will spend the better part of the summer storing nuts throughout its territory. They also like to use deceptive measures by

pretending to hide their food in one place, while actually securing it in another.

The blue jay is also a master at the cache game. One of its adaptive advantages has to do with a distensible esophagus that helps carry multiple seeds and nuts to their storage place at one time.

So the next time you notice the woodland creatures seemingly playing hide and seek with their food, you'll know they're saving their nuts for a future meal.

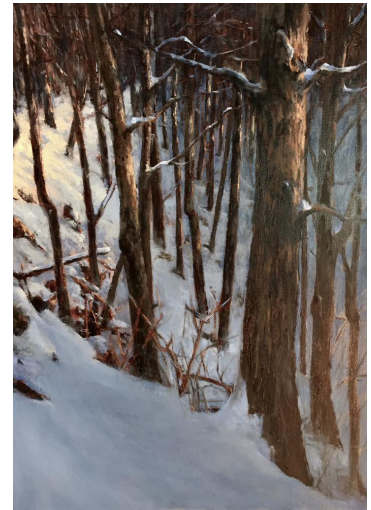
Currently in the Gallery

Woods

**Oil Paintings by
Robert Niedzwiecki**

**September 7 - October 26
Reception: September 8, 2 - 4pm**

Forest landscapes, rendered in oil paint, that bridge the seasons



Fresh. Local. Nutritious. Delicious!

The Winter Farmers Market at Baltimore Woods



**Second Saturday of each month
from 10am-1pm**

**November 10
December 8
January 12**

**February 9
March 9
April 13**

Shop for locally grown and produced products to enjoy fresher and more delicious food while vastly reducing the carbon footprint of your food. Admission and parking are free. Visit our Winter Farmers Market page on facebook for more delicious details and updates throughout the season.

Upcoming in the Gallery

Drawing on Talent Member Art Exhibit

November 2 - December 22

Reception: November 3, 2 - 4pm



Call for Artists!

Members of Baltimore Woods are invited to submit work to our 10th annual members' exhibit.

Visit www.baltimorewoods.org or stop by The Woods to pick up the entry form and guidelines.

***Submission deadline is
October 15th.***

September

7 Star Party: Goodbye Summer Skies 8-10pm

Goodbye to summer, and hello to fall skies. There's still a good view of the lingering summer skies and the planets Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune! Back up date: September 8th. For all ages. \$6 members; \$9 public.

13 Forager's Fall Harvest 10am-12:30pm

Join us as we seek out and sample a variety of late season wild edibles plants. Hike the trails of Baltimore Woods as we learn how to find, identify, and safely and ethically forage from nature's bounty. Adult program. \$6 members; \$9 public.

15 A Murder Most Fowl! 10:30am-12pm

Crows, blue jays, and ravens are some of the smartest birds in the world. Join us for a morning of mobs and murders as we discover the amazing life of corvids. For ages 10 and up. \$6 members; \$9 public.



19 Nature's Little Explorers: Fantastic Fall Six-week program! 10-11am

Fall is the best! Our autumn weeks will take advantage of all the season has to offer for hands-on exploration and learning. Topics will include Seed Shapes, Leaf Colors, Forest Masks, Owls, Bats, and Spiders! Each session will combine crafts, games, and short hikes (rain or shine) as we discover the wonders of fall. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Lessons will include an outdoor component each time, so be sure to dress for the weather. This six-week series will meet on Wednesdays, September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, and 24. For ages 3-5. \$35 members; \$50 public.

22 A Night at The Woods 7:30-9:30pm Community 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.

27 Apple Fever 10-11:30am

Join us as we get right down to the core and learn about apples! Cooking, carving, canning, what else can you do with apples? You'll be sure to find out! Adult program. \$6 members; \$9 public.



October

11 Natural History of Baltimore Woods Hike 10-11am

Join Environmental Educator Becky Wilson for a walk down memory lane as we look for clues about Baltimore Woods' natural past and how it helped shape the way the land looks today. This program includes a hike on the Boundary Trail, so wear your hiking shoes. Adult program. \$6 members; \$9 public.

