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Play On! By Kerrilee Hunter

As an educator, I believe that play is the most joyful, serious business around. Play and learning are not separate, and if you've ever seen children engaged with the contents of a puddle or what they've found under rocks, then you know how deeply they connect when they are having fun and exploring. Early on in my teaching, I might not have used these specific examples, but it's been my own journey of playing and learning to experience that nature is the best teacher. I always believed in "treating [children] like fully formed individual human beings, taking time each day for reflection, and then getting out of the way," in the words of one of my favorite educators, Teacher Tom. But the power of nature as a teacher for all of us is something I really began to understand the day I forgot to bring the toys.



My class and I had been sneaking out past the school playground to the back yard of the unoccupied house next door. We would bring materials with us, schlepping clipboards with paper, markers, soccer balls, magnifying glasses, and so on. One day, I forgot to bring anything. At all. I had a moment of panic: what would we do out there for almost an hour?

Even though I grew up playing in the woods, I had forgotten (as grown-ups often do) that kids simply play. They found a hole and wondered who lived in it. They climbed on the rock wall. They looked for 4-leaf clovers amidst the grass. They found sticks and ant hills and ... and ... and it struck me that what they needed more than anything was the time to explore freely in nature. To wonder. To investigate. To be curious.

It didn't hit me all at once: I've spent many years since that day learning about the natural world. I left the classroom in order to take on that learning, but the classroom was always whispering for me to come back ... the deep connection that is embodied in early childhood simply has no substitute.

Now, having come full circle, I am so excited to join the Young Naturalist program at HHNM. I can say without a doubt that we're going to have some serious fun!

Look for these symbols to identify where an event will be held...



25 Boulevard, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY
Public hours: Fri. - Sun, 12pm - 4pm
'Meet the Animals' Saturday & Sunday
1pm & 2:30pm
845.534.7781



120 Muser Drive, Cornwall, NY
Across from 174 Angola Road
Office hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30am - 4pm
Visitor Center & Grasshopper Grove:
Weekends 10am - 4pm April 16 - Nov. 13
Phone: 845.534.5506 x204
hhnm.org



Kerrilee Hunter is our new Young Naturalist Preschool Director. She brings a background in both preschool and environmental education to the Museum. Kerrilee holds a Master's in Education from Sarah Lawrence College, taught in New York City and Westchester, and most recently worked as a naturalist and volunteer coordinator at the Greenburgh Nature Center.

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from the

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executive director

Dear Friends:

It's an exciting time at the Museum as we begin the process of updating our vision for the future. I will be working with the planning team on this effort and two talented staff members will be stepping forward to handle our day-to-day operations. Jenny Brinker, Director of Education and Community Programs, has a Master's in Environmental Education and significant experience in program development and staff supervision. Rob Lipkin, Director of Operations, has a degree from the Cornell School of Hotel Administration and experience running a number of restaurants ... it's amazing how well his skills transfer to the fast paced nature center world. We all look forward to Jenny and Rob's leadership!



Children at play during an ECAN visit

It has been gratifying and inspiring to work on our federally funded Early Childhood Action in Nature (ECAN) grant. The program has reached its half way point and I'd like to share a few quotes from our surveys.

So far, teachers from 23 schools have brought 1143 children to a free Nature Play program in our nature play area. We asked: "Did student behaviors at Grasshopper Grove surprise you?" A few responses...

"We have a handful of students who have challenging behaviors and we had no problems while at Grasshopper Grove."

"One of my quietest students was fearless on the fallen tree and the rock walls."

"Cautious children finding their adventurous side."

"The level of creative engagement and inspiration was most surprising."

Weekend visitors to Grasshopper Grove are also participating in the ECAN project. Here are some responses to the question: "Please describe any ways in which you take your experience at GG into other parts of your life."

"We spend time exploring where we live far more than before we came here."

"Copying some of the play ideas, painting with water."

"Planning on building our own nature teepee in our backyard. Love yours!"

"The child I work with has autism and he really enjoys the different activities. He asked to come back today, and normally doesn't express his needs but loves this place."

We are thrilled that our ECAN work ... and all the work of the Museum, from our nature preschool to our summer camp to our school and public programs ... is having a meaningful impact and encouraging more connections with nature. Thank you for furthering our mission!

