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## **Annual Report 2022**

*By Ellen K Prill  
BANC President 2022*

Burroughs Audubon Nature Club is in good health financially.

Due to the quarter million dollars Warren Crandell left to the club, plus the \$100,000 from our previous endowment, our yearly spending budget has more than doubled. In 2022, it was roughly \$5,000. In 2023, it will be roughly \$12,000 a year.

A professional survey was created and sent to members. The response was significant. The top two reasons for joining the Club are use of the trails and our programs.

The \$80,000 State Recreational Trails Improvement grant plus \$20,000 that the Fundraising Committee secured from a private grant is on the condition per the state that the trails are open to the public. The Grant includes accessibility for wheelchairs from the parking lot to the Swamp Boardwalk, better trail drainage, and replacement or improvement of existing boardwalks. We anticipate hiring a Landscape Architect by the end of this year. Due to inflation of materials and labor costs we will probably need to use some of our budget to cover the inflated costs. It will be monies well spent.

Program Committee had another year of outstanding programs. Success in terms of number of people attending the program were the Halloween Scavenger Hunt, Author Susan Rogers, Braddock Bay Raptor Research, Tree Walk with Potluck, and the Strawberry Social.

One program included Our 90 acre Slater Sanctuary in South Dansville. Paul Brach hosted a Fungi Walk along with Slater history. According to him, he has been a member of BANC the longest who is still living. Our Slater property is geared toward active peo-

ple who like a bit of a challenge, adventure, and have an interest in fungi, lichens, moss, stream ecology, birds, wildlife, and trees. There are thousands of trees on the property including a number of healthy Hemlock trees and Oaks

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We know the Program Committee will continue to thrive and innovate with a larger spending budget. Monies that will be well spent.

The Clubhouse continues to be maintained and improved. This year the porch was stained, the Clubhouse interior painted, updated fire extinguishers purchased, and new benches built through a Scout's Eagle project. A combination microwave/convection oven has been donated to the kitchen.

The gutters will be cleaned soon and the parking lot will be plowed this winter. We are purchasing an infrared heater for Clubhouse use during the "shoulder months." Though it won't be enough for frigid days, its use may lead to a more permanent heat system in the future.

Heating the clubhouse is an ongoing topic for the Council. Outside groups that have or will be using it are Girl Scouts from Park Road school, Victor Hiking Trails education event in March, and the Nature Club Meetup group that I started and that BANC has agreed to support. The Meetup is an attempt to entice younger members to become familiar with BANC and hopefully become members and volunteers.

Saint John Fisher College is revamping their Environmental Curriculum and may be using BANC as a base for research. One class of about 20 students came and compared the undergrowth of a couple of different areas with their professor.

Winter Tinkergarten children, aged 1.5 to 8 years old, will make use of our trails occasionally this winter. Tinkergarten's goal is to teach problem solving and observation skills in nature. A Park Road school mom is the coordinator.

Habitat Restoration Committee continues to pull privet and will possibly hire a professional to inject privet with a solution to kill it more effectively. The plan is to plant native. A deer fence is being placed at Keller's Knoll to measure its efficacy in keeping the deer away. The Committee continues to consult with professionals including the best way to lessen unwanted destructive invasive insects.

Twenty-five native shrubs and trees were planted near Irondequoit Creek, caged, and cared for to slow down erosion and to add to our native plant population. They are planted near the intersection of Creekside Trail and Walnut Trail.

One of our Council members camped overnight at BANC in order to identify night birds and experience the great outdoors. A possible spot for future star-gazing programs?

Finally, our Tanager newsletter continues to impress!

If I have inadvertently left anything out, I ask your pardon.

There are many people who invested a lot of thought and time to the accomplishments listed. They know who they are and many of us know who they are. We all extend to them and each other a huge THANK YOU.

To keep up with what is being discussed at Council meetings, the minutes are posted on our website.



**Overlooking the Swamp from Woodland Trail**

**75<sup>th</sup> Annual NYSOA Meeting**  
**September 30-October 2, 2022**  
**Oswego, NY**

*By Shirley Shaw*

So, what is the New York State Ornithological Association (NYSOA), and why is BANC a member?