12 Star Party: Hello Fall Skies 7:30-9:30pm

The outer planets Uranus and Neptune will be in prime viewing locations, and we'll still get a good view of Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn. A crescent moon will be sitting close to Saturn, and we'll say goodbye to summer skies and hello to fall. Back up date: October 13th. For all ages. \$6 members; \$9 public.

It's New! and it's Cool!

Trail School at Baltimore Woods

What do you get when you mix a hike, expert naturalists, room to explore, and a dash of serendipity? The new Trail School at Baltimore Woods! This outdoor adventure program is designed especially for children ages 5-15. \$6 members; \$9 public.

October 19
November 16
December 7
10:00am-noon

Join us for three days of outdoor fun and exploration!

For more details about these cool Trail School adventures visit our website at www.baltimorewoods.org.



13 Autumnal Fairy Festival 12-4pm Community Event!

One remarkable day in autumn, when the trees are aflutter 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 human 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! For all ages. \$10 members; \$15 public.

19 Trail School at Baltimore Woods: Hike to Peanut Hill 10am-noon New program!

What do you get when you mix a hike, expert naturalists, room to explore, and a dash of serendipity? The new Trail School at Baltimore Woods! This week we will hike to Peanut Hill to build forts and learn about anything we see along the way. Children must be accompanied by an adult and should bring a water bottle and snack. For ages 5-15. \$6 members; \$9 public.

20 Mysterious Mushrooms 10-11:30am

Come join us as we explore The Woods in search of those mysterious mushrooms. Learn how to identify one from the next and even get a mushroom's fingerprints! For ages 5 and up. \$6 members; \$9 public.



25 Wayfinding Without a Compass 10-11:30am

No map? No compass? No cell signal? No problem. Learn how not to get lost in the woods as we explore traditional techniques and routines for wayfinding. Adult program. \$6 members; \$9 public.

Register online for programs at
www.baltimorewoods.org

November

8 Soothing Salves from Nature 10-11:30am

Our fields and forests are full of aromatics that can inspire your salves and balms. Fran Lawlor, our land manager, will be on hand to show you how easy and fun it is to make salves and balms at home. Adult program. \$6 members; \$9 public.

9 Star Party: Hello Winter Skies 5:30-8:30pm Note the early time!

This will be our last chance of the year to glimpse the elusive planet Mercury. We'll also get a view of a crescent moon, plus Mars, Saturn, and Uranus. The winter regions of the sky will be rising in the East, and the area surrounding Orion has more bright stars than anywhere else. Back up date: November 10th. For all ages. \$6 members; \$9 public.

10 Hurry Up, Hibernate! 10:30-11:30am

Are you feeling extra sleepy these days?

Then maybe you need to hurry up and hibernate! Join us for a fun-filled morning of discovering the wonders of hibernation and how animals are able to accomplish this amazing feat, sometimes on short notice! For all ages. \$6 members; \$9 public.

16 Trail School at Baltimore Woods: Hike to Boulder Brook 10am-noon New program!

What do you get when you mix a hike, expert naturalists, room to explore, and a dash of serendipity? The new Trail School at Baltimore Woods! This week we will hike to Boulder Brook with its great views and hundreds of nooks and crannies to explore. Children must be accompanied by an adult and should bring a water bottle and snack. For ages 5-15. \$6 members; \$9 public.

"Giving Thanks" Story Walk

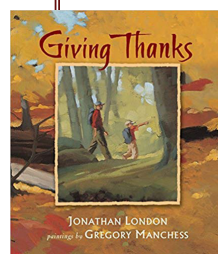
This November, Baltimore Woods and the Marcellus Free Library will be presenting the wonderful children's book "Giving Thanks" as a story walk along our Backyard Wildlife and Harrison's Loop trails behind the Interpretive Center.

Written by Jonathan London

and illustrated by Gregory Manchess, this beautiful book follows a boy and his father as they walk through the forest, reminding all of us to say

thank you to the natural world. The story walk will be in place for the whole month of November, so be sure to check it out when you come for a hike!

Stay tuned for news about more collaborative programs with the Marcellus Library!



