

# Summer Events

*Program size is limited. Please preregister by calling the Nature Center at (315) 482-2479 between the hours of 9:00am—3:00pm, Wednesday through Sunday.*



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## SPIDER'S FISHING CLINICS

**First Saturday of the Month: July 3, August 7, and September 4**

**Rod & Reel 11:00am—1:00pm // Fly Fishing 1:30—3:30pm**

Hook some new fishing skills with expert fisherman Spider Rybaak! Eel Bay on the St. Lawrence River is a prime location to learn the basics of rod-and-reel sportfishing and fly fishing.

Participants over 16 are required to have a freshwater fishing license for this event. BYOT: Bring Your Own Tackle, limited supply available. Program is free thanks to the Barbara & Daniel Butts Enrichment Fund

## JULY

### THE GREAT SCAVENGER HUNT

**Saturday, July 10 // 9:00—11:30am**

Use your seeking skills while taking a walk on our hiking trails. Pick up a scavenger hunt at the Nature Center to begin your adventure. Wear good hiking shoes and dress for the weather.

### PAINTING WATERCOLORS LOOSE AND FRESH

**Thursday, July 15 – Saturday, July 17 // 9:00am—4:00pm daily**

The Nature Center is partnering with the Thousand Islands Art Center to host a three-day class with award-winning American Watercolorist Ken Hobson! Nature Center members receive the discounted member rate. To learn more and to register please visit: [tiartcenter.org/classes](http://tiartcenter.org/classes).

### NATURE STORYTELLER

**Fridays, July 23 and August 6 // 10:30-11:30am**

Listen to fun and exciting folktales from around the world, retold by professional storyteller Lynn Morgan. Stories are for all ages. Lynn encourages participants to be a part of her wonderful stories.

### YOGA

**Thursday, July 29 // 10:00-11:00am**

Join Barb Eldridge for yoga on the Nature Center lawn overlooking the St. Lawrence River. This peaceful class is for all abilities. If weather is inclement, class will be held indoors. BYO yoga mat.



Parks, Recreation  
and Historic  
Preservation



**Minna Anthony Common Nature Center**  
Wellesley Island State Park

## **HAAS THE HERON: THE BEGINNING OF AN ADVENTURE**

**Friday, July 30 // 10:30am**

Join *Save The River* for a reading of a heartwarming story about a father great blue heron who anxiously awaits the arrival of his chick. Learn about the fascinating world of this amazing bird and its habitat. After the reading there will be fun heron-themed activities.

## **BAT WORKSHOP**

**Saturday, July 31 // 9:00am—11:00am**

Mike Nuckols, Ag Program Lead at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County, will discuss the benefits of attracting and protecting bats. Mike will discuss the benefits that bats provide in the ecosystem, and demonstrate how easy it is to build a bat-house using scrap wood.

# **AUGUST**

## **NATURE BINGO**

**Saturday, August 14 // 9:00am—11:30am**

Pick up a nature bingo card at the Nature Center's front desk. How many nature things can you find? Search by yourself or compete with your family members.

## **CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY**

**Saturday, August 21 // 9:00am—Noon**

Prizes for: Longest, Heaviest, & Most Fish Caught. For children 15 and under. Participants over 16 are required to have a freshwater fishing license. Registration fee is \$2. BYOT: Bring Your Own Tackle. Rod & Reel recommended. Bait will be provided.

## **INVENTIONS INSPIRED BY NATURE**

**Saturday, August 28 // 1:30pm—2:30pm**

Ever wonder how someone got the idea for Velcro? Spikey plants called burrs that stick to clothing and fur inspired the invention! Come join us on an easy hike through the woods to discover how looking to nature can spark inspiration to help solve human-based problems!

# **SEPTEMBER**

## **BLAZING A TRAIL: THE STORY OF MINNA ANTHONY COMMON**

**Saturday, September 11 // 10:30am—Noon**

Today is Minna Anthony Common's birthday! Help us celebrate by welcoming Becky Ferrigno, author of the children's book, *Blazing a Trail: The Story of Minna Anthony Common*. Becky will do a book reading, sharing the amazing story of this local environmental hero as well as our namesake! Books will be available for purchase and can be signed by the author after the reading.

## **INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY**

**Saturday, September 18**

**Two locations: Nature Center // 10:00—Noon**

**Potters Beach (Grindstone Island) with TILT // 10:00—2:00pm**

This year the Thousand Island Land Trust (TILT), Save the River (STR), and the Nature Center are teaming up to clean up our St. Lawrence River shorelines! Volunteer to clean up the Park's boat launches and shorelines along the Nature Center's trails. Or to register for the Potters Beach location, please call TILT at (315) 686-5345 or visit [tilandtrust.org/explore/treks-camp](http://tilandtrust.org/explore/treks-camp).

## **DISCOVER WETLANDS TANKS TOUR**

**Saturday, September 25 // 1:30—3:30pm**

Discover what lives in wetlands by joining Jasmine, our animal caretaker, on a tour of our reptile and amphibian tanks. Learn the importance of wetlands and what it takes to properly care for our animal ambassadors.