The mover and shaker who was instrumental in the founding in 1947 of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs (NYSOA's original name) was a BANC member, Dr. Gordon Meade. The vision of the founders was for the organization to do what the bird clubs across the state were unable to do individually: provide connections among birders and ornithologists across the state, officially document avian life in New York, and support science-based research critical to the wellbeing of birds and habitat. Conservation for birds is conservation of all plants and animals.

NYSOA is not a bird club. It is a federation of 44 clubs (42 birding clubs and two general nature clubs—BANC and the John Burroughs Natural History Society) and hundreds of individuals designed to do what these clubs cannot do by themselves: The New York State Avian Records Committee (which verifies records of rare birds in NY), a conservation outreach that represents the entire state, not just the 100 people in a local club, an academic journal called *The Kingbird* that documents birds in our state and publishes research, a speakers' bureau, a fun county listing project for individuals, and perhaps most important sponsorship and oversight of the New York State Young Birders' Club. The accomplishments of many alums of that club in scientific fields has been outstanding. In the past NYSOA and the DEC worked together to produce the NYS Breeding Bird Atlas I and II. The current project for Atlas III involves 7 organizations (including NYSOA).

Everyone looks forward to NYSOA annual meetings. They feature a big-name speaker (Roger Tory Peterson, for example), provide paper sessions where

students and professors can present their research, field trips, and the opportunity to meet people from across the state. It is the clubs who are responsible for the organization: they each send delegates to vote on officers and various matters at the annual business meeting. For this year's meeting, Chita McKinney and I were BANC's two delegates. We elected officers and directors and voted for two amendments to the bylaws in addition to receiving reports about all the work NYSOA undertakes.

What a great meeting it was! Organized by Syracuse's Onondaga Audubon Society, attendees were provided information about 14 good birding spots along Lake Ontario and a selection of guided field trips to many of these places. Friday evening Bill Evans, director of Old Bird, Inc., a nonprofit focused on nocturnal bird migration research and education, gave a presentation entitled "Nocturnal Bird Migration in New York State: Overview and Factors Causing Extraordinary Concentrations." After his talk, he invited people to join him outside to listen for the contact calls birds make in their nocturnal passage. Saturday afternoon there were eight presentations about research on all sorts of topics: NYS Breeding Bird Atlas III, differences in urban and rural Cardinals, response of wild pollinator assemblages to management of restored wetlands at Montezuma, using recording technology to document forest raptor reproductive success, efforts to maintain a very small Piping Plover population along Lake Ontario, and the new CatTracker App. The presentations were by students and professors from SUNY Oswego, SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry, and Le Moyne

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College. It is wonderful to see the young people doing vital research and to hear from the professors who will inspire future students to further studies of natural phenomena.

The highlight of the meeting was the keynote address, given by renowned author Scott Weidensaul. Among Scott’s 30 books on natural history include the Pulitzer Prize finalist *Living on the Wind* and his latest book, *A World on the Wing*. His presentation about the migratory feats of birds and the importance of preserving habitat so that birds can find the resources they need to make their long voyages was outstanding. He was rewarded with a standing ovation for his inspiring information and photographs that connected everyone in the room to his topic.

NYSOA’s 2023 Annual Meeting will be hosted by Saw Mill River Audubon in Westchester County, September 22-24, 2023. You don’t have to be a NYSOA member to attend, and you will meet so many like-minded people from across our state, be treated to great field trips, and gain so much knowledge. Mark your calendars. Plus, look forward to 2028 when the annual meeting is scheduled to be held in Rochester. Locations for the meetings 2024-2027 will be announced in the future.



**The Banquet with the Keynote Address**

*Photo by John Shaw*

**TRAILS GRANT REPORT**

*Shirley Shaw*

October 28 was the deadline for Landscape Architecture firms to submit their Expressions of Interest in the BANC Trail Improvements Project. We received four proposals, all from good quality firms.

Our selection committee—Richard Ashworth, Ellen Prill, and Shirley Shaw—reviewed all four submissions, using a rating system that awarded points for each of the criteria the State required. We narrowed the selection down to a choice between two firms. We have sent both follow-up questions to make sure we thoroughly understand each proposal.