We're Thankful for our Volunteers!

To demonstrate our appreciation, each month, Baltimore Woods Nature Center staff invites its volunteers to a delicious lunch, sourced from locally grown and produced foods. To share in this bounty, we ask that volunteers RSVP by calling (315) 673-1350 to let us know you're coming.

Mark your calendar with these upcoming volunteer lunch dates:

September 19
October 17
November 14
@12:30pm



December

1 Decorations, Naturally! 1-2:30pm

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. For ages 10 and up. \$20 members; \$30 public.



4 Community Appreciation Dinner 6-9pm

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7 Trail School at Baltimore Woods: Hike to the Beaver Ponds 10am-noon *New program!*

The new Trail School at Baltimore Woods will hike out to the beaver ponds to look for signs of winter animals and whatever else we can spot along the way. Children must be accompanied by an adult and should bring a water bottle and snack. For ages 5-15. \$6 members; \$9 public.

8 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. For all ages.

13 Snow Shelters and Winter Survival 10-11:30am

The snow is deep. The temperature is dropping. Could you survive a night in the wilderness without tent or sleeping bag? Learn how to build a shelter

that will keep you warm even when the temperature is well below freezing. This will be an outside program, please dress appropriately for the weather conditions. Adult program. \$6 members; \$9 public.

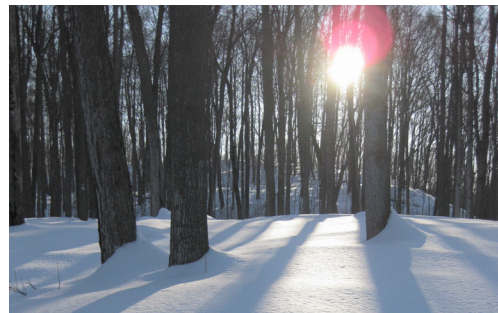
13 Star Party: Geminid Meteor Shower 7-9pm

The Geminid meteor shower - the year's finest! Plus, the start of the winter skies with a viewing of the area surrounding the constellation Orion, with its bright clusters and nebulae. Take a look through the telescopes and bring a lawn chair or blanket to lie back and watch for meteors. Back up date: December 14th. For all ages. \$6 members; \$9 public.

21 Winter 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.



Make Baltimore Woods part of your autumn fun at

A Night at The Woods

September 22, 7:30-9:30pm

Free to members; \$5 public

When the sun goes down, The Woods comes to life! 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!

Sign up online at baltimorewoods.org.



Veterans Day Nature Adventure Camp

Pioneer Adventures

Get back to basics this Veteran's Day at Baltimore Woods!

Monday, November 12, 9am-4pm



Come to camp for a fun filled day when we'll use games, crafts, and campfire skills to rediscover pioneer living. \$45/child/day. Pre-registration and Family Level membership are required. Before and after care are available. Visit baltimorewoods.org for full details. Register online today!

Autumnal Fairy Festival

Saturday, October 13, 12-4pm

Costumes are encouraged and imagination is a must! For all ages. \$10 members; \$15 public. Sign up online!



Meet the fairy queen.
Explore the enchanted trails.
Stroll through the labyrinth.
Make fairy houses in the gardens.
Create a handcrafted wand.
Share in the magic of The Woods!

Nature in the City News!

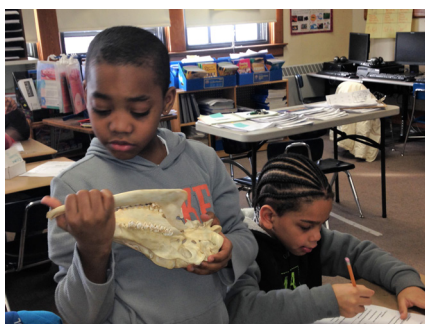
By Becky Wilson, Education Manager

It's hard to believe back-to-school time is here again, and our education team is gearing up for the 17th year of *Nature in the City*! We're excited to build on a very successful 16th year where we provided all three *Nature in the City* lessons to every grade across the 20 schools we serve – adding up to over 32,000 hours of hands-on/minds-on science learning and reaching over 10,000 students in the City of Syracuse!

