



The Chickadee



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Wild Mushroom Festival

Co-Sponsored by
**the Connecticut Valley
 Mycological Society**

Sunday, September 25
 2 - 5 p.m.

DPNC Members \$12⁵⁰
Nonmembers \$15
(includes 4 food tickets)

Sponsored by



- Mushroom ID Walks & Talks
- Delicious Wild Mushroom Dishes Prepared On-Site
- Mushroom Marketplace
- Beer, Wine & Juice
- Live Music
- Fungi Exhibits and Mushroom Artifacts

Sample the Fruits of the Forest

Guild of Natural Science Illustrators Opening Reception & Exhibit

Sat, October 8

4 - 6 pm

Free

The exhibit will run
Saturday October 8th to
Saturday November 19th



Flicker Feather - Frances Topping

A diverse view of Natural Science Illustration, this exhibit will highlight the range of styles, techniques and subjects that exist in the field today from members of the New England Chapter of the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators (GNSI-NE). The opening reception will include technique demonstrations by several GNSI-NE members who will share their individual skills and styles such as watercolor, drawing through a microscope, graphite, and others.

Portfolios of GNSI-NE members will be on display during the exhibit reception, as well as a selection of members' sketchbooks - works of art in themselves. Some prints will be available for purchase.

Green Tie Gala & 22nd Annual Silent Auction

Saturday, November 12th
6 - 10 pm

at the



Look for details on our web site. (www.dpnc.org)

- Our primary fundraiser & most elegant affair
- Fine food & cocktails
- Live entertainment
- Bidding on getaways, tickets, events & more

RSVP by phone or on-line

by Nov 7 (860.536.1216)

All tickets held at the door

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Message from the Director



Maggie Jones

The programs in this issue of *The Chickadee* transition us from late summer to early winter and into our 66th year of environmental education! While it may seem that we have a busy program schedule, DPNC staff members are also engaged in many work activities that are not included in our newsletter. For example, we just completed one of our busiest Summer Nature Camps ever, with **765** children participating in **69** different sessions. By the time you read this letter, our preschool will begin its

seventh season with thirty students ages 3 to 5. Our preschool programs continue to serve as a regional model for nature-based early childhood education. On the other end of the spectrum, students from Connecticut College, John Hopkins and Mitchell College are using DPNC as a resource for independent study and internships, working with staff to help catalogue our skull collection, control invasive species, and assist with teaching. We continue to mentor wildlife volunteers, working closely with 'Wildlife Rescuers' (a newly formed group of local animal rehabilitators), veterinarians, animal control officers and licensed rehabilitators state-wide to help handle calls for injured animals. In August we celebrated Tommy's (the Barred owl's) 30th birthday, attended by The Eagle Lady, Doris Mager, and an entourage of raptor friends.

Along with general facilities maintenance our duo of handymen, John Wiellette and Bill Ricker, have tackled all sorts of projects ranging from outdoor step-building to new travel cases and special perches for our education birds. Next up: new flight enclosures for some of our raptors and improvements to our bathrooms. Other staff members have been helping to freshen exhibits, create interpretive signs, care for the butterfly house, and so much more...all in addition to teaching programs, answering the phone, administrative duties, feeding animals and all the usual day-to-day duties associated with our operations. How fortunate we are to have staff and volunteers that are so dedicated to our mission and success!

Our annual meeting is coming up on October 19th. This is an opportunity for members to learn about some of the behind-the-scenes things going on around DPNC. After a brief business meeting and election of new trustees, we will have a screening of **Mother Nature's Child**, a film that will remind us all of the importance of organizations such as DPNC. You will receive an announcement and proxy in the mail along with a fall birdseed sale flyer. I hope you will join us.

Maggie

Swarms of Swallows

Lower Connecticut River Boat Trip

Friday, September 9th 5:30 - 7 pm

Members \$45 /person

Non-members \$50 /person

Meet at Eagle Landing State Park in Haddam (or, to carpool, van leaves DPNC at 4:15pm).

Don't miss this amazing spectacle, a local natural wonder.