Once we receive answers to our questions and check references, we will make our decision. Then the paperwork from the selection process will be sent to the Regional Grants Administrator for review and approval.

Although it is taking a while, we are moving step by step toward the time when we can begin the work to improve the trails in our lovely Sanctuary.

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**Time to renew your membership**

You may renew your membership now, either by mail or online. See the form on page 9, or go to <http://bancny.org/membership.html>.

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**New Members**

The following new members have joined. We welcome them to BANC:

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|-------------------|-----------|
| Michael Boff      | Fairport  |
| Lisa Roberts      | Victor    |
| Sarah Clayton     | Rochester |
| Jonathan Arbogast | Pittsford |
| Lois Dannenberg   | Rochester |
| Charles McLellan  | Rochester |

## Coming Events

The following events are planned for the next three months. Please refer to our website, [bancny.org](http://bancny.org), for any changes or additions.

### January 13, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Living with Black Bears in New York State  
Zoom

Management of black bears in New York State is a success story. During the past decade, populations in the southern part of the state have grown, and bears have expanded their range northward. Abundance of bears in the Adirondacks and northern NYS has remained relatively stable. Bears can now be seen in almost any NYS county, and they are becoming more abundant near suburban communities.

Consequently, conflicts between bears and people sometimes occur. The most frequent concerns are damage to bird feeders, and bears rummaging through trash. In this presentation, Dr. Paul D. Curtis, Professor of Wildlife Science at Cornell University, will discuss bear biology, behavior, and ways to reduce potential human-bear conflicts. Professor Curtis' research interests include human-wildlife conflicts in suburban, forested, and agricultural landscapes and resolving community-based wildlife issues.

Registration is required. To register, [CLICK HERE](#). People who are registered will be sent a link for the Zoom program the day before the meeting.

### February 10, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Bald Eagles: Back from the Brink of Extinction  
Zoom

Bald Eagles are a daily sight at Montezuma Audubon Center and around the Finger Lakes Region, but it wasn't always this way. Join Chris Lajewski, Montezuma Audubon Center director, to learn why we almost lost our national bird and how the Montezuma Wetlands Complex played a key role in bringing the Bald Eagle back from the brink of extinction.

Registration is required. To register, [CLICK HERE](#). People who are registered will be sent a link for the Zoom program the day before the meeting.

### March 10, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

All about Loons!  
Zoom

Take a deep dive into loon biology, behavior, ecology, and conservation with someone who has spent her career studying these amazing creatures. Tiffany Grade, Ph.d., is a biologist with the Loon Preservation Committee in New Hampshire. In this presentation, she will cover nearly everything you didn't know you wanted to know about one of the only true aquatic birds that grace New York lakes. Among oth-



**Loon**

*Photo by Kittie Wilson*

er things, she will describe how they speed through the water, what they are saying when they make those haunting calls, and what you can do about the threats they are facing (one of which is very easy once you know what to do!). Come with your curiosity, a good internet connection, and prepare to fall a little bit deeper in love with loons.

Registration is required. To register, [CLICK HERE](#). People who are registered will be sent a link for the Zoom program the day before the meeting.

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**March 30, 2023, 7:30 p.m.**

Woodcock Walk

Webster

The American Woodcock spends the daylight hours hidden away in woodlands. By night, it comes out into open fields where males dance high in the sky, with “chipping, twittering, bubbling sounds,” according to renowned bird expert Kenn Kaufman. Its aim is to attract females. In between dances, it makes a sound that Kaufman describes as a “beeping call,” while other sources call it a “peent” sound.

Join Shirley Shaw and Chita McKinney in Webster at the Big Field at the corner of Vosburg and Drumm Roads on March 30 at 7:30 p.m., weather permitting. Advanced registration is required so we can notify participants if the walk must be postponed until April 6, 2023, 7:30 p.m. due to weather. To register, [CLICK HERE](#).

Dress warmly. Bring a folding chair and flashlight. We will take a short walk to listen for frogs and birds before the woodcocks begin to display. Registration is required.

