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ANNUAL BANQUET

Wednesday April 23, 2014



“The Big Woods”

**“Preserving Our Natural Heritage”
by Gay Mills of the Genesee Land Trust**

Cash Bar 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Speaker 8:15 PM

Location:

GLENDOVEERS

An elegant woodland setting
2328 Old Browncroft Road,
Rochester, NY 14625

Bounteous buffet dinner, all inclusive at \$24 per person
Reservations deadline-- April 15

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Number of dinners at \$24 each: _____

Names of attendees (for nametags)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

THE CREATURES OF NIGHT

By Jane Stock
ANP Committee Member

For some people spending time in Allegany State Park can be a fascinating way to enjoy nature at its best. Jane and her daughter arrived on Thursday before the Allegany Nature Pilgrimage was scheduled to start. The Pilgrimage was to begin on Friday and end on Sunday. Jane had been going to the Pilgrimage since she was five years old. She was looking forward to a day in the woods before the seven hundred plus people descended on this gem in the southwest corner of New York State. The day started out bright and sunny, a perfect day to visit Mother Nature's pets and her backyard.



Jane was armed with her binoculars, nature books and items she would need to educate her teenage daughter, Julia. Julia trailed behind her mother, stumbling along, and wishing she had her walkman.

"Oh, Julia, look at this salamander. He is full of color."

Julia looked up and just gave a teenage yawn.

"And look, Julia, down in the meadow, three deer!"

"Gee, Mom, when do we eat?"

"Eat, we just got through with breakfast. Julia, look quickly under that log you're standing next to."

"Ooh, what's that? Does it bite?"

"No, it's not interested in you. It's a mud puppy."

Gradually Julia's curiosity began to change from boredom to fascination. "Mom, let me see that bird book. I think I see something."

"Look on page 312. I think you will find what you're looking at."

"Yes, it's a Rose Breasted Grosbeak. Wow, gee, can I use this book?"

"Certainly, Julia, you can use any of these books and the binoculars."

"This is really great. Why haven't we done this before?"

"I don't know, Julia. I just don't know. Maybe I have been neglecting you."

The sun was lowering its head, and shadows began to close out another day. It was time to return to the cabin and enjoy some well cooked delights, and retire into slumber land. Around 10:00PM their slumber was interrupted by squeaky, small creatures with bright red beady eyes flying around the cabin and crawling up the wall. Mother and daughter spring into action, swatting the creatures with anything within their reach. In desperation they ran from the cabin slamming the door as they escaped into the night. In panic, Jane exclaimed, "The car keys are locked in the cabin!" She slowly counted backwards from ten to regain her sanity and remembered that her car had a combination lock. They soon found out that sleeping in a car is not a restful experience!

The morning came early, along with a chilly breeze. "Julia, we need to walk to the Administration Building for help."

Now, let me set the scene for you: two females, dressed in their night clothes, hiking three miles to the Administration Building! On their way they had to cross a bridge that was being repaired by park maintenance workers. As the two ladies approached the bridge, all work stopped as the crew of workers leaned on their shovels with sheepish grins on their faces.

"Well, look what we have here! I think we are looking at two sleep walkers. Be quiet, we don't want to disturb their slumber!"

"Now ain't they sweet? Walking in their jammies!" This voice was from a big brawny man leaning on his shovel with his hat pushed back on his forehead.

"Julia, pay them no mind. Let's just walk a little faster." They crossed the bridge, leaving the maintenance crew still staring and sneering. The men all said in perfect unison, "Good day, ladies! Have a pleasant morning walk!"

Julia and Jane swaggered down the road, but just before they reached their destination, a Park Police officer picked them up and drove back to their cabin to investigate the "creatures of the night." At the cabin, Officer Cockran looked around the inside. He then went outside and returned to report his findings.

"It's just as I thought, Ma'm. There is a fresh cut tree next to the cabin. The tree was home to flying squirrels. Once the tree was cut, they found a new home in the cabin. I'll set a trap for them and remove them to a safe location. Rest assured, your night's sleep will be uninterrupted tonight!"