Spotlight

KAIT ROSE - ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR

on... staff



Five years ago Kait Rose became the Museum's "super utility player." Utility players have the capability to fill in several roles as needed and can really be the difference between success and failure when challenges arise. Kait has worked with the Young Naturalist Preschool, Summer Camp, School Programs, Weekend Programs, Scout Groups, Birthday Parties, Grasshopper Grove Nature Play Clubs, and as an Animal Caretaker! She has a BS in Marine Science, is Scuba certified, and her favorite animal is the whale shark.

Annual Report Highlights

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

We are very proud to share the news that the Nature Museum was able to end our fiscal year on February 29th, 2016 in the black for the tenth year in a row. As the graphic below shows, earned income and fundraising events made up a significant portion of our income and we are especially grateful for the hard work of our dedicated staff and committed Board of Trustees.

March 1, 2015 – February 29, 2016

FUND RAISING EVENTS:

- Hike-A-Thon – April 25, 2015 – Celebrating the ninth year of this family friendly outdoor event!



Ready for the Hike-A-Thon

- Acorn Society Party – June 28, 2015 – Hosted by Joe and Susan Maloney at their home overlooking the Hudson, for our sustaining supporters.
- Champagne Brunch and Silent Auction – November 8, 2015 – Honoring the Sidamon-Eristoff Family as a “First Family for the Environment in the Hudson Valley”.
- New York City Benefit – February 24, 2016 – Honoring

Andrew Chmar, retiring Director of the Hudson Highlands Land Trust; hosted by the Christensen Family at Chelsea Park in NYC.



Susan Christensen, Chair, Fred Osborn, Vice Chair, Andy Chmar, Honoree

MEMBERSHIP

The Museum was supported by 580

household and corporate members this year which represents 11% of our annual budget and includes 68 “Acorn Society” members who pledge their annual support for three years.

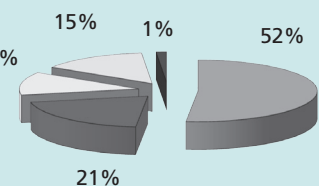
GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIPS

A three year grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services was received to promote “Nature Play” through our Early Childhood Action in Nature (ECAN) project. Empire State Bank helped us complete a year of programs with the Nora Cronin Presentation Academy in Newburgh. We are very grateful to ALL our contributors who made this successful year possible (full list on page 15).

OPERATING REVENUES & EXPENSES FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016*

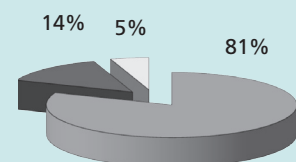
OPERATING REVENUES

Admissions/Sales/Program Fees	\$454,148.00	52%
Fundraising Events	\$186,672.00	21%
Grants and Corporate Sponsorships	\$132,543.00	15%
Membership Donations	\$92,972.00	11%
Other Donations	\$6,912.00	1%
Total	\$873,247.00	100%



OPERATING EXPENSES

Program Costs	\$705,400.00	81%
Administration	\$121,350.00	14%
Fund Raising	\$46,270.00	5%
Total	\$873,020.00	100%



*Not yet audited. The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum is a 501 (c) 3 tax exempt educational organization chartered by the NYS Board of Regents. A copy of the most recent audited statement can be obtained by calling the Museum at 845-534-5506 x 201.

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Highlights

Annual Report Highlights

March 1, 2015 – February 29, 2016

Total visitor contacts: 34,871

HHNM SCHOLARSHIP FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP:

The fourth annual scholarship for a graduating Cornwall Central High School senior who exemplifies the Museum's mission of creating responsible caretakers of the environment through his or her past actions and future aspirations was awarded in June 2015 to Rachel Guerrieri and the fifth annual scholarship was awarded in June 2016 to Matthew Wynne.

every second, third, and fourth grade student in the Newburgh Enlarged School District came to the Wildlife Education Center for "Incredible Insects" (2nd grade), "The World of Frogs" (3rd grade), and "Symbols of NY" (4th grade).

- 81% of the Museum's programs were field trips to the Museum sites or the Kowawese Unique Area on the Hudson River and 19% were held in schools.

YOUNG NATURALIST PRESCHOOL

Now in its 22nd year, the program served 89 children in six classes from September to June with nine dedicated teachers and assistants. Program Director, Sandy Dixon, presented at the New York State Outdoor Education conference with several staff in attendance; staff also convened at the Regional Environmental Educators Day and Mid-Hudson Association for the Education of Young Children conferences.