**April 27, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**

Geology, Iron Mining History and Spring flowers  
Field trip to Casey Park In Ontario Center

Today, Wayne County is best known for its fruit orchards, but it was actually the discovery of iron ore early in the 19th century that brought the area into prominence. Fred Haynes, BANC member and retired geologist, will lead us in a walk completely around the one-mile long quarry-filled lake in Casey Park in Ontario Center. We will talk about the geology, the iron mining history, and the unique topography that the mining activity left behind.

We have timed our walk to coincide with spring wildflower season. The region south of the lake should be filled with trout lilies, trilliums, hepatica, and bloodroot. The trail on the south side is very easy (wide and level). The return trip on the north side is a narrower trail with a bit of up and down as it follows a man-made ridge created by the mining activity. Round trip is about two miles. Meet at 10 AM at the parking lot at the extreme east end of the lake, Casey Park Rd. off of Knickerbocker Rd. More details about directions, registration and picnic options to come at a later date.

**May 13, 2023, 7:30 a.m.**

RBA/BANC joint field trip to BANC and Powder Mills Park.

Details at a later date.

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**Officers and Executive Committee for 2023  
Elected**

The following people were elected at the annual meeting on November 11, 2022, with terms starting on January 1, 2023:

Julie Clayton, President

Marigrace Piazza, Vice President

Jane McConnochie, Recording Secretary

John Shaw, Treasurer

Lura Kelley, Trustee 2023-2024

Carol Klinger, Trustee 2023-2024

Chita McKinney, Finance Trustee 2023-2024

Steve Melcher and Shirley Shaw will continue as Trustees, and Joe Hurley as Finance Trustee. Their terms expire in 2023.

## A Food and Climate Change Connection

By Carol Hinkelman

Forty Percent of the food produced in the United States is wasted and food takes up more space in U.S. landfills than anything else. We discard about 80 million pounds of food waste per year in the U.S. or 220 pounds of food waste per person. This is a serious problem because food waste in landfills does not get the oxygen needed to decay naturally. It decomposes slowly in landfills by an anaerobic process that releases methane and carbon dioxide, potent greenhouse gases that cause climate change. Wasted food contributes 11% of the world's total greenhouse gas emissions. Some of that food waste comes from restaurants, grocery stores, farms, and food manufacturers, but 43% of food waste comes from our homes.

What can we do to cut down the amount of food waste going into landfills? The best way to reduce the impacts of food waste is to prevent the waste from happening in the first place. We can reduce our waste by not buying more food than we need and using up what we buy before it spoils. We can also share extra food, be creative about using up leftovers, or freeze it for use at a later date. A lot of perfectly good food is discarded because people are confused about the meaning of expiration dates. Some tips for reducing food waste at home can be found at

<https://www.nrdc.org/stories/reducing-food-waste-eight-tips-home-cooks>.

After cutting down on wasted food as much as we can, the best way to handle the remaining food waste is to compost it. Composting food waste provides a range of environmental benefits including reducing greenhouse gas emissions, recycling nutrients, improving soil health, and producing a material which is a valuable fertilizer. Farmers call compost "black gold," and using compost in your garden not only

adds nutrients to the soil, but also increases the water retaining qualities of the soil so you don't have to water your plants as much. Leaves and plant trimmings can be added to the compost bin or pile to recycle their nutrients as well.



**Food Compost**

*Photo from EPA*

Food waste decomposes naturally during composting because it gets oxygen, so it does not produce the greenhouse gases like landfilled food does. There are many different methods of composting using bins, piles, trenches, or vermiculture using special worms which can even be done indoors. There is a lot of information on how to compost online. One good source of composting information is the

local Cornell Cooperative Extension website, <https://monroe.cce.cornell.edu/horticulture/compost-resources>.

If you don't have a place to do composting, there are some municipal and commercial composting options. The City of Rochester has a pilot food waste composting program in which participating City residents get a bucket for holding their food waste, and they can take it to collection spots at Cobbs Hill or Gene-

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see Valley Parks. The ROC City Compost Pilot Program is part of the City's larger Food Waste Reduction, Donation and Organics Recycling Program. For more information about that program see <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/compost/>. The City also sponsored a webinar series on composting which was recorded and can be accessed at that same URL.