During their southward migration in September and October, hundreds of thousands of birds congregate in the lower Connecticut River Valley. One flock of birds, primarily comprised of Tree Swallows, come nightly to an island to roost. It is speculated that these birds fly in from as far as 25 miles away and come in numbers as high as 250,000+. At dusk they converge towards the island, often creating a "ballet" in the sky and eventually forming a "funnel" or "rain" just after sunset as they descend into a communal roost in the reeds for the night. **Come experience this phenomenon.** Bring a picnic basket and your binoculars and enjoy the evening as we wait for the swallows. DPNC will supply wine and other beverages.

DPNC Annual Membership Meeting & Program

"Mother Nature's Child"

October 19

7 pm Free

Do you remember playing in the woods as a child? Did you ride your bike all day, climb trees and stomp in puddles? Will this be the childhood your children & grandchildren remember? Are they playing and learning outdoors or are they spending the US average of 44 hours a week in front of a TV or computer? Join us for a screening of the documentary "Mother Nature's Child" as part of DPNC's annual meeting. Discussion and refreshments will follow. **This film showing is made possible by the Connecticut Environmental Literacy Plan, Connecticut Outdoor and Environmental Educators, and Clean Air-Cool Planet's Community Catalyst Fund.**

Hikes Around the Region

If you have a question about whether a hike is canceled due to weather, please call (860) 536-1216. If after hours, please select a transfer to extension 30 for the latest program message.

Full Moon Hikes

Adult & Family

Full Harvest Moon

Sep 12 6:30 pm FREE
 Dr John Champlin. Glacier Park,
 Westerly RI
 (meet at Tom Harvey Rd entrance)



Full Hunter's Moon

Oct 12 5:30 pm FREE
 Knox Preserve, Wilcox Rd, Ston.

Walks take place even on overcast nights, and are suitable for adults and older, interested children.

Full Beaver Moon

Nov 10 4 pm FREE
 Pequot Woods, Sleepy Hollow Rd,
 Groton

Steady rain cancels.

Full Long Moon Night

& Luminaria Stroll

Sun, December 11 4 - 5:30 pm Adult and Family
 Member \$5/person Member Family Max \$20/family
 Nonmember \$8/person Nonmember Fam Max \$32/family

Join us for a stroll through the beautiful winter woods lighted by luminaria. Warm up afterwards with hot cider and chocolate around a roaring fire.

Hike Ratings

To assist hikers, we are rating the difficulty and pace of hikes as described below:

Difficulty	Pace
E - Easy	S - Slow
M - Moderate	M - Medium
D - Difficult	F - Fast

A rating of **ES** would be an Easy Slow walk such as Haley Farm. A rating of **DS** would be a Difficult terrain at a Slow pace such as Lantern Hill.

No. Stonington's Bicentennial Trail

Co-sponsored by Wheeler Library

Sat, September 10 9 am Free

Meet at Wheeler Library to carpool to the property.

Walk North Stonington's Bicentennial Trail across the Hewitt property.EM

Pequotsepos Hikers

Led by DPNC educator/naturalists, the Pequotsepos hiking group meets on alternate Mondays and Saturdays. Join us for one, all, or as many as you wish. Babies in front or back carriers are welcome except on starred hikes (*). Steady rain cancels. Please call DPNC if you wish to carpool. Hikes start at 9:30 am.

Members FREE Non-members \$10 9:30 am

September

- 12 TNC's Walden Preserve, Salem EM
- 24 Rocky Neck State Park, East Lyme EM
- 26 Manatuck Preserve, Stonington EM

October

- 8 Barn Island WMA, Stonington EM
- 10 Preston Nature Preserve, Preston EM
- 22 Mount Misery, Pachaug State Forest - VoluntownMM
- 24 *Yawbux Brook - Narragansett Trail, Ryder Road, N. Ston. DM

November

- 5 ALC's Eleanor and Flood Reed Preserve, N. Ston. . . . MM
- 7 ALC's Pine Swamp - Ledyard EM
- 19 GOSA's Sheep Farm Preserve, Groton MM
- 21 ALC's Henne Preserve - North Stonington MM

December

- 3 Hartman Park - Lyme MM
- 5 ALC's Knox Family Farm, Stonington. ES
- 17 Pitch Pine Ridge, Groton MS
- 19 *Yawgoog area (hike in from North Rd in Hopkinton) . . DM

* not recommended for babies in front or back carriers

ALC = Avalonia Land Conservancy

GOSA = Groton Open Space Association

TNC = The Nature Conservancy

WMA = CT State Wildlife Manage. Area

WLT = Westerly Land Trust

Adult & Family Programs

Pre-registration is necessary to ensure that classes are neither cancelled nor over-subscribed. See cancellation policy p. 11.