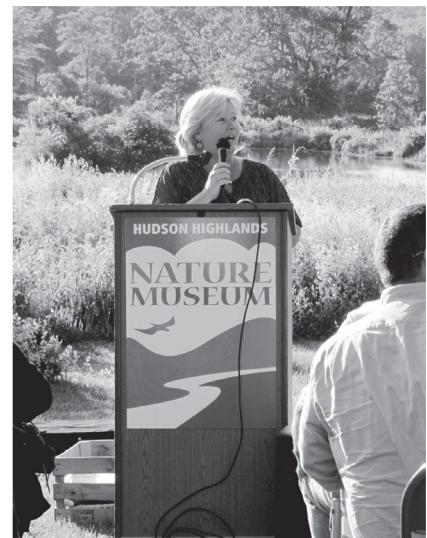
WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTER

Home of the Museum's live animal collection and interactive nature exhibits, this location welcomes the public on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with "Meet the Animal" program on weekends. It also houses the adult/child series, nature-based birthday parties, and welcomes school and camp groups throughout the year.

- General admission visitors: 3891

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum is to create responsible caretakers of the environment. Through quality educational programs for the public that focus on the unique ecology of the Hudson Valley, the Museum promotes knowledge and appreciation of our natural world and the dynamic role of human interaction in its well-being.



Sandy Dixon introduces the 2016 Young Naturalist Graduates, her last duty before retiring after 17 years!

- Number of major live animals cared for: 66
- Native species: Migratory Birds - 5, Mammals - 2, Turtles - 11, Snakes - 5, Lizards - 2, Amphibians - 17, Fish - 10, Non-native animals used for education - 13 – 25
- Taxidermy mounts: 15

SUMMER SCIENCE & NATURE CAMP

Nine one-week science-based camps for ages 4 – 15; Enrollment – 372

ANTS

"Animals and Nature Together"-- Adult/Child program series; Enrollment – 75 children ages 2 - 4, each with a caregiver

NATURE STROLLERS

Hiking group for families with babies and toddlers; Enrollment - 103 children and 94 adults in 12 sessions

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Susan Christensen, Beth Noonan, Winner Matthew Wynne, Jackie Grant

SCHOOL PROGRAMS*

Environmental Education programs for school groups that take place both at the Museum sites and in the classroom

- Number of different programs offered: 27
- Number presented: 469
- Number of participants: 8709
- Counties served: Orange, Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester, and Bronx

*of special interest

- The exceptional education staff provided 100 programs so that

GRASSHOPPER GROVE NATURE PLAY AREA

The first nature play area in the Hudson Valley welcomed 1,986 weekend visitors in its third full season. In addition to regular enjoyment by the Young Naturalist Preschool, Nature Play Clubs, and Summer Camps, 530 students from visiting schools and programs were also able to explore Grasshopper Grove through the ECAN (Early Childhood Action in Nature) grant.

WEEKEND NATURE PROGRAMS AND OTHER MUSEUM EVENTS

- 47 Weekend Nature Programs and Events were attended by 1867 people.
- Maple Sugar Tours, Family Camp-Outs, Earth Day, I Spy Halloween Trail, Butterfly Weekend, and the Native Plant Sale were all well attended.
- The StarLab event opened up the night sky and new universes to the participants.

OFF-SITE PUBLIC PROGRAMS

22 programs were presented at Hudson Valley's Storm King Art Center, Wave Hill in the Bronx, Hubbard Lodge at Fahnestock State Park, and Museum Village in Monroe.



McKeon Family opens the McKeon Loop Trail in front of the Kiosk built by Eagle Scout, Kels Jensen.

SCOUT DAYS

16 day-long Badge workshops for girl scouts and cub scouts plus Maple Sugar Tours and private programs. Attendance: 587

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Evening Speakers Series – Seven lectures held at the Cornwall Presbyterian Fellowship Hall; Attendance: 406
- Adult programming included special hikes, a campfire kayak tour, canoeing, the Constellation Cruise, and a bird of prey demonstration by Sky Hunters in Flight.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS HIGHLIGHTS

- Opening the John McKeon Loop Trail, connecting the Museum trails with those of Black Rock Forest
- Renovation of the Young Naturalist Learning Center classroom
- Rebuilding of the upper parking lot center island retaining wall
- Eagle Scout Projects - trail kiosk by Kels Jensen and musical component in Grasshopper Grove by Sean Cummings

Highlights

OUR DEDICATED STAFF



Weekend Programs

Join us for a series of interactive and engaging programs about science and nature. Programs may include a presentation, outdoor exploration on our grounds or a variety of other activities.

