

THE MINNA ANTHONY COMMON NATURE CENTER

NEWSLETTER

Welcome Summer!

JUNE 17, 2015



Our conscientious volunteers prepared the Nature Center for the summer season during I Love My Park Day in early May.

SEASONS CHANGE AND TIMES REPEAT

The opsrey have returned to the Wellesley Island State Park and so have the campers, boaters, and outdoor enthusiasts. Spring brought with it busloads of inquisitive children on school field-trips whose thirst for information and eager ears filled the halls of the Nature Center and its woods.

Thankfully, the weather cooperated as another successful I Love My Park Day took place on May 2nd. Volunteers cleaned, prepared trails and maintained vital resources for the busy tourist season - and had a little fun while they were at it!

As spring turns slowly into summer, the changing season reminds us of the need to immerse ourselves in the natural world. To unplug, return to our roots, and swim in the river of rejuvenation.

Love of nature, the River and learning are timeless endeavors. In that spirit, we happily bring

back to you a popular feature in our newsletter - the writings of our Nature Center's namesake, Minna Anthony Common.

Her still relevant observations will certainly interest you almost a century after their creation. Each quarter, we will bring you her adventures, musings, and detailed descriptions of the wildlife along the Saint Lawrence River.

This first reprint, from July 1932, explores the impact of high water two years before on a small section of waterway. It gives some historical perspective on the natural ebbs and flows of the River before the seaway controls with which we have now become accustomed.

We hope you enjoy this window to the past, and look forward to seeing you soon at the Nature Center!

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THE MINNA ANTHONY COMMON SERIES - ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED JULY 12, 1932



PLANT LIFE AT RIVER EDGE NOTED

WATER'S RISE TWO YEARS
AGO WASHED ROCKS CLEAN

PLANT GROWTH AGAIN LUSH

Grasses and Sedge Grow in Cracks
Between Boulders Where Little
Sandy Soil Has Washed in -
Snakes, Frogs, Snails, Minnows,
Dragon Flies and Damsel Flies Are
Seen.

By MRS. JAMES A. COMMON

Two years ago the water in the St. Lawrence rose higher than at any time within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. Docks were inundated, boathouses were washed away, charted shoals disappeared while small islands became shoals, the river was three feet deeper along the shore so all plant life there was destroyed. Last year the water was very low and this year it is normal. To study what plants have sprung up in the rock cracks and in the new-formed soil along the water's edge is most interesting. For special observation I selected a narrow and shallow indentation between a jutting granite boulder and a row of great rocks

tumbled hit-or-miss along a pebbly shore. It had been entirely under water and washed clean of all vegetation and a great part of the soil, except in the miniature bay.

The great jutting granite boulder is still rather bare of plant life. In a few of the cracks soil has formed made from sand washed up by storms and lodged there and disintegrated rushes and pine needles. These cracks are very small, not over an inch wide and the plants necessarily appear like soldiers marching in single file. We found four kinds of grasses and a sedge, cinquefoil or five finger with wee yellow blossoms, St. Johnswort also with yellow flowers, smartweed, and a few insignificant seedling wild cherry trees. That was all, for not even a moss nor a lichen yet showed anywhere.

Almost the same plants were growing among the tumbled rocks and pebbles on the other shore, but in the little indentation between, now just barely out of water, plant growth was lush. Sweet clover, four feet high and thoroughwort with great thick spongy leaves, mullein sending up its fat flower stalks, buttercup, jewelweed, both white and hop-clover, beautiful blue-eyed grasses turning their smiling faces towards the sun, blue speedwell so like forgetmenot, and silverweed trailing plumelike leaves along the ground, all were there.

Bog plants: pickerel weed and arrowhead, burreed and sweet flag grew close to the water's edge and straight wand-like reeds made a thick mass just off shore. The clear water between the reeds and the shore was full of timid water animals. A great school of tiny minnows, packed together like sardines in a tin, heads all one way, made a black spot over almost half the expanse. They moved continuously but got nowhere, the movement being round about rather than straight ahead.

Water snails clung to the stones, a strange awkward creature

crawled up a reed, and clinging closely, started to shiver and shake. Soon it split up its back, an awesome sight, and began to crawl out of itself. The new-hatched creature was wet and gooey, but in a short time its gauzy wings unfolded and there before us was a full-sized dragon-fly.