Nature Nights Out

Ages 6-11 years 5:30- 8:30 pm
Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17
Member \$20 for the first child, \$5 each additional sibling
Nonmember \$25 for the first child, \$8 each additional sibling
Led by Laura Craver, Kim Hargrave and Steve Sarnoski

Give your kids (and yourself) a night out. Kids learn all about the world of nocturnal animals, enjoy a pizza dinner and round out the evening around a campfire. From owls and bats to insects and skunks, each night will have a different theme so join us for all four!

Special Columbus Day family program

INSECTS & their AMAZING STORIES

A family program and walk with author/entomologist

John Himmelman.

October 10th 10 am
Members \$5 Member family max \$20
Nonmembers \$8 Nonmembers family max \$32

Bring in your bugs for ID! John has written and illustrated many books on insects for children and adults. He is a founding director of the Connecticut Butterfly Association and travels widely to lecture, record insect sounds and lead field trips

Fall Family Stroll

Sat, October 22 3 – 4 pm
Led by Kim Hargrave Family
Member \$3/person Member Family Max \$5/family
Nonmember \$10/person Nonmember Fam Max \$15/family

Enjoy the beautiful fall foliage with your family as we amble along the Nature Center's trails discussing the seasonal changes.

Soap, Suds and More

Tue, November 29 7 pm
Led by Kim Hargrave and Jennifer Johnson
\$30/members \$35/non-members

Tired of using cleaning products for your body and house that could be toxic to you and your family, produce loads of waste and pollute the environment? Learn the benefits of making your own laundry detergents, hand soap, all purpose cleaner and more. These products can be used in your own home or given as holiday gifts.

Holiday Evergreens

Thu, December 1 7 - 9 pm
Member \$25/person Nonmember \$30/person

"Spruce" up your home for the holidays by creating your own unique and beautiful decorations using natural items. All the supplies you need to make wreaths, sprays and ornaments will be provided. We'll demonstrate a variety of techniques and styles.

Pancake Breakfast

with Woodland Santa

Sat, December 10 8:30 - 10 am Family
Member \$8/adult Nonmember \$10/adult
Member \$5/child Nonmember \$7/child

Enjoy fresh pancakes, local hickory syrup from *Turkeywoods Farm*, juice, coffee, music and more. Meet the animals of the woods, and get a special visit from Woodland Santa. Explore the beauty of the winter woods after breakfast. Program limit of 40 attendees. Please register in advance.



Enjoy the Mysterious Sights & Sounds of the

Spooky Nature Trail

an annual favorite for young and old

(Friday and Saturday)

October 28th & 29th
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Members \$7.50 (\$30 family max)
Non-members \$9.50 (\$38 family max)

Join the spooky fun!

Find fantastical creatures and magical sights, frights and delights along the trails
For ages 4 and up.



Paddle Trips & Special Walks

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Pawcatuck to the Sea

Potter Hill to Downtown Westerly

Sat, September 17 9 am - 3 pm about 8 miles
Led by Al Brown Adults
Member \$20/person Nonmember \$25/person

Meet at DPNC at 9 or Maxson Ave/Potter Hill dam at 9:30.

See the other Westerly, only seen from the river. You will float past farm fields, wooded wetlands and the historic parts of Westerly you may have never seen. There are a couple of swift water (Class II) rapids around old dams.

International Day of Peace

A lunch hour walk, observation and meditation at the Peace Sanctuary

Wed, September 21 Noon - 1 pm
Led by Maggie Jones Free

Meet at the Peace Sanctuary entrance, 233 River Road, Mystic

Learn the fascinating history of Mystic's Peace Sanctuary, consider the effect of the mind's undisciplined activity on our environment and participate in a fifteen-minute prayer meditation to help bring a condition of peace to the hearts of human beings everywhere. The Nature Center and the Southeastern CT Center for Natural Path (Sahaj Marg) Meditation partner to observe the United Nations International Day of Peace.