Unless otherwise noted all programs begin at 10am at the Outdoor Discovery Center. Suggested for adults and families with children over the age of five. Preregistration is not required.



Admission: \$7 adults, \$5 children,
Members: \$5 adults, \$3 children

Saturday, September 10
MONARCH BUTTERFLY TAGGING & RELEASE!

Learn about monarch butterflies, their unusual lifestyle and lifecycle, and their miraculous migration to Mexico. Become a citizen scientist as you catch and tag them as part of a national research project.



Sunday, September 18
READING THE FOREST WITH "DOC" BAYNE

What is living in the woods? Historian and educator "Doc" Bayne will teach you the tell-tale signs of what to look for in the forest on your next walk.

Saturday, October 1
WOOLLY BEAR CATERPILLARS

Take a close look at these curious, legendary creatures. What do they turn into? Can they really predict the weather? Help release our caterpillars back to the field and then make a Woolly Bear craft.

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Sunday, October 9
RIVER OTTERS & THE WEASEL FAMILY

You'll be amazed at the "otterly" amazing adaptations

of the River Otter and the other members of the weasel family. Learn what makes these creatures so fascinating to watch.

Sunday, October 16
FALL FOLIAGE HIKE

In the autumn, our favorite trails become ablaze with vibrant reds, yellow and golds. Join us for a beautiful fall hike and maybe learn a little bit about tree identification too!

Saturday, December 3
YULE LOG CELEBRATION

Come celebrate the end of year with a scavenger hunt for the hidden Yule Log. Learn the story of the Yule Log and the Winter Solstice. Make a craft and then enjoy hot chocolate around the campfire.

Sunday, December 11
SNOW GLOBE WORKSHOP

Join Carl Heitmuller for a fun morning of crafting. Learn how to make a winter wonderland snow globe from a recycled jar. Then shake it to make it snow or give as a gift!



OFF SITE PROGRAMS

BEACON INSTITUTE FOR RIVERS & ESTUARIES Nov 12 – 10am Habitats of the Hudson

WAVE HILL Sep 4 – 2pm Monarch Butterflies

STORM KING ART CENTER Sep 18 – 1pm Aquatic Creature Feature, Oct 2 – 1pm Forest Ramble

FAMILY FUN EVERY WEEKEND

WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTER

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 12pm – 4pm

Open year round

Live animal exhibits with "Meet the Animal" programs

Saturday & Sunday 1pm & 2:30pm

Interactive exhibit: "Marvelous Moths!"

StoryWalk®: Read your way along the trail –

new story begins September 3

Admission: \$3 Adults & Children age 3 & above Members: Free



SPECIAL CREATURE FEATURE WEEKENDS

Sep 3 – 4 Awesome Opossum

Oct 22 – 23 Creepy Crawlies

Nov 26 - 27 Totally Turkeys

Dec 17 – 18 Nighttime Navigators

GRASSHOPPER GROVE

Saturday & Sunday, 10am – 4pm



April 16 – November 13

Young children enjoy this unique natural play area where they can find adventure and explore outside.

Admission: \$3 Adults & Children age 2 & above

Members: Free

SPECIAL NATURE PLAY EVENTS 10am – 12pm

Saturday, Sep 17 Fabulous Family Forts

Saturday, Oct 22 Land Art

Sunday, Nov 13 Closing Nature Hike

visit us often!

Special Events

STORYWALK® OPENING DAY & AWESOME OPOSSUM DEBUT!

Saturday, September 3 12pm - 4pm (WEC)

The Museum, in partnership with the Cornwall Public Library and The Grail, invites you to StoryWalk® 2016. Read an illustrated children's story, *Night Animals* by Gianna Marino to celebrate the creatures of night as you stroll along our meadow trail.

1:00 & 2:30 meet our new Opossum!