For Fairport residents, Color Fairport Green has started a food waste composting pilot program called Fairport Collectively Composting. The Fairport program has collection sites at Potter Park and the Fairport DPW parking lot. It has been running for a little more than a year, and they are now collecting and composting over 23 tons a month of organic waste. The Fairport program and most other municipal programs return some of the resulting compost free to residents who want it for their gardens. CFG has an abundance of information about cutting down on food waste and composting on their website at <https://www.colorfairportgreen.org/composting>.

Monroe County is also in the early stages of planning a food waste composting program as part of its Climate Action Plan. If you don't live in an area with an active municipal composting program right now, Impact Earth has a residential composting service that will give you a collection bucket and will come to your curbside to collect the food waste weekly for a fee. For more information on that program see <https://www.impactearthroc.com>

When you throw away food you are also wasting the energy, land, water, and fertilizer that was used to produce, package and transport it. Through composting, food scraps can be turned into nutrient-rich soil that can be used for gardening and for potting houseplants that filter oxygen in our homes. Composting can reduce the amount of organic waste sent to landfills and, as a result, reduce landfill greenhouse gas emissions. Help fight climate change by reducing food waste and recycling the nutrients of the food that remains.

## In Memoriam

*By Julie Clayton*

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Robert Hinkelman, a long-time and well-loved member. Bob was the loving husband of Carol Hinkelman (for 60 years!) and father of Elizabeth, Christopher, Laura, and Jeanne. He was grandpa of two, Ryan and Susan. Bob passed away on September 30 at the age of 86.

Bob had worked at Kodak for many years and was an expert photographer. He taught photography classes at Kodak. Bob was kind and friendly to everyone. He provided many programs of photography for the Club. He and Carol took many trips out West. Bob's photographs were stunning -- and it was always fun to spot Carol in the pictures which provided perspective!

Bob had been the MC of many of our Experience Night programs. His knowledge and practical know-how was unmatched! He was a big man in many ways.

Our deepest condolences go to Carol. Bob has been and will be greatly missed by the members of BANC.



**Photo from Arizona**

*Photo by Bob Hinkelman*



**BURROUGHS AUDUBON NATURE CLUB (BANC) 2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Membership runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please send your check, payable to BANC, along with this form, to:

BANC

c/o John Shaw, Treasurer  
 374 Cromwell Drive  
 Rochester, NY 14610

Or, to pay online by credit card, use the form at [bancny.org/membership.html](http://bancny.org/membership.html).

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Ages (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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Check one: New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

| MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY                     | DUES  | AMOUNT PAID |
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| Couple                                  | \$35  | \$          |
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| Life Membership                         | \$500 | \$          |
| Add \$10.00 for Tanager hardcopy mailed | \$10  | \$          |
| Add \$4.00 for outside restroom key     | \$4   | \$          |
| Extra Donation Appreciated              | \$    | \$          |
|   |       | Total \$    |

## Halloween Scavenger Hunt – October 22

*By Julie Clayton*

Saturday, October 22, was a glorious day weather-wise, and the kids who stopped by Burroughs Audubon Nature Club were the cutest in their Halloween costumes with wide smiles to match!

The theme of our special day was “How Animals Prepare for Winter.” Children were given a list of descriptions of how some animals prepare for winter. They were asked to walk on our trails in search of the animals that matched the descriptions on their lists. When they found the picture of the animal, they would write the animal’s name next to the description that matched how the animal makes preparations for the cold winter months.

The children were eager and got right to it! The parents and guardians were lovely and seemed to enjoy the task at hand, as well. The animals’ pictures that they discovered in the woods were of the pileated woodpecker, bat, snake, raccoon, mourning cloak butterfly, opossum, frog, bumble bee, and Baltimore oriole. All of the children had the correct matches and earned some treats!

Carol Southby enjoyed her role as a witch on her microphone providing the cackle of the wicked one! She also superbly decorated the Clubhouse for the Halloween event! There the members and guests were served cider and donuts. Everyone seemed to have a great time!

We had a very dedicated group who planned and worked together to make this a very successful event! Thank you to our planning committee: Julie Clayton, Jane McConnochie, Shirley Shaw, and Carol Southby. Special thanks go to Carol Southby and Shirley Shaw who were the innovators and came in advance to set up and make sure that all was going to go smoothly. We especially thank Jane McConnochie for her great ideas and wonderful public relations that contributed to the high turn-out! We were sad that Jane, herself, could not make the actual event because she had been exposed to Covid!