Equinox and Winter Walks

at Gungywamp

Fri, September 23 2 - 4 pm
Sat, December 4 1 - 3 pm Adult & Family
Members \$8 Nonmembers \$10

Gungywamp has dramatic rock outcrops and north-south cliff walls. We'll discuss the geology of the enigmatic stone structures for which this site is famous and the intriguing cultural history. We will also investigate evidence of astronomical alignment in the stone structures.

Paddle Selden Neck State Park

on the Connecticut River

Sat, October 8 9 am - 3 pm about 5 miles
Member \$15/person Nonmember \$20/person

Join us as we explore a fascinating area of the Connecticut River. Selden Island shares one shore with the river and the other is a scenic backwater with marshes and forest habitat.

Adopt an Animal Program

Perfect for the Nature Lover on Your Holiday Gift List!

When you sponsor an animal or give an animal sponsorship as a gift, you help DPNC provide food and specialized care to all of the animals living at or being rehabilitated by the Nature Center. Decide which level of sponsorship is right for you, enjoy the benefits of "adoption", and most importantly have the pleasure of knowing that you are helping care for the animals at DPNC.

- Screech Owl Adopt: \$50. Includes: Adoption certificate, species fact sheet, color photo of your adopted animal, 2 DPNC guest passes.
- Black Rat Snake Adopt: \$50. Includes: Adoption certificate, species fact sheet, color photo of your adopted animal, 2 DPNC guest passes.
- Saw Whet Owl Adopt: \$75. Includes: Adoption certificate, species fact sheet, color photo of your adopted animal, 3 DPNC guest passes.
- Barred Owl Adopt: \$100. Includes: Adoption certificate, species fact sheet, color photo of your adopted animal, 4 DPNC guest passes.
- Kestrel Adopt: \$150. Includes: Adoption certificate, species fact sheet, color photo of you and your adopted animal (or other DPNC animal of your choice)*, 6 DPNC guest passes.
- Great Horned Owl Adopt: \$200. Includes: Adoption certificate, species fact sheet, color photo of you and your adopted animal (or other DPNC animal of your choice)*, 10 DPNC guest passes.

Garter Snake, Red Tailed Hawks and Peregrine Falcon can be adopted but not handled.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

This is a gift. Please send materials to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Pippin - Eastern Screech Owl



- I have enclosed a check
- Please charge my credit card
___ Visa ___ Mastercard
___ Discover

Payment Total \$ _____

or call 860-536-1216

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Children's Programs

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Nature Education Series

Nature Crafts

Tuesdays 4pm- 5:30pm
Sep 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1 and 8
Members \$12/class Nonmembers \$15/class
Led by Kim Henderson Ages 6-10 years
Sign up in advance for all 8 and save \$16.00

Experience nature's beauty in a variety of ways. Each week we will create beautiful seasonal crafts including autumn leaf crowns, wind chimes, pressed flower sun-catchers and much more.

Afterschool Nature & Science

Thursdays 4pm- 5:30pm **Ages 6-10 years**

September 15 - American Eels
October 13 - Spiders
November 10 - Black Bears
December 8 - Woodpeckers
Members \$12/class
Nonmembers \$15/class
Led by Kim Hargrave
Sign up in advance for all 4 and save \$8.00



Each month will feature a different topic and include hands-on activities, games, live animals and lots of time outside.

Primitive Tool Making

Wednesdays 4-5pm
November 9, 16, 30 and Dec. 7
Members \$60/series
Nonmembers \$80/series
Members \$20/class
Nonmembers \$25/class
Led by Steve Sarnoski
Ages 11-14 years



Learn the art and science behind primitive tool making. Each week you will make your own primitive tools including bolas, slings, slingshots, and bush bows. After creating your tool we will head outside to put them to the test.