Damsel flies, some with red, some with black, some with blue bodies hovered about and alighted on the reeds with wings folded lengthwise along the body, a frog croaked among the thick weeds, a snake's head appeared swimming leisurely toward the minnows. He was met by another coming from the opposite direction and while we gazed wonderingly a third came from shore. If their object was to feed on the minnows we shall never know for our dog spied them and they departed swiftly in three different directions. A big lazy turtle was sunning itself on a rock and a solitary sandpiper ran up and down, "peet-peeting."

This sandpiper looks twice the size of the common tip-up. It has a longer bill and longer legs and does not teeter quite so much. The breast is darkened by short streaks. It often whistles as it flies and like all its family holds the wings curved beneath the body plane. The solitary sandpiper picks up its food along a shallow pebbly shore and such a bay as this, rich in small life, just suits.

Finally, with reluctance, we left the place and we had gotten only a few boat lengths away when a graceful tern swooped down from the air and picked a minnow from the school. He swallowed it in mid air, took a swingabout and plunged again. After several repetitions he started off accross the sky toward the Clayton shore. Probably his young were eagerly awaiting his coming on some shoal in midriver, but he went so far away we could not see just what he did.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

May is one of my favorite times of year to go hiking as I love anticipating the emergence of spring ephemerals and the return of migrating birds. Spotting the earliest wildflowers reassures us that the long, cold winter is waning. Some of the first flowers to emerge are actually in the flower beds outside the Nature Center. Warmth radiating from the stones on the building help warm the soil faster, ensuring the blood root planted along our sidewalk emerges a few weeks before other wildflowers. Pictured topright is blood root in flower; underneath the witch hazel in our front garden. Hiking along the East trail I recently saw juniper haircap moss (*Polytrichum juniperinum*), the tips of which appear red and flower like. With each day more plants emerge making it a great time to visit the Nature Center.

May also brings I Love My Park Day which is held annually on the first Saturday of May. This year we had over forty volunteers who were able to accomplish a significant amount of work in only three hours. They helped put up the butterfly house netting, potted flowers for our plant sale, weeded gardens, raked the leaves from around our buildings, and walked the entire trail system to clean up winter damage. We would be hard put to be ready for the busy summer season without the additional help of the volunteers who attend I Love My Park Day. The day provides an opportunity for families to introduce their children to the idea of stewardship and community involvement and is enjoyed by all who attend.

Our third annual Run Wild 5K was held on May 16th. We had fewer runners this year because of the weather but many of the people in attendance have participated every year. Next year we plan to move the race down into the camp loops so more people who always camp in the Park the weekend of the run

will see the event. It is a fun, family friendly event that is enjoyed by all participants.

We have a number of exciting programs planned for this summer. Our second annual children's fishing derby will be held at the Eagle Loop Boat Launch on Sunday, June 14. We will have Saturday evening kayak tours again this year and a Thursday evening Voyageur Canoe program. Check out the Upcoming Events section of the newsletter for details. If you have any questions regarding programming or are interested in scheduling a program for your group, please call the Nature Center. We look forward to seeing you here this summer! Come and enjoy the trails!

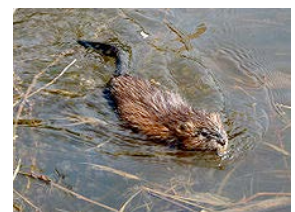
- Molly Farrell, Environmental Educator II



FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

<http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/newyork/plan-2014-infographic.pdf>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eiPtLU7ufZU&feature=youtu.be>

Please click on these links from our friends at The Nature Conservancy about river levels and Plan 2014. One link is a video of muskrat trapper, Bob Jordan of Jefferson County, and his explanation of wetland importance. The other link succinctly shows how current water management negatively effects ecosystems and what positive gains could come from legislation like Plan 2014.



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3RD ANNUAL RUN WILD 5K RUN/WALK



Atheletes of all ages embark on another exhilarating Run Wild event at the nature center on Saturday, May 16th.



**Parks, Recreation
and Historic Preservation**



Jim Mattingly, Zachary Mielke, and John Mattingly finish the race in first, second, and third place, respectively.

Although the weather didn't exactly cooperate, our Run Wild event went off without a hitch. Runners of all ages and ability came out to enjoy the day and the exercise.

Below is a list of first place runners by class.

Runner	Catergory	Time
Charlette Morrow	Women 19 and under	34:19
Alia Eastabrook	Women 20 to 29	28:55
Savannah Patraw	Women 30 to 39	27:21
Jodi Morrow	Women 40 to 49	31:00
Rita Martin	Women 50 and over	51:00
Drake Phalen	Men 19 and under	29:11
Zachary Mielke	Men 20 to 29	23:46
Scott Gibson	Men 30 to 39	26:53
Kevin Durr	Men 40 to 49	24:13
Jim Mattingly	Men 50 and over	18.00

Congratulations to all of our runners!