The moral of this story is Mother Nature is always watching over her creatures large and small. Every so often she amuses herself by having a little fun with the city folks, just to remind them where they are!

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



I open my e-mail to a set of photos from my sister's friend Frank Witeck, who lives by the York River near Williamsburg, Virginia. An inch or so of snow graces the ground and the tops of the boats moored by the piers (in Virginia one can go boating year round). Mallards are swimming near shore. The scene is gorgeous! And even Frank—whose idea of a great day outdoors means either the golf course or the boat—was enthralled by the beauty of nature. What a powerful draw our lovely Earth can be! People who rarely notice birds, insects, trees, or wildflowers can't help but be captivated from time to time.

For BANC members, though, it doesn't take a surprise weather event to send us running for the camera or the binoculars. We are the fortunate who appreciate the natural world all

the time. It brings us together as friends and entertains us with fascinating animal behavior, spectacular scenery, microscopic surprises, and a beauty that is beyond anything we humans can create. We cherish it and we want to share it!

Carol and Dave Southby have come up with a great idea for gift giving: a Burroughs membership for someone who will enjoy our programs and social events. It beats the wrong-size clothing or the knick-knack that just isn't to the taste of the recipient. The Southby's have designed a certificate that will notify the recipient of your gift. I joined BANC through a gift membership several years ago, and it is one of the best gifts I've ever received!

I'm honored to have been elected BANC president for 2014. Please contact me whenever you have suggestions that will help BANC thrive. Volunteers are essential to keep our mission alive and our activities humming, so know how much we value your assistance—even if you have only a couple of hours, there's always some way to help out: providing refreshments; helping with Sanctuary cleaning and maintenance; sharing your expertise; contributing a poem, photo, or artwork to the *Tanager*; spreading the word to others that BANC is a great organization for them to join.

I am grateful to the 2014 Committees and Council for their contributions and guidance. We are working together to make sure BANC remains strong and relevant as we enter our second century in the Rochester community.

Shirley Shaw

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Photos of BANC Events

Many thanks to Becky Olson, who is providing publicity for BANC events and to Paul Dudley, who is responsible for our web site. Becky gets announcements of our events into traditional print media, on appropriate Internet sites, and on a Facebook page she recently designed for us. Paul makes sure our web site contains useful information, news about upcoming events, and photos that attract others to our organization.

The Digital Age with its social media like Facebook is the way to attract younger members, who will ensure BANC's future. We can't avoid this technology, even those folks like me who wish a lot of it would just disappear. Social media and web sites are a world of the visual image, and to capture people's attention, photos of our activities are essential. Therefore, we'll be posting more and more photos.

We realize that some people are uncomfortable when photos showing them are published where the entire world can see. I understand that concern. We have given up a lot of privacy, and not all of us are comfortable with it. *If you prefer not to appear in on-line photos, either on our web site or Facebook page, please step aside when someone is photographing events.* All our photos may be posted on the Internet in some way.

Financial Matters

BANC's financial affairs are handled by Treasurer John Gordon and the Finance Committee of Frank Crombe, Jon Dombrowski, and Chita McKinney. They advise the Council in matters of record-keeping, investments, and budgeting. Their yearly audit, done in February, showed what an accurate job our treasurer does and made some recommendations that we will implement.

The Treasurer and Finance Committee have worked during 2013 to ensure fiscal health. They investigated ways to realize an adequate return on our endowment, and as a result of their recommendation, the Council decided to move our endowment funds to the Rochester Area Community Foundation, which has a stellar reputation among many local non-profit organizations.

Jon Dombrowski was instrumental in drawing up the BANC budget for 2014, which Council adopted at our January 6 meeting. We value the time and expertise Jon used to compile past revenue/expense data so that we could have a realistic financial plan for the year. Many, many thanks for a job well done!

As a result of our budget discussions, we realized that a policy is needed regarding committee expenditures. We adopted the following policy: **Committees can spend up to \$100 of their budget allocation, but anything beyond that amount requires the approval of the Council.**

Thanks to all our committee chairs and Council members for moving BANC forward in a fiscally responsible manner.