Home School Programs

The Animal Kingdom

Thursdays 1:30-3:30 pm
Sep 8, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1, Jan 5,
Feb 2, Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3, Jun 7
Cost: \$95/ year **Ages 5- 12 years**
You must be a Nature Center Member to enroll

Join us as each month we explore the Animal Kingdom. From snails and snakes to beavers and birds we will take an in-depth look at the animals that are local to Southern New England. We will learn the seasonal habitat preferences, natural history and conservation status of different animals through discussion, meeting live animals, games, activities and fieldtrips.

With the exception of September, programs will be held the first Thursday of the month from 1:30-3:30. After enrollment is complete children will be grouped according to age. Please keep in mind that Nature Center programs are taught from a scientific perspective. While these classes are run as a drop-off program, parents are welcome to stay for part or all of the classes. However, please check with us about accommodating younger siblings in the classroom.

October fieldtrip on Insects to Manatuck Preserve in Stonington
May fieldtrip on Birds to Trustom Pond in Charlestown, RI
June fieldtrip on Shore Life to Bluff Point State Park in Groton

Birding Trips & Programs

Fall Birding



Led by Maggie Jones
 Members \$8/trip Nonmember \$10/trip
 Members \$35/series Nonmembers \$45/series

September 16

Napatree Hawks and Shorebirds
 8-10am. Meet at entrance to Napatree

September 30

Fall Migrants Hammonasset State Park
 Van leaves DPNC at 8 am (back before noon).

October 21

Birds of Autumn Woods and Fields
 at the Manatuck Preserve.
 Meet in lot behind Pine Point school gymnasium
 (west side of school) at 8 am.

November 18

Late Fall Migrants
at Harkness State Park Waterford Beach.
 Van leaves DPNC at 8 am

December 2

Early Winter Arrivals at Trustom Pond
 National Wildlife Refuge in Charlestown, RI
 Van leaves DPNC at 8 am

DPNC at the
Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme, CT
Both programs are included with admission to the museum.

Whooooo Knew?

Connecticut Birds of Prey

Sat. Oct. 8 11 am & 2 pm

Join DPNC Education Director Kim Hargrave for a live bird presentation and introduction to CT birds of prey. Learn how both the screech owl and American kestrel seek out nesting boxes to lay their eggs and care for their young.

A Real Tweet

A Drop-In Program

to Learn About the Songbirds of Connecticut

Sat. Oct 15 11 am – 3 pm

Join DPNC Education Director Kim Hargrave for a fun and informative introduction to the songbirds of Connecticut. Learn ways to identify our native birds through interactive games, listening to bird songs, and hands-on activities.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES YOU'LL NEVER FORGET... NATURALLY!

All Ages

Meet the Animals
 Meet the Nature Center's resident animals, explore the trails, visit the birds of prey and make a craft to bring home.

Scavenger Hunt on the Trails
 Meet the Nature Center's resident animals and head out on the trails to complete a nature scavenger hunt.

Fairy Houses
 After reading the story *Fairy Houses* by Tracy Kane, party goers search the trails for materials to make their own fairy house to bring home.

Peek into a Pond (May - Sept)
 Learn about turtles, frogs, bugs and more, then head to the pond with nets to see what creatures we can catch and release. *Be prepared to get muddy!*

Inspect an Insect (June - Oct)
 Learn about insects and try your hand at catching butterflies, beetles and all sorts of other bugs in our meadow.

Turning 6 and Up

All about Owls
 Meet an owl up close and learn about its special characteristics before visiting the Nature Center's resident owls. End the party by dissecting an owl pellet!

Rocks and Minerals
 Sift through sand looking for beautiful rock and mineral pieces to start your own rock collection, followed by exploring the trails to look at all the amazing rocks around the Nature Center. There's an additional \$20 fee for this party.

Turning 8 and Up

Nocturnal Notions
 Learn about the special adaptations nocturnal animals have and take a night hike where we will test your night time senses. Complete the evening around a campfire with marshmallows. This party is scheduled on Friday and Saturday evenings with a start time between 5 and 7 p.m. and an end time between 7 and 9 p.m.

We can also do programs for teens and adults. Please contact us for details.