Please share your Nature Center stories and photos with us at:
macnaturecenter@gmail.com

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THE FRIENDS OF THE NATURE CENTER LIFETIME MEMBERS

We must sincerely thank our “lifetime” members for their support. So many of you have not only give financially year after year, but have also given your time, effort, and experience. For that we we are continually grateful.

Donald and Diane Ames, Cortland, NY	Kathryn Shaver, Oswego, NY
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THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS JOINED OR RENEWED THEIR COMMITMENT RECENTLY:

The Nature Center’s sustainability depends on the selfless generosity of the River community.

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Kathleen Morris, Alexandria Bay, NY
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Thank you!

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Critter Kids- **FABULOUS FROGS!**

Frogs are amphibians. Amphibians live part of their lives in water and part on land. Frogs lay eggs in water that hatch and become tadpoles. Tadpoles live in water until they metamorphose into adult frogs and leave the water to live the rest of their lives on land. Toads, newts, and salamanders are also amphibians. Amphibians are cold-blooded, which means their body temperature is the same as the ambient air or water temperature around them. When they get cold, they will lay in the sun to warm up; when they get too warm they will go into the water to cool off.

A **tree frog's** main claim to fame is its toes. They are round and secrete a sticky liquid that allows them to climb and cling to, you guessed it, trees! They spend most of their lives up in the trees, usually coming down only to mate.



Spring peepers are the smallest **tree frog** in the Northeast. They get their name from the short, high pitched peeping sound they make at night. All male **frogs** make a call sound specific to their species. They have a small sac in their throats that vibrates as they slowly exhale air, creating their unique call sound.

Do you see a leopard frog?



This **frog** is camouflaged in the tall, wet grass. **Northern leopard frogs** have black and brown spots outlined in black along their backs. The pattern on their skin makes it difficult to see them when they are not moving. Often times you may not see the **frog** until it jumps out of the way to avoid being stepped on.



Frogs avoid being stepped on because their eyes are on top of their heads. The location of their eyes makes it easy for them to see forwards, sideways and upwards all at the same time. Their long, strong legs give the **frogs** the ability to leap out of the way too!

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Did you know.....

Handling **amphibians** can damage their skin. **Amphibians** have very sensitive skin because they absorb air through it. The oils from our hands cause the **amphibians** skin to dry out! This can hurt our cold blooded friends.

Before handling any **amphibian**, get your hands wet and muddy. This creates a barrier between you and the **amphibian**. It is always best, however, to use your eyes and not your hands!

FROG HUNT!

Although **frogs** live mostly on land as adults, their habitat must be near swamps, ponds or in a damp place because they will die if their skin becomes too dry! Take a walk near a pond or a wetland to look for **fabulous frogs**! Better yet, come visit the Nature Center to look for **frogs**! Our 600 acre preserve has many wetlands to explore. The picture on the left is of the beaver pond on the Middle Trail. On your adventure fill out the chart below.

Pick up a map and explore!

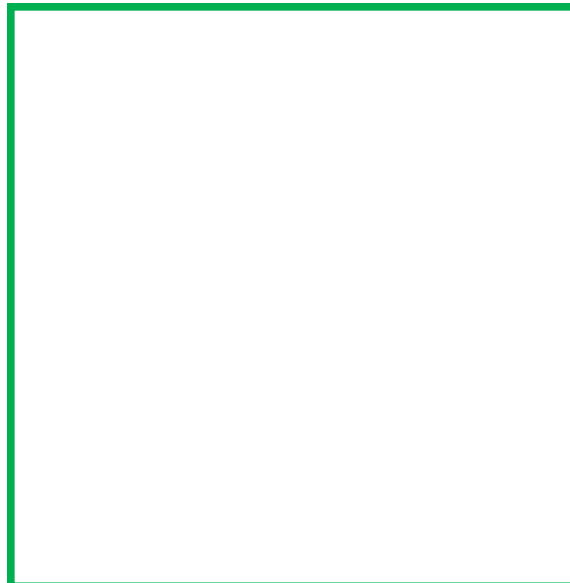


FROG TALLY

Keep count of how many frogs and tadpoles you see on your adventure

	TADPOLES	FROGS
IN THE TREES		
IN THE GRASS		
IN THE WATER		
ON ROCKS		
ON THE GROUND		

During your walk draw a favorite frog that you see.