Our team collaborates with teachers to extend science learning during the school day and deliver an engaging science curriculum that takes students outside in nature. Here is just some of the feedback we've heard from teachers:

"The most beneficial part of Nature in the City for our students is seeing how excited and interested they are in nature around them. Their faces light up when a presenter appears at the door. They are excited to share what they know and what they have learned.

Nature in the City increases student curiosity in Science and nature around them." - Roberts Elementary



A student examines a skull during a CSI lesson.

referenced back to the activities during class discussion." – Dr. Weeks Elementary

"I love how the program is based around science standards that are focused on in the 4th grade New York State science test. This gives students a hands-on experience to think about when answering the questions on the test." – Frazer Elementary

"I loved the changes that were made this year. The students were much more engaged. The centers were fantastic, and I think the students learned even more!" – LeMoyné Elementary

"In my opinion, NITC is an invaluable experience for inner city students and provides them opportunities for nature exploration that they might not otherwise have. I hope the funding continues and appreciate the opportunities that

it affords the students!" – Ed Smith Elementary

This year we'll continue adapting our *Nature in the City* lessons to the new New York State Science Standards. Last year, the new 4th grade programs focusing on energy were a perfect fit!

"...When we started our energy unit students were already familiar with the types of energy due to the lessons with Nature in the City. Multiple students

Our education team worked hard this summer to develop three brand new programs for the 5th graders that align with the updated Science Standards. We are all excited to be back in action in the classroom – watch our social media pages for stories from the classroom throughout the year!



Carlene Lacey, CNY Community Coordinator for National Grid, assists 4th grade students with a *Nature in the City* lesson at Roberts Elementary, their sponsored school.



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** We welcome these new partners to Nature in the City!*

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Want to be a part of *Nature in the City*?

We are seeking new corporate and individual partners to support this program. Help us bring hands-on science and so much more to over 10,000 students in the Syracuse City Schools!

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

September

Bats begin building fat reserves to fuel them during their long winter naps.



Building Closed for Holiday

Art Exhibit Opens

Star Party: Bye Summer Skies
8-10pm

Art Reception
2-4pm

A Murder Most Fowl!
10:30am-12pm

A Night at the Woods
7:30-9:30pm
Fall Equinox

Land Management Conference
8am-3pm

Building Closed for Holiday



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

Nature's Little Explorers
10-11am

Forager's Fall Harvest
10am-12:30pm



Apple Fever
10-11:30am

Bucks or male deer will spread out, finding different areas of the home range in preparation for rut.

October



Don't miss the Fairy Fest!

Nature's Little Explorers
10-11am

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10-11am

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

Nature's Little Explorers
10-11am
Hunter's Moon

Watch for peak autumn foliage this month in CNY!

Natural History Hike
10-11am

Wayfinding
10-11:30am

Star Party: Fall Skies
7:30-9:30pm

Trail School
10am-12pm

Art Exhibit Ends

Autumnal Fairy Fest
12-4pm

Mysterious Mushrooms
10-11:30am



Look out for colorful mushrooms, like the edible chicken of the woods!



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

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November

This month, thanks to the Marcellus Library, you can take a story walk along the Backyard Wildlife and Harrison's Loop to read the book "Giving Thanks" and think about all that nature gives to us.



Art Exhibit Opens

Soothing Salves
10-11:30am

Star Party:
Winter Skies
5:30-8:30pm

Hurry Up, Hibernate
10:30-11:30am
Farmers Market
10am-1pm

The common herb Echinacea is said to boost the immune system and reduce symptoms of the common cold.

Pioneer Adventure
Day Camp
9am-4pm

Volunteer Lunch
12:30pm

Trail School
10am-12pm

It's A Wonderful
Shop at The Woods!
10am-4pm



Building Closed for Holiday

Beaver Moon

When clenched, a great horned owl's strong talons require a force of 28 pounds to open.

December



Decorations,
Naturally
1-2:30pm

Community
Dinner
6-9pm

Trail School
10am-12pm

Farmers Market
10am-1pm
Caroling in the
Woods
7-8:30pm



During winter, crows can be found roosting together at night by the hundreds or even thousands!