2014 Banquet

Admit it! We love to eat and socialize, and there's nothing like a fine dinner with great company and an interesting program!

Mary Gordon and her committee are organizing the annual Burroughs Banquet. It will be held on April 23, 2014, at 6:00 PM at Glendoveers, which overlooks a lovely marsh at 2828 Old Browncroft Road. There'll be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres as we catch up with friends before dinner. A delicious buffet will follow. The evening's program will be presented by Gay Mills, Executive Director of the Genesee Land Trust. Gay will tell us about the good work of this well-known organization that protects 4,000 acres of land in the greater Rochester area.

Please make your reservations using the flier that comes with this issue of the *Tanager*. Call John Gordon at 585-586-3524 and he'll arrange a ride for you.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION TO OUR FELLOWS AND LIFE MEMBERS

Every organization, no matter how large or small, needs a strong core of dedicated members who work hard to see that the work of the organization is done. Burroughs is no different, and we're fortunate to have, in addition to dozens of dedicated regular members, 56 people who are fellows or life members. Fellows, according to the BANC by-laws, have been given this designation by the Council because of "outstanding, long, and valued service." Life members "further the purposes of this organization by payment of the substantial aggregate sum" that has been set. Previously \$200, a life membership is now \$500.

We are grateful to the following people for their financial contributions and dedicated service:

Fellows: Jerry Jenkins, Jane Uhle

Life Members: Lynn Bergmeyer, Ralph Bircher, Anthony Brach, Paul Brach, Shirley Cameron, Catherine Chin, Katherin Ciesinski, Dean Clayton, Donald Culley, Anthony D'Agostino, Steven Daniel, Amy Davison, Kurt Enslein, Phila Eves, Bradford Farthing, Evelyn Frazee, Hal Giessler, Jean Groff, Thom-Hampson, Scott Hecker, Paul Henderson, Mary Alice Hirsch, Elaine Jacobsen, Eleanor Jones, Rebecca Wrenn Jones, Rebecca Keller, Jeffrey Keller, Jerald Keller, Kim Keller, Samuel King, Alexander Klonick, Katie Klonick, Thomas Klonick, Victor Krym, Lawrence Lanctot, Tim Luce, Stephen Maley, Karl Marchenese, John Matter Jr., Jerome McIntyre, Steven Melcher, John Olson, Mark Powell, John Ramsey, Nancy Rosenberg, Elizabeth Schenk, Sidney Shapiro, Shirley Shaw, Carol Simmons, Harvey Simmons, John Wint, Judy Wint, Karen Wolf

OOPS!

Two errors have been discovered in the Booklet: on page 7 the website for the Allegany Pilgrimage should be: www.alleganynaturepilgrimage.com

On page 10, the Open House date should be: Wednesday, August 20

IN MEMORIAM

On October 28, 2013, Dana Spencer passed away in Blacksburg, VA. Dana, a long time life member of BANC, graduated from RIT and received his PhD from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He served as an administrator at Columbia Memorial Hospital, Hudson, NY and as a private consultant in many nursing homes in Virginia. Though not active at BANC, he kept up with all of our activities and in touch with some members. We send our condolences to his family.

On December 24, 2013, Jarret Lobb died of complications following a heart transplant. After his retirement from Monro Muffler Brake Service, remained very active in the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. He also served as a vice-president of Finance for the Otetiana Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The Council awarded him with the Silver Award for outstanding adult leadership in 1998. We extend our condolences to his wife, Barbara and family.

Help Wanted

On April 12 we hold our annual Spring clean-up of the grounds and Clubhouse from 10:00 until 2:00. The soups are great! Please come and do your part!

Saturday, June 21, 10AM - 4PM Book Sale BANC Sanctuary

We're having a book sale to help defray the cost of a new trail mower. The big day, rain or shine, is Saturday, June 21st, so comb your shelves and donate your old books to new readers. Beginning May 1st we'll be accepting donations of gently used books. Please leave them in the plastic bin on the porch or call and we'll pick them up. If you would like to help collect, sort, or staff the sale, call Chris Benard at 924-4979 or email czbenard@gmail.com.