By Kimbrie Cullen, Environmental Educator

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TILT PARTNERSHIP

TILTKids Camp: "Habitat Hikers" on Grindstone Island

Saturday, August 1st,
10am-1:30pm

For TILT's 3rd annual Camp, TILTKids will hike different habitats along the Grindstone Island Nature Trail and learn the importance of each for the various animals, insects, plants and trees that live there.

Shorelines, shrublands, grasslands, wetlands and woodlands - all are important in the web of life! Lunch will be provided. TILTKids Camp participants must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear clothing and footwear appropriate for outdoor play. Space is limited, so sign up early.

TILTKids Camp is reserved for TILTKids supporters and has limited space. If you'd like to become a member and join us on the trek, call the office at 315-686-5345 or make a contribution by visiting the TILT website. Alternatively you can add TILTKids benefits to your existing membership, at no extra cost! Please call TILT at 315-686-5345 for additional information.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Joe Leskoske (green jacket and hat) with Ian Brennan and other St. Lawrence University students from the "Ecology Powers Environmentalism" class, observe a rotting tree this April

I love being a volunteer!

Remember what Andy Dufresne said in the 1994 movie "The Shawshank Redemption: "I guess it comes down to a simple choice, really. Get busy living or get busy dying."

I love living. Volunteering at the Nature Center helps me feel alive. My wife Kathy and I put in many hours at the Center both publicly and privately. It keeps our minds and bodies active and energized.

As a former schoolteacher, I reveled in seeing the smiling faces of young people when they learned something - you could see the light turn on. As a volunteer, I have experienced this again, and it feels good.

Just the other day, a family from Israel visited the Nature Center. The mother, father, and three young girls were asking questions about wildlife and the different types of birds. I answered their questions and then told them how we put sunflower seeds on our hats when we sit outside to let the chickadees land on us to feed.

I asked if any of the children wanted to go outside, put seeds on their hats and see what would happen. Reluctantly, one girl said she would like to try it. She did. The chickadees gently landed, ate the seed, and I got the reward of a smiling young face totally flabbergasted that the birds would land on her!

You can volunteer for many different things at the Nature Center and can choose just about any amount of time and number of hours or half hours. It's open to all who would like to help. As for me, I have another project to work on, so I guess I better get "busy living." If nothing else, please visit us, look around and enjoy. It's a great place.

- Joe Leskoske

Board Member and Volunteer Trail Guide

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SPRING PROGRAMS 2015

315-482-2479

----WORKSHOPS----

Wear It!

Wednesday and Thursday, June 24th and 25th, 10am-3pm

Stop by the Wear It New York Tent to find out about boating safety and Navigation Rules in NYS. Learn how to choose the right life jacket for your kind of boating. Answer a boating safety question correctly and win a free life jacket safety whistle.



Who Lives in that Hole?

Saturdays, until July 25th, 9am

Ever wonder what the eggs or chicks in your bird house look like? Ever wonder what is inside that hole in a tree you cannot see into? Then come with us as we use our new endoscope to answer these questions and more!

Joan Senkowicz's Introductory Painting Class

Mondays, July 13th and 27th and August 10th and 24th, 12:30-3:30pm

Joan refers to her art classes as the class she wishes she had available to her when she was starting to paint. There is no stress over materials, level of expertise, etc. All the materials are supplied and you go home with a finished painting to hang on your wall. Class Fee: \$35; Please call Joan Senkowicz at 315-686-3506 to preregister for her class or for additional information

Boater Safety Course

Saturday, July 19th, 8-4pm

The course will be held at the Nature Center. Adult and children are welcome to participate. There is no charge for the course but you will be expected to pay the \$7 day use fee to enter Wellesley Island State Park. If you are 18 or older there is a \$10 fee payable to NYS OPRHP for your certificate. Please call Gary Kocher at 315-486-5230 to pre-register. Pre-register is required and space is limited.

----WORKSHOPS----

Roger Fox

Wednesday, July 22nd and Thursday, July 23rd 10am-3pm

Roger Fox is a master woodcarver and craftsman. He specializes in cabinet-making, antique restoration, creating wooden toys, and custom pieces. A most remarkable line of Roger's creations includes his Grecian banks. As an artist, Roger remains faithful to "old-fashioned methods." Roger will be at the Nature Center for two days this summer demonstrating his work and discussing his craft.

Everyone Prints at the Nature Center!

