



# GOOSETRACKS

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## *Building News*

Wow! Construction of the new Nature Center is right on track. They are working on the stonework for the exterior, the fireplace stones are in place and sheetrock is going up. I don't know about anyone else, but this is getting very exciting for us!

Sometime in May, the company working on our displays, and there are lots of them, will begin the process of installation. We recently had a delivery of our 1000 gallon aquarium.

A great concern for many is the fact that birds tend to fly into buildings with lots of glass. But don't worry, we have bird proof glass. There are lines in the glass that are not visible to us but the birds can see them.

We will be LEEDS Silver Certified. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design is one of the most popular green building certification programs used worldwide. A green building refers to the use of processes that are environmentally responsible and resource-efficient throughout a building's life-cycle: from siting to design, construction, operation, maintenance, renovation, and demolition.

## *ALCOA Action Grant*

On May 14<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting an ALCOA Action Grant workday. Unlike previous clean-up days, this Action Grant will focus on the widening of some of our trails. We are looking into the future and want our trails wide enough so that both cross country skiers and snowshoers will both be able to enjoy next winter. We have purchased equipment that will help us achieve this. The workers will be there from 8am until noon and we will provide coffee and donuts to help fuel the morning activities. Also during the morning, we will have a local Daisy troop coming out to clean up the Accessible trail system. If anyone wishes to help, give us a call at 315-705-5022 and we will set you up with tools, brooms and garbage bags.

Thank you to ALCOA for setting this up.

## *Stewart's Match Grant*

Once again the Nature Center has received \$800 from the Stewart's Holiday Match Grant. The money from grant this will help fund childrens activites and programs. Thank You Stewart's for helping.

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"I speak for the trees. I speak for the trees for the trees have no tongues."

Dr. Seuss,  
The Lorax

## ***Educator's Corner***

### ***Riddle of the Day***

**Why does a hummingbird  
hum?**

*Answer on page 4*

## **Summer is on its way!**

Summer is coming fast and with it lots of outdoor fun. There are plenty of activities to get you outdoors, such as:

- Camping
- Fishing
- Swimming
- Boating
- Kayaking
- Campfires
- Biking
- Hiking
- Paddle boarding
- ATV
- Gardening
- Barbecuing

Check out our calendar of events and join us wherever we may be. We will be conducting fishing clinics for beginners at three state parks this summer, please check out our website for dates, times and venues. There will be no charge and a fishing license is not needed while participating in one of these clinics. The clinics will focus on safe fishing habits, basic knot tying, casting and fish identification. The clinics are also catch and release. No experience needed. Don't forget your sunblock and bug spray.



May and June are typically busy months for the Nature Center due to school field trips. During a six week stretch we can see more than 2000 students, teachers and chaperones come out for trail walks and programming. This year will be a bit different due to the construction of the new Nature Center. We will be setting up a short trail at Hawkins Point Visitor Center and will be able to do our walks there as well as interpretive programming, and at the same time, the students will be able to enjoy the Visitor Center. Please call and set up a program today, dates are going fast and we want to be able to fit you in.

## ***Do You Know Your State Insect?***

The New York state insect is the Ladybird Beetle more commonly known as the ladybug. There are more than 400 types of ladybugs in North America and they come in a variety of shapes, colors as well as patterns, but the official native species is the familiar red color with 9 spots. This particular ladybug had gone missing in 1982 and thought to be extinct in New York. The Lost Ladybug Project, a volunteer group started in 2000, found a single one in Amagansett NY on Long Island during a search in a sunflower field in 2011. When they had identified it as the missing lady bug, they returned to the area and were able to gather enough beetles to reestablished a colony. Lady bugs have a four stage life cycle. They begin as an egg, hatch into a larvae, then become a pupa before finally emerging as an adult. Ladybugs are very important for pest control as their main diet is aphids. They protect themselves by excreting a foul smelling and tasting liquid from their knees.



For more information:

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

## Staff and Board Members

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

7<sup>TH</sup> LOVE YOUR PARK DAY

14<sup>TH</sup> 10AM MASSENA LIBRARY

1PM BADENHAUESN LIBRARY

21<sup>ST</sup> STARLAB SHOW

11AM;1PM;3PM

24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING 6PM MALL

28<sup>TH</sup> JR CITIZEN SCIENTIST

1PM-2:30PM

### JUNE

10-12<sup>TH</sup> HERITAGE FESTIVAL

MASSENA ARENA

11<sup>TH</sup> YOUNG PEOPLE ARTS FESTIVAL IN

POTSDAM: ALL DAY

25<sup>TH</sup> JR CITIZEN SCIENTIST

1PM-2:30PM

### JULY

2<sup>ND</sup> FIND US AT BARNHART BEACH

9<sup>TH</sup> CAMPFIRE COOKING 2PM

BARNHART BEACH

6<sup>TH</sup>,13<sup>TH</sup>,20<sup>TH</sup> WE WILL BE AT

JACQUES CARTIER STATE PARK

10AM

23<sup>RD</sup> I LOVE MASSENA DAY

ALCOA PARK: ALL DAY

27<sup>TH</sup> STORY WALK AT BARNHART

BEACH

30<sup>TH</sup> JR. CITIZEN SCIENTIST

STARTING A CAMPFIRE AND

CAMPFIRE COOKING

1PM-2:30PM

### AUGUST

5<sup>TH</sup> MASSENA LIBRARY 10AM

BADENHAUSEN LIBRARY IN

BRASHER 1PM

6<sup>TH</sup> CAMPFIRE COOKING 2PM

BARNHART BEACH

10<sup>TH</sup> JACQUES CARTIER STATE PARK

20<sup>TH</sup> CAMPFIRE COOKING 2PM

BARNHART BEACH

26<sup>TH</sup> JUNIOR CITIZEN SCIENTIST

1PM-2:30PM

- *SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

JULY AND AUGUST: THURSDAYS YOU CAN FIND US AT ROBERT MOSES STATE PARK, 10AM, THEN COLES CREEK STATE PARK AT 1PM. CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS.

## Junior Citizen Scientist



Junior Citizen Scientist is a program for children from 5 – 12 years of age. We meet on the last Saturday each month Program runs from 1-2:30pm. Each program will focus on our natural environment. If you would like your child to participate, or if you would like more information, please contact us. To register your child call: 315-705-5022.

Answer to the riddle:  
Because he doesn't know the words!

## Become a Member

Membership not only shows support for our mission but also supports our programming. Members receive three copies of the newsletters each year and a picnic in the summer. New member incentives will be appearing once the Nature Center is complete.

### MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM:

- \$5 Individual
- \$10 Family
- \$20 School Class/Club
- \$25 Business
- \$100 Lifetime
- Just a donation

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