1:30 & 3:00 guided walk along our StoryWalk® Trail

Throughout the afternoon - craft and snack for the kids

Included with Regular Admission: \$3 Adults & Children age 3 & above Members: Free



ORIENTEERING MEET

Co-sponsored by Hudson Valley Orienteering (HVO)

Sunday, September 11 Beginners 10:30am (ODC)
Trails open to "start" your orienteering between 11am - 1pm

Orienteering is an exciting, fun sport that uses map and compass to navigate your way through a course of checkpoints. There will be 3 levels of difficulty to choose from. Maps included. Limited compasses available for \$1 rent.

Admission: \$10 Adults, \$5 Children
Members (HVO & HHNM): \$5 Adult, \$5 Children

FAMILY CAMP OUT

Friday, September 23, 6pm to
Saturday, September 24, 8am (ODC)

(Rain Date: September 24 - 25)

Bring the family, your tent and sleeping bags for an exciting overnight adventure! As the sun goes down, join us for fun and s'mores around the campfire. A light breakfast snack and coffee will be provided Saturday morning as we break camp.

Note: Limited space available. Prepaid registration required at hhn.org.

Admission: \$20 Adults, \$12 Children 3 & above
Members: \$18 Adults, \$9 Children 3 & above



POETRY TRAIL OPENING CELEBRATION

Sunday, September 25 4pm - 6pm (ODC)

The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum is pleased to partner once again with the Hudson Highlands Land Trust to present the "River of Words" Poetry Trail. Experience a series of unique, temporary installations celebrating the nature-inspired poetry of local students as you walk along our red trail.

"I SPY" HALLOWEEN NATURE TRAIL

Saturday, October 29 & Sunday, October 30
12pm - 4pm (ODC)

Drop in any time to start your trail.

Let's have some spook-tacular family fun! Can you find all of the objects cleverly hidden along the Halloween Trail? Which ones belong in nature and which ones certainly do not?! Sharpen your observation skills as you search for animal artifacts, like bones and skulls. Find them all and earn a prize! Then visit the Creepy Crawly room and do a Halloween craft or two!



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\$7 ages 2-14, Free for ages 15 and up.
Members: \$5 for ages 2-14, Free for ages 15 and up.

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Special Events



FOR GOODNESS SNAKES!

Saturday, November 5 10am (WEC)

Meet several live snakes from the Museum's collections and learn about life cycle, habits, and habitats of these often misunderstood reptiles. Make a fun snake craft to take home. Prepaid registration required at hnm.org; walk-ins welcome if space allows.

Admission: \$8 Adults, \$6 Children
Members: \$6 Adults, \$4 Children

CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH & SILENT AUCTION

Sunday, November 13 12pm
The Powelton Club, Newburgh

Save the date for our annual Champagne Brunch and Silent Auction. This year the Museum is honoring Christopher Buck and his contributions to conservation in the Hudson Valley.

For Information, call 845.534.5506 x215.

BARNES & NOBLE BOOK FAIR

Sunday, November 20
All Day - Shop any Barnes & Noble or online and benefit HHNM

Do your holiday shopping in a store or online using a Museum Book Fair voucher and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the Museum!

BONUS! From 10am – 4pm at Barnes & Noble, 1245 Route 300, Newburgh
Live Animal Presentations! Museum educators will be in the children's section with live animals. Your children enjoy the presentation while you shop!

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND AT THE WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTER

November 25, 26, and 27 12pm – 4pm

Bring the family for post-holiday fun! Visit with our live animals and find out what they had for Thanksgiving Dinner. Fun crafts for the children. "Meet the Animal" presentations at 1pm and 2:30pm. Shop for nature themed holiday gifts and/or purchase an Animal Sponsorship as a unique holiday gift or for yourself! Gain a special friend and support its care at the Museum. Visit hnm.org for more information!
Admission: \$3 Adults & Children 3 & above
Members: Free

JUST FOR KIDS!

ANIMALS & NATURE TOGETHER ... ANTS! (WEC)

Designed for children ages 2 - 4*, this program provides an opportunity for children to learn about animals and have fun with an adult (parent/grandparent/caregiver) in a structured environment. Crafts, songs, stories, and hands-on exploration provide an enriching introduction to native animals. This one-of-a-kind program helps to build an understanding and respect for the animals and plants in the Hudson Highlands. A great way to prepare your child for preschool!

8-week sessions – Choose from 3 options
Tuesdays: Sep 20 – Nov 8 9:30am – 10:30am
Wednesdays: Sep 21 – Nov 9 9:30am - 10:30am
Fridays: Sep 23 – Nov 11 9:30am - 10:30am

Admission per Adult/Child pair: \$120.00 Members: \$95 (5% sibling discount)

Prepaid registration required at HHNM.org.