BOOK YOUR PARTY TODAY!
 Give us a call at 860.536.1216
 Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center
 109 Pequotsepos Road • Mystic, CT 06355
 Visit our website: www.dpnc.org

Programs at a Glance

date	for ages	title	time
9/8	Thu	Ages 5 - 12. Homeschool - Animal Kingdom.	1:30 - 3:30 pm
9/9	Fri	Adult and Family. Swarms of Swallows	5:30 - 7 pm
9/10	Sat	Adults North Stonington's Bicentennial Trail (Hewitt property)	9 - 11 am
9/12	Mon	Adults Pequotsepos Hikers - Walden Preserve, Nature Conservancy, Salem.	9:30 - 11 am
9/12	Mon	Adult and Family. Fall Full Moon Walks - Harvest Moon Hike - Glacier Park, Westerly.	6:30 - 7:30 pm
9/13	Tue	Children 4 - 6 Discovery	9:30 - 11:30 am
9/14	Wed	Age 3~ Butterflies	9:30 - 11:30 am
9/15	Thu	Ages 6 - 10. Afterschool Nature and Science Series - American Eels.	4 - 5:30 pm
9/15	Thu	Children 2 - 3*. Flap, Clap & Waddle.	9:30 - 11 am
9/16	Fri	Children 2 - 3*. Hummingbirds	9:30 - 11 am
9/16	Fri	Children 4 - 6 Nature and Movement - Fridays	9:30 - 11:30 am
9/16	Fri	Adults Fall Birding - Napatree Hawks and Shorebirds (meet at Napatree).	8 am
9/17	Sat	Adults Pawcatuck to the Sea	9 - 3 pm
9/17	Sat	Ages 6 - 11 Nature Night Out	5:30 - 8:30 pm
9/20	Tue	Ages 6 - 10. Nature Crafts	4 - 5:30 pm
9/21	Wed	Adults International Day of Peace at the Peace Sanctuary	Noon - 1 pm
9/22	Thu	Children 2 - 3 Flap, Clap & Waddle.	9:30 - 11 am
9/23	Fri	Children 4 - 6 Nature and Movement - Fridays	9:30 - 11:30 am
9/24	Sat	Adults and Family Walk the Gungywamp	2 - 4 pm
9/24	Sat	Adults Pequotsepos Hikers - Rocky Neck State Park, East Lyme	9:30 - 11 am
9/25	Sun	Adults Wild Mushroom Festival	2 - 5 pm
9/26	Mon	Adults Pequotsepos Hikers - Manatuck Preserve, Stonington	9:30 - 11 am
9/27	Tue	Ages 6 - 10. Nature Crafts	4 - 5:30 pm
9/29	Thu	Children 2 - 3*. Flap, Clap & Waddle.	9:30 - 11 am
9/30	Fri	Children 4 - 6 Nature and Movement - Fridays	9:30 - 11:30 am
9/30	Fri	Adults Fall Birding - Fall migrants Hammonasset (van leaves DPNC at 8am)	8 am
10/4	Tue	Ages 6 - 10. Nature Crafts	4 - 5:30 pm
10/6	Thu	Children 2 - 3*. Flap, Clap & Waddle.	9:30 - 11 am
10/6	Thu	Ages 5 - 12. Homeschool - Animal Kingdom - fieldtrip on Insects to Manatuck Preserve.	1:30 - 3:30 pm
10/7	Fri	Children 4 - 6 Nature and Movement - Fridays	9:30 - 11:30 am
10/8	Sat	Adults Paddle Selden Neck State Park - on the Connecticut River	9 am - 3 pm
10/8	Sat	Adults Pequotsepos Hikers - Barn Island Wildlife Management Area	9:30 - 11 am