Thursday, August 20th, 1pm

Come and use leaves, flowers, birds, butterflies, and more to inspire a simple and beautiful print! No cutting or messy ink; no experience necessary but practicing artists are welcome, too. Join Mary Vertigan, certified art teacher, to try out this user friendly process. Please register no later than August 18th by leaving your name and phone number at mvertigan@twcny.rr.com.

Fee: \$10 per person which includes all materials, payable the day of class (cash only please).



Stained Glass Making Workshop with Scott Ouderkirk

Saturday, August 22 9am-4pm

Come learn the basics of making stained glass with local artist and published author Scott Ouderkirk. Participants will leave with a completed stained glass piece. Preregistration is required. Program fees cover the expense of Scott's supplies.

\$65 for members, \$75 for non-members

SAVE THE RIVER PARTNERSHIP

River Keeper Training

Tuesday, July 7th,
Saturday, August 8th,
10am

Learn more about how to protect the St. Lawrence River in this program by Save the River. Save The River advocates for the health of the River and works with volunteers to become its eyes and ears on the water.

You will learn how to assess and report potential pollution problems, recognize wildlife die-offs, invasive species, and subtle changes in the River that indicate a negative impact on water quality.

Volunteers will receive an on-the-water guidebook and a free t-shirt. Please call Save the River at 315-686-2010 for additional information and to register for this program.

[http://
www.savetheriver.org/](http://www.savetheriver.org/)



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SPRING PROGRAMS 2015

315-482-2479

-----GENERAL PROGRAMS-----

Voyageur Canoe Program

Weekdays beginning June 29th, 9am-11am

Come and spend a few hours helping to paddle our 36 foot Voyageur Canoe while learning about the history of the Voyageurs and the ecology of the St. Lawrence River. If staffing permits, we may be having one evening canoe tour per week. Preregistration is required. Call the Nature Center at (315)-482-2479 to register or for additional information. \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 13

Lynn Morgan - The Great Storyteller

Fridays, July 10th and 24th, August 7th and 21st, 1pm

Professional storyteller, Lynn Morgan, tells traditional folktales from around the world. Many stories incorporate songs or other audience participation techniques. This event is fun for all ages.

Discovering Wild Mushrooms - Hike and Discussion

Saturday, July 11th, 1-2:30pm

Jean Fahey, President of the Central New York Mycological Society, will be at the Nature Center to teach people about the many species of wild mushrooms that grow on Wellesley Island. The program will include a brief talk where she introduces people to the different forms of mushrooms, and explains a little about their life cycle. She will then lead the group on a hike to search for mushrooms along our trails. If you are at all interested in wild mushrooms, then this program is not to be missed! Call the Nature Center for more information or to preregister.

Spider's Fishing Programs

Saturdays July 4th, August 1st,
September 5th, and October 3rd

Basic Fishing from 11am to 1pm and

Basics of Fly Fishing from 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Join Spider on the Nature Center dock as he shares his knowledge and love of fishing. Spider brings a limited number of fishing poles, hooks, bobbers, and worms. If you can bring your own tackle, it will allow for more participation in the program. This is a free program. Donations will be accepted by the Friends of the Nature Center to defray the cost of this and other programs.



Evening Kayak Tour

Saturdays in July and August
from 5:30-7:30pm (Beginning July 1st)

Participate in an American Canoe Association (ACA) Smartstart Kayaking class, look for signs of wildlife, and learn about River ecology as we paddle along the shorelines of Wellesley Island State Park. The ACA's Smartstart paddler orientation is perfect for anyone new to kayaking and will reiterate proper paddling technique for more experienced paddlers. Feel free to bring your own kayak, but if you need to rent a kayak please call the Nature Center (315-482-2479). Kayaks can be rented for \$25 for a half day from Boomerang Kayak. We will arrange to have your rented kayaks delivered to the Park. We will meet at the Eagle Loop (E-Loop) boat launch. Please call 315-482-2479 for additional information. Preregistration is required.

If you need to rent a kayak, please register before the day of the program.

---FAMILY FRIENDLY PROGRAMS---

Birds of Prey

Fridays, July 3rd, July 31st,
and Friday, August 14th, 1pm

Rick West will be returning this summer with his Birds of Prey. Programs will be held outside if possible, or inside the museum in case of inclement weather.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Thursday, July 9th and
Saturday, August 15th, 1pm

This beloved story written and illustrated by Eric Carle comes alive at the Nature Center! Children will listen to this story and participate in story activities: make a hat, and make story telling kit to bring home. They will take a short hike to the butterfly house where they can learn about these beautiful creatures. Back at the Nature Center the children will decorate a butterfly cookie!