*NOTE: Your child MUST be 2 years of age to enroll. This is a special time for adults and toddlers. Kindly make arrangements for siblings over 9 months. Enrollment for each class is limited to ten adult/child pairs; register early for your preferred day and time.

NATURE STROLLERS (ODC)

A hiking group for families with babies, toddlers, and young children. Join us for a one-hour hike with the tykes led by a Museum educator! Meet at the Outdoor Discover Center Visitors Center.

Mondays, Sep 12 – Nov 7 (no hike Oct 3 or 10) 9:30am
Admission: \$5 per family Members: Free

AFTER-SCHOOL ADVENTURES

3:45pm - 5pm (ODC)
5-week session
Prepaid registration required at HHNM.org.
Members: \$75 Non-members: \$90

INCREDIBLE INSECTS! GRADES K - 2

Tuesdays, Sep 27 – Oct 25

Join our Naturalist, Carl Heitmuller, as we search for incredible insects in the meadows and along the nature trail. We'll provide bug catchers and nets, and magnifying boxes so you can learn interesting facts about the marvelous diversity of form and function within the insect group!

FALL FISHING! GRADES 3 - 5

Wednesdays, Sep 28 – Oct 26

Carl puts the fun in learning the fundamentals of fishing! We provide most of the equipment and training needed to enjoy the beautiful days of autumn while learning all about the fish in the ponds and how to hook and land them.

NATURE PLAY CLUBS (ODC)

Sep 19 – Nov 9 (No Clubs Oct 3, Oct 10, Oct 12, & Nov 11)
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
Lunch Club: 11:30am - 1:30pm
After School Club: 3pm - 5pm



The Museum will once again offer our popular Nature Play program for 4 and 5 year olds. Extend your child's outdoor playtime for up to three days a week. Playing in Grasshopper Grove and other places outdoors is a wonderful way to develop coordination, practice cooperation, and connect to the environment. Plus, the extended hours help children prepare for the full days of kindergarten.

Prepaid registration is required at HHNM.org.

Members: ranges from \$10 - \$13/day depending on number of days a week registered.

Non-members: ranges from \$12 - \$15/day depending on number of days a week registered.

Drop-ins accepted if space allows and if registered online before 9am on the day of the Club.

Drop-in rate: Members: \$16 Non-members: \$20

SCHOOL BREAK MINI-BREAK CAMP

Dec. 27, 28, 29, and 30 9am – 3pm (ODC)



Pull the kids away from the screens and let them reconnect with nature! Meet a different live animal each day and learn how animals survive the cold of winter. Enjoy plenty of time hiking, playing outdoor games, hands-on activities, and crafts.

Prepaid registration required at HHNM.org.

Members: \$42/day Non-Members: \$48/day

FALL SCOUT WORKSHOPS (ODC)



Bring your troop, den, or pack for an exciting day of learning and fun on the trails as they earn requirements for awards and badges. Scout workshops are held at the Outdoor Discovery Center

1:45 – 3:45pm Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts

12:30 – 3:45pm Webelo/Arrow of Light

Admission: \$15 per Scout, Adults FREE (1 Adult per 5 Scouts); No refunds for no-shows day of workshop. Prepaid registration required at HHNM.org.

Spring Programs: Find out when registration opens by signing up for our emails at hhn.org.

October 8	Brownie: Wonders of Water Journey
October 9	Bear: Fur, Feather & Ferns
October 15	Tiger: Backyard Jungle
October 16	Junior: Get Moving Journey
October 22	Daisy: Earth & Sky Journey
October 23	Wolves: Paws on the Path
November 12	Webelo/Arrow of Light: Walkabout (12:30-3:45pm)
November 13	Cadettes: Breathe Journey

Adult Programs & Adventures

HOOTS & HARD CIDER

Saturday, October 15 5pm – 6:30pm (WEC)



Enjoy an enlightening and entertaining live owl presentation while sipping on a hard cider from some of our local hard cider crafters! Learn about owls' behavior, habitat, lifestyle, and how to be more owl-friendly. Prepaid registration not required.