10/8	Sat	Adult and Family Guild of Natural Science Illustrators - Open Reception	4 - 6 pm
10/8	Sat	Adult and Family Whooooo Knew? Connecticut Birds of Prey - A Program at the Florence Grissold Museum, Old Lyme	11 am & 2 pm
10/10	Mon	Adults Pequotsepos Hikers - Preston Nature Preserve, Preston	9:30 - 11 am
10/11	Tue	Ages 6 - 10. Nature Crafts	4 - 5:30 pm
10/12	Wed	Adult and Family. Fall Full Moon Walks - Hunter's Moon - Knox Preserve, Wilcox Rd. Stonington	5:30 pm
10/13	Thu	Ages 6 - 10. Afterschool Nature and Science Series - Spiders.	4 - 5:30 pm
10/13	Thu	Children 2 - 3*. Flap, Clap & Waddle.	9:30 - 11 am
10/14	Fri	Children 4 - 6 Nature and Movement - Fridays	9:30 - 11:30 am
10/15	Sat	Adult and Family. A Real Tweet - Songbirds of Connecticut, A Program at the Florence Grissold Museum, Old Lyme.	11 am & 3 pm
10/15	Sat	Ages 6 - 11 Nature Night Out	5:30 - 8:30 pm
10/18	Tue	Ages 6 - 10. Nature Crafts	4 - 5:30 pm
10/18	Tue	Children 4 - 6 Discovery	9:30 - 11:30 am
10/19	Wed	Adults DPNC Annual Meeting & Program.	7 - 8:30 pm
10/19	Wed	Age 3~ Butterflies	9:30 - 11:30 am
10/20	Thu	Ages (walking) 1 - 4* Cottontails.	10 - 11 am
10/20	Thu	Children 2 - 3*. Flap, Clap & Waddle.	9:30 - 11 am
10/21	Fri	Ages 2 - 3*. Hummingbirds	9:30 - 11 am
10/21	Fri	Children 4 - 6 Nature and Movement - Fridays	9:30 - 11:30 am
10/21	Fri	Adults Fall Birding - Birds of Autumn Woods and Fields at the Manatuck	8 am
10/22	Sat	Adults Pequotsepos Hikers - Mount Misery, Voluntown	9:30 - 11 am
10/22	Sat	Family Fall Family Stroll	3 - 4 pm
10/24	Mon	Adults Pequotsepos Hikers - Yawbux Brook section of the Narragansett Trail	9:30 - 11 am
10/25	Tue	Ages 6 - 10. Nature Crafts	4 - 5:30 pm
10/27	Thu	Children 2 - 3*. Flap, Clap & Waddle.	9:30 - 11 am
10/28	Fri	Family Spooky Nature Trail - Spooky Friday Night.	5:30 - 7:30 pm
10/28	Fri	Children 4 - 6 Nature and Movement - Fridays	9:30 - 11:30 am
10/29	Sat	Family Spooky Nature Trail - Spooky Saturday Night	5:30 - 7:30 pm
11/1	Tue	Ages 6 - 10. Nature Crafts	4 - 5:30 pm
11/3	Thu	Children 2 - 3*. Flap, Clap & Waddle.	9:30 - 11 am
11/3	Thu	Ages 5 - 12. Homeschool - Animal Kingdom.	1:30 - 3:30 pm
11/4	Fri	Children 4 - 6 Nature and Movement - Fridays	9:30 - 11:30 am
11/5	Sat	Adults Pequotsepos Hikers - ALC's Eleanor and Flood Reed Preserve	9:30 - 11 am
11/7	Mon	Adults Pequotsepos Hikers - Avalonia's Pine Swamp - Ledyard	9:30 - 11 am