Haas the Great Blue Heron

Thursday, July 30th, 1pm

Meet the author, Julianne Flora, as she reads this delightful story about a parent waiting for the egg to hatch! Children will engage in activities that bring the book to life: how heavy is a heron? Stand eye to eye with a heron model and much more! Children will make their own story poster and take a short hike to learn where a heron looks for food!

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS!

Members of the Friends of the Nature Center provide the critical means and resources necessary to support the cherished education and preservation found here. Most of our members rejoin annually and for that we are continually grateful. Please remember, as a sign of our appreciation, we have increased the benefits for members this year!

Birch - \$25 Quarterly newsletter, 10% discount at our gift shop, discounts on some program fees, and a Minna Anthony Common T-Shirt (redeemable at the Nature Center).

Maple - \$75 Quarterly newsletter, 10% discount at our gift shop, discounts on some program fees, and a Minna Anthony Common T-Shirt (redeemable at the Nature Center).

Oak - \$150 Maple level benefits and an *Empire State Pass* that grants unlimited day-use vehicle entry to ANY New York State Park until March 2016.

Hickory - \$250 Maple level benefits and an *Empire State Pass* that grants unlimited day-use vehicle entry to ANY New York State Park until March 2016.

Lifetime - \$1000 - A portion of your donation will go to the Endowment Fund.

Please call or visit our website for more details - <http://macnaturecenter.webs.com/>

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide scientific, educational and charitable promotion, advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding in conservation and nature education, and to establish necessary facilities for

the instruction in these fields, to encourage and arrange for seminars, exhibits, lectures and field trips, to establish nature trails, and promote conservation programs.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM



**Parks, Recreation
and Historic Preservation**

Thank you supporting the Minna Anthony Common Nature Center by becoming a member of our Friends organization or by making a donation. We hope to see you soon!

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____

Zip/Code: _____ Phone: _____

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☐ I would prefer to receive our newsletter via email.

☐ I would be interested in volunteering at the Nature Center.

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Yes, I want to help.....

This is a:

☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

☐ Donation

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☐ Birch (\$25)

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☐ Oak (\$150)

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Please make checks payable to "Friends of the Nature Center". We cannot accept credit cards at this time.

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Program Spotlight

Junior Naturalist Program

This summer visit the Nature Center and become a Junior Naturalist. This three part series is full of fun activities to do outside. Complete all three packets and receive a Junior Naturalist patch. This program is recommended for ages 7 and up. The program is free, but there is a suggested donation of \$4.00 to cover the cost of the patch.

Natural Birthday Parties at the Nature Center

Make this a birthday special for your child with a Natural Birthday Party at the Nature Center. Children ages 5 to 12 can choose from seasonally appropriate themes such as Turtles, Exploring Ponds,

Trees, Beavers and more. Call the Nature Center for more information or to schedule a party. Members \$45; Nonmembers \$60.

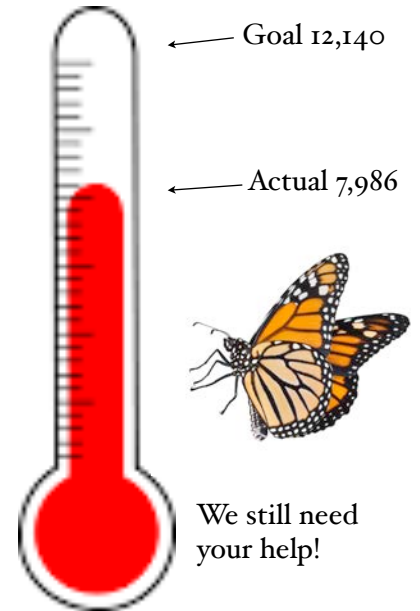
The Nature Center through the Eyes of Children Fundraiser

July 16, 5:30pm

A celebration in honor of our friend and former board member, Mike Elliott. Come view the artwork of local students and scenes of children enjoying the Nature Center, while enjoying food courtesy of local River restaurants.

Limited by *invitation only* to current Nature Center members and selected guests.

Butterfly Netting Project



Friends of the Nature Center, Inc.
Minna Anthony Common Nature Center
Wellesley Island State Park
44927 Cross Island Road
Fineview, NY 13640

Hours of Operation:
Museum 8am-4pm
Trails open sunrise to sunset



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