Snow Shelters
10-11:30am
Star Party:
Meteor Shower
7-9pm

Solstice Hike
7-8:30pm

Winter Solstice

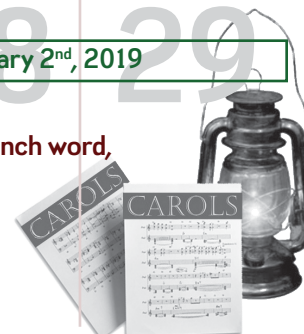
Art Exhibit
Closes

Cold Moon

The Interpretive Center will be closed for the holidays from December 23rd through January 2nd, 2019

Building Closed

The word *carol* originated from the Old French word, *carole* which means a "dance in a ring".



Volunteer Spotlight: The Pole Barn Team

by Sue Jones, Office Manager

In 2017, we began construction on a new, long anticipated 1,584 square foot pole barn. Prior to this, all of our equipment for lawn mowing, trail and building maintenance, snow removal, and garden care was scattered in several sheds and outbuildings around the property. There was no interior workspace for any carpentry or other projects and our program prep room in the Interpretive Center was filled to overflowing. Now, thanks to our volunteers—the pole barn project is complete!



After site preparation was completed, thanks to tree removal from Cayuga Tree Service and work by Jeremy Davidheiser and the A-Team, a core “pole barn team” of volunteers took over. All of the finish work on the building was planned and carried out by our hard working group, with support from the entire A-Team. Thanks to Jeremy, Gary Germain, Paul Mooney, Bill Bostick, Ken Burdick, Ken Kaufman, Kevin Quinn, Randy



Above: Members of the A-Team get together for their Wednesday morning meeting at the new pole barn. Left: Pole barn interior lead team Ken Burdick, Ken Kaufman, and Bill Bostick

Nonenmacher and Dave Prestemon, whose talent and good work enabled us to stretch the project budget and create a functional, secure, and efficient space for work and storage. We now have project workspace, an area to park and work on our tractor and car, and lots of storage space for our education team and A-Team. As we celebrate the completion of the pole barn, we thank this crew and the entire A-Team. This project is just the latest example of how volunteer effort keeps The Woods going and growing!

Membership Matters!

by Whitney Lash-Marshall, Executive Director

As a private non-profit organization, Baltimore Woods Nature Center relies on the generous support of our members – and we hope you will renew your membership or consider becoming a new member! In addition to a broad range of member benefits, you help us to preserve 182 acres of woods, meadows, ponds, and streams for 20,000+ annual visitors to connect with nature; maintain six miles of trails; host events, art galleries,

and exhibits in the Interpretive Center; deliver year-round public programs and nature day camps that connect hundreds of families to nature; offer a unique place for nature study and research; provide our *Nature in the City* program to over 10,000 students each year across the Syracuse City School District; and make sure we can continue living our mission into the future.

Join Baltimore Woods

Share your love of nature

GIFT MEMBERSHIPS

available at

Baltimore Woods Nature Center

Call (315) 673-1350
to sign your friends up.

Baltimore Woods Nature Center members enjoy ...

- program, rental, and gift shop discounts
- discounts at 150 other nature centers
- 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.

Annual Membership Level

_____ \$20 Senior/Student

_____ \$30 Individual

_____ \$40 Family

_____ \$100-\$200 Patron

_____ \$1000 Life

_____ Donation Amount
(in addition to membership)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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NATURE TIP



As the cold weather approaches, it's important to plant fall bulbs before the ground freezes. A great bulb for planting in Central New York is garlic! Plant cloves in autumn in a sunny location with well-drained soil and leaves will begin to grow in the spring. When the leaves begin to turn brown in July or August, it's time to harvest!

Celebrate the Seasons at The Woods!
Join us for one of these fun family activities!

September 22

A Night at The Woods

October 13

Autumnal Fairy Festival

November 1-30

“Giving Thanks” Story Walk

December 8

Caroling in The Woods

See pages 4-6 for more details on these fall programs!