* with a caregiver ~bathroom independent #ALC = Avalonia Land Conservancy ~GOSA = Groton Open Space Assoc. ^Westerly Land Trust +TNC = The Nature Conservancy

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Hummingbirds

Led by Suzanne Burns Ages 2 - 3
Fridays 9:30-11am
Session 1 - Sept 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14
Session 2 - Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18
Session 3 - Dec. 2, 9, 16*

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather with your little one. Learn about a new seasonal topic each week through circle time, songs, activities and lots of time outside. Your child will be amazed as we meet live animals, discover creatures by the pond, and much more.

Cottontails

Led by Suzanne Burns Ages 1 (walking) - 4 years
Thursdays 10 - 11am
Session 1 - Sept. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13
Session 2 - Oct. 20, 27 Nov 3, 10, 17
Session 3 - Dec. 1, 8, 15*

Celebrate the changing seasons by exploring the outdoors with your little ones. Listening to the leaves crunch, watching the birds fly, and feeling the soft milkweed will awaken your child's senses to the outdoors. Classes meet in different parks and natural areas giving you a chance to discover new places in Southeastern CT and adjacent Rhode Island. The first class of each session is held at the Nature Center.

Butterflies

Led by Kim Henderson Age 3 years
Must be bathroom independent
Wednesdays 9:30-11:30am
Session 1 - Sept 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12
Session 2 - Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16
Session 3 - Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14

Three year olds love this special nature class that's just for them! Each week they will make new discoveries about nature through circle time, meeting animals, playing games and spending lots of time on the trails. Please make sure your child is dressed for the outdoors.

Cottontails
5 classes - Members \$40 Non-Members \$60
* 3 classes - Members \$24 Non-Members \$36

Discovery

Led by Kim Henderson Ages 4-6 years
Tuesdays 9:30-11:30
Session 1 - Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11
Session 2 - Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15
Session 3 - Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13

Let your child explore the outdoor world and make discoveries every class. Flipping over logs looking for salamanders, worms and spiders, using nets to catch things in the meadow and learning to hold turtles are just a few of things we will do in class. Please make sure your child is dressed to spend lots of time outside!

Flap, Clap & Waddle

Led by Kim Henderson Ages 2 and 3
Age 2 - With a caregiver
Age 3 - With or without a caregiver, Must be bathroom independent
Thursdays 9:30 - 11 am
Session 1 - Sept. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13
Session 2 - Oct. 20, 27 Nov 3, 10, 17
Session 3 - Dec. 1, 8, 15*

Little ones will delight as we explore nature and movement through music! We will sing, clap, play and chase. This creative movement class is a great way to enhance developmental and memory skills. We will move to classics like "The Itzy Bitzy Spider" and "Head Shoulders Knees and Toes", as well as discover lots new songs and activities that will get them active and keep them smiling.

Nature & Movement

Fridays

Led by Kim Henderson
Ages 4-6 years 9:30-11:30
Session 1 - Sept 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14
Session 2 - Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18
Session 3 - Dec. 2, 9, 16*

It's time to get moving! Using yoga poses, dance techniques, and creative movement, children will exercise their bodies and imaginations while learning about animals and nature. We will use music, rhythm instruments and our creativity to choreograph movements and stories together.

Butterflies, Discovery, Hummingbirds, Nature & Movement,
5 classes - Members \$60 Non-Members \$75
* 3 classes - Members \$36 Non-Members \$45

Wish List

Markers	Baby Wipes	Children's scissors
Crayons	Brads (paper fasteners)	Hole Punchers
Glue sticks	Feathers	Tissues
Construction Paper	Pine Needles	

DPNC

Trail Blazer Day 2011

Sat. Sept 17 9 am

Please join DPNC Staff and Volunteers for a morning of trail maintenance and clean up on Saturday, September 17 from 9am to Noon. Bring your own work gloves, a bottle of water and your enthusiasm! Also, please bring your own clippers if you have them. This is a great opportunity for high school students to fulfill their community service requirement. Pre registration is required, and is limited to adults and students in 9th grade and above. Rain Date October 1, 2011.

Cancellation Policy

Pre-registration allows DPNC to secure staffing and materials for programs so that we may best serve you and your children.

We require preregistration and payment for most DPNC programs in order to reserve a space. If the DPNC cancels a program, you will receive a full refund. If you withdraw from a program more than four days in advance, you will receive a refund less a 15% administrative fee. Withdrawals within four days of a program are not refundable unless we fill the vacancy.

Girl Scout and Cub Scout Programs

Are you a Girl Scout or Cub Scout leader, or are your children involved in Scouting? The Nature Center offers a wide variety of scouting programs for all levels. From badge work to overnights, the Nature Center can help.



Barred Owl
by Elizabeth Gaus

Clap Your Paws and Flap Your Wings for our Vets!

Each year DPNC rescues, rehabilitates and releases dozens of animals. We could not do it without the assistance of local veterinarians who help us diagnose and treat broken wings, injured beaks, feet and broken shells (turtles' of course). Many thanks to Neal and Alice Marinan of Old Lyme Veterinary Hospital, and to Lawrence and Cheryl Monteiro and the gang at Four Paws Veterinary Services in Old Mystic for their donation of medications, x-ray services and expert advice. And thank you also Dr. Neal for your regular check-ups on our resident birds!

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