Thanks to Marigrace Piazza and Richard Ashworth who also provided publicity. David Southby lent an important helping hand in the creative decorations.

John Shaw contributed to the effort by providing the committee with the Zoom links for the planning meetings.

We appreciate the help and efforts of our fine members: Lieve Bain, Sabrina Comisso, Kathy Henrie, Nancy Holley and Anne Mancuso. They were a part of greeting the guests, guiding them along the trails and helping serve goodies in the Clubhouse. THANK YOU ALL!!!



*Photo by Marigrace Piazza*



*Photo by Julie Clayton*

## **Our Worlds Connect at the Nature Sanctuary**

*By Jane G. Coggshall McConnochie*

Under a gray November sky, on the frost-kissed front lawn of the Burroughs Audubon nature sanctuary, two dozen or so teenagers and their teachers collected into a circle. They fidgeted from the chill and the sense that this day was going to be well, quite out of the ordinary. Anneke Radin-Snaith, one of the day's facilitators, welcomed everyone into the circle by naming the many identities, emotions, and experiences that they may have carried with them into the sanctuary that day. Voicing each took quite some time but by the end, the chill in the circle seemed to ease just a bit, as if each person felt warmed by the sense that they just might belong in that circle, together, at least for the day.

Then, Chris Widmaier, Executive Director of Rochester Ecology Partners which organized the event, led the group in a number of silly-but-serious games to begin to promote conversation and lower the barriers to connection.

Because connection was the point—the teenagers and their teachers were there to build bridges across their communities through dialogue and a shared experience in nature. From two different and distant high schools—the Walden Project school based in Naples, NY and East High School's Teaching and Learning Institute based in Rochester, NY—their first Our Worlds Connect meeting at the Burroughs sanctuary aimed to kick start deeper dialogue and the relationship-building that would occur in subsequent meetings.

The vision for the Our Worlds Connect program began half a decade ago when Radin-Snaith and Widmaier were high school science teachers concerned about the rifts they were seeing in society, both in the greater Rochester region as well as globally. The rifts were especially alarming given the need to come together to solve the crises they were seeing in terms of biodiversity loss and climate change. Widmaier, who was teaching mostly students of color in the city, and Radin-Snaith, who was teaching mostly white students in a rural district, struck upon a plan to bring their classes out into nature for a communal plated lunch to promote

mutual understanding of one another's lives and perspectives. The conversations that first day were powerful and the collaborations between those groups and others have continued.

Three incoming BANC officers, Julie Clayton, Marigrace Piazza, and Jane McConnochie had the privilege to host the group at the sanctuary, but the Rochester Ecology Partners brought lunch and even built a fire in the clubhouse fireplace. So perhaps "hosting" was not quite the right term. We'd like to think we helped set an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere for students' learning and growth.

Over the course of the day, students were given creative prompts for conversation and asked to mix with students from the other school. After lunch they circumnavigated the sanctuary on a conversational walk, during which they were encouraged to stop and talk about their most important possessions, the significant people in their lives, and their accomplishments, among other things. Their teachers, the facilitators, and the BANC representatives all joined in on these lively and insightful conversations. By the time we returned to the clubhouse for a round of games led by Rochester Ecology Partners' program director Timmy Okung, students seemed to let their guard down even more, willing

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to be silly and perhaps a bit vulnerable in front of people they met only that morning.

As the day wrapped up, all the participants again gathered into a circle. Widmaier invited each of us to share something we would like to take away from the day. No one had to think very hard to come up with an answer. Common themes included connection, excitement, nature, and fun. Okung invited the students to take the lead on organizing their next collaboration, and the students were not short on ideas.

As the future teachers and leaders from East High began to make their way to their van back to school to meet their bus back home, the Walden Project students' culture of "leave no trace" became apparent as they swept and vacuumed the clubhouse rug and brought supplies back to Widmaier's car. The BANC "hosts" agreed that this was a special collaboration and glad that the sanctuary provided inspiration to these amazing young people as they began to forge new connections between their worlds, for the betterment of our shared world.