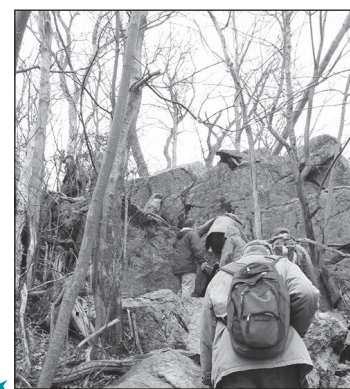
Admission: \$10 Adults Members: \$7 Adults

FALL FOLIAGE HIKE TO STORM KING MOUNTAIN

Monday, October 10 1pm - 4pm

Listed as one of the Top 10 Fall Foliage hikes by the NY/NJ Trail Conference, join us for unsurpassed views of the Catskills and the Hudson Valley. Approximately a 4 mile loop with some moderate to strenuous sections.

Admission: \$7 Adults
Members: \$5 Adults



SUPER MOON HIKE

Monday, November 14 5pm – 6:30pm (ODC)

The year's closest full moon arrives on November 14, but it will not blind us, explode, or bring about the apocalypse. Also called the perigee – the moon's closest point to Earth in its monthly orbit – this super moon coincides with the Full Beaver Moon. We'll hike the fields and watch the moon rise at 5:30.

Admission: \$7 Adults Members: \$5 Adults

HOLIDAY SOAP MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 19 1pm – 4pm (ODC)



Learn to make cold processed soap in this hands-on workshop with our Education Manager and soap maker, Megan Hoffman. Learn the history of soap making, the proper use of safety equipment, properties of essential oils, natural additives, molding, and curing. You'll create a batch of holiday scented soap that will be ready for gift giving during the holiday season! Each participant will be mailed 2 finished bars of soap once the 24 hour hardening process is complete.

Prepaid registration required at hhn.org by November 14.

Admission: \$75 Adults Members: \$60 Adults

**Prepaid registration is required at
hnm.org or call 845.534.5506 x204,
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Evening Speakers Series

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Native Americans of the Hudson Highlands: The Legacy of the Algonquin People of Our Region

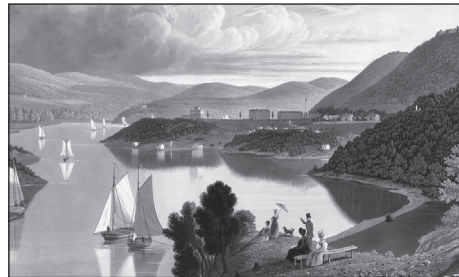
Award winning historian and Native American author Evan Pritchard will share his research on the Algonquin history of the Hudson Highlands, from the Muhool (ferry boat) crossing at Newburgh, to Cornwall Bay where Henry Hudson anchored, to Kowawese (Plum Point) to Pasquasneck (Storm King) to Iona Island's ceremonial circle, to Popolopen Creek, to Bear Mountain, and more. Using maps and photos, Mr. Pritchard will outline Algonquin trails, villages, and waterways, and discuss the origins of place names such as Kowawese, Popolopen, Matteawan, Quassaic, Woodcock (Wenigticonk), and Schunnemunk Mountains. Book signing to follow.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

West Point's Landscape, 1802-1820

What did the Military Academy look like when it opened officially in 1802? Dr. Jon Malinowski,



Early View of West Point

Professor of Geography in the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering at West Point, uses rarely seen graphics and newly created recreations of buildings to explore a West Point now physically lost. The focus will be on buildings present in 1802, the construction of the first large stone buildings in 1815, and the arrival of the first houses that remain today.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Dramatic Land Transformations in the Hudson Valley: Cause and Effect

From the 1740's to the 20th century, the land in the Hudson Valley changed dramatically as a result of industry & farming. The iron industry needed charcoal

to feed its furnaces and leather tanneries relied on Eastern Hemlock trees. Hear from Dr. Richard Hull, retired Professor of History at New York University, about the radical changes that took place in the landscape and the effects of change on the lives of the people and animals of the region and its timber and water resources.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Newburgh: In Search of the 'All-American City'

Author and historian Kevin M. Burke, a Newburgh native, will trace the history of his city from the close of World War II through the civil rights era. Dr. Burke will explore the challenges of deindustrialization and desegregation and the roles that race and nostalgia play in the shaping of public memory. Dr. Burke is Director of Research at the Hutchins Center for African and African American research at Harvard University and a co-author of the book *And Still I Rise: Black America since MLK* with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

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