*Photos by Jane G. Coggshall McConnochie*



**Clean-up day at the Sanctuary**

*Photo by Julie Clayton*



**Halloween Scavenger Hunt**

*Photo by Julie Clayton*



**Decodon verticillatus, aka swamp loosestrife or water willow at Kettle Ridge Farm**

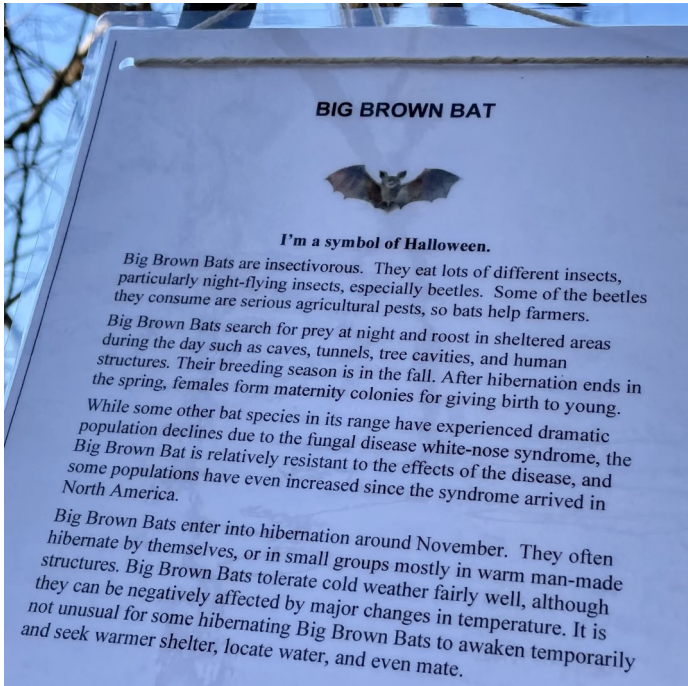
*Photo by Joe Hurley*



**Halloween Scavenger Hunt**

*Photo by Julie Clayton*

### Scavenger Hunt photos



Photos by Kathy Sheridan-Henrie



Photos by Marigrace Piazza

**Photos from Fungi Walk led by Paul Brach on our Slater Property in S. Dansville, October 1st, 2022**

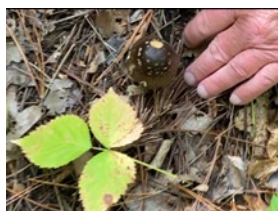
*By Ellen Prill*

Most of these photos are from that walk. Some are from a 2018 walk. One is from the Internet. One photo was stylistically edited by me. I took all of the photos with the camera on my iphone. I photographed all of these photos for the sake of the fungi and lichens visual appeal in color, texture, and shape. Paul Brach and Marie Heerkens aided in identification. Any errors are mine.

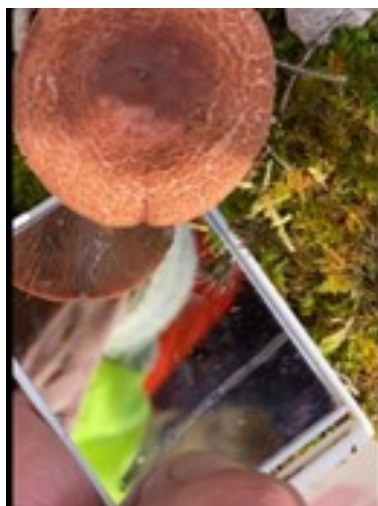


**The “Glass House” at our Slater property in S. Dansville**

**A Recent Find at Slater**



**Amanita brun-nescens, Brown-cleft-foot**



**Lactarius Species, Milk-cap, (milky fluid when cut)**



**Russula emetica  
Aka The Sickener  
(Causes vomiting)**



**Bleeding Mycena. Helmet.  
(Stem “bleeds red” when cut)**

*Photos by Ellen Prill*



**Hydnellum scrobiculatum**  
Ridged tooth



**Trametes versicolor,**  
Turkey Tail



**Chicken fat mushroom**  
(Grows near Eastern White Pine trees)  
**Suillus americanus**

*Photos by Ellen Prill*

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

Program details are on pages 5 and 6. Zoom programs require registration. See details.

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