Grace, age 7



Michelle, age 9



Children's Artwork featuring Albert, the black-tailed prairie dog owned by The Barn Owl Birding and Nature Center, located near the Penfield Four Corners, owned by BANC member, Sarah Conley.

Disappearing Monarchs

One of world's great natural spectacles has been the millions of monarch butterflies clinging to the oyamel fir trees in the mountains of central Mexico each winter. Monarchs cannot survive freezing temperatures, so they migrate every fall to this remote area. There they rest in ideal temperatures and humidity until March, in the protective cover of the fir forest canopy. In the last decade however, the number of butterflies overwintering there has declined drastically, for several reasons and this winter they were at an all time low.

The winter habitat in the preserve has been diminished by illegal logging, and despite the Mexican government's efforts to prevent it, some logging continues. Heavy tourist traffic has degraded some of the forest, and climate change has increased the severity of storms there, causing damaging mudslides. The increasing temperatures that are forecast for the coming years will gradually move the fir zone higher in the mountains, as the oyamel fir trees die off where it is too warm for them. Eventually they may die off completely.

A major monarch summer breeding area is our Midwest, where milkweed grew in abundance, but changing agricultural practices have almost completely eliminated the milkweed plants that are the monarch larvae's only food. Since corn and soybeans genetically modified to resist glyphosphate herbicide (Roundup®), were widely planted in the last decade, fields have been sprayed with herbicide every year. That has killed off all the plants, including milkweed, growing between crop rows, in hedgerows, and along the edges of the fields. Crops modified to resist even stronger and more volatile herbicides like 2,4-D, are now in the pipeline.

Economics has also induced major changes in agriculture. Since the Clean Energy Act of 2007 mandated the addition of ethanol to gasoline, corn has tripled in price. Farmers are planting as much corn as they can, by removing hedgerows, and growing corn closer to roads, and in former grasslands and pasture lands. Corn is now being grown on millions of acres that had been in the Conservation Reserve Plan, which pays farmers to keep some acres fallow, to serve as wildlife habitat. Many acres of farmland have also been lost to development. Native vegetation along roadsides supported butterflies and insects, many of them

beneficial to crops, but it is being destroyed by excessive mowing and herbicide use.

Bees are also in a serious decline, possibly because more and stronger pesticides are being used on farmland, but 80% of our food crops depend on bees and other insects for pollination. Monarchs and bees are only the most noticeable of the insect species we are losing and insects are a prime source of food for birds, so we are disrupting nature's web of life with our unsustainable, chemical-intensive agriculture.

It takes several generations of monarchs to make the trip from Mexico back to the Northeast each year. Conditions have to be just right along the way, with the butterflies arriving when there is milkweed for them to lay their eggs on, and good weather for them to reproduce in large numbers. Their first stop is in Texas, where spring temperatures were too cold for them to reproduce well in 2013, so very few monarchs reached our area.

There may never again be the huge numbers of overwintering monarchs covering many acres of fir trees in Mexico, because more than half of them used to come from the Midwest where the milkweed has been eliminated. We may still see some monarchs here, because they don't have to cross those corn belt states on their northward migration. Low monarch numbers can bounce back to some extent, since butterflies can lay millions of eggs, but their caterpillars will only feed on milkweed. Can the monarch decline be reversed? Monarch Watch is trying.

For more information, see www.monarchwatch.org or www.learner.org/jnorth/monarch.

Carol Hinkelman



GRASS OF PARNASSUS – what's in a name? By Carol Southby

In September 2013 Dave and I led a BANC field trip to Letchworth State Park. While we stood admiring and photographing the beautiful flowers of Grass of Parnassus (*Parnassia glauca*) some of us began to ponder the origin of its common name. With its white buttercup-like flowers it certainly does not look like a grass. Actually it is in the saxifrage family. Then there is the question of where the Parnassus part of both the common and scientific name came from. Dave and I knew that it was named after Mount Parnassus, a mountain in Greece in southeastern Europe, but that was as much as we could offer. Here is a summary of what we have found out since our walk.

An internet search revealed that the word "grass" is derived from an Old English word meaning variously "herb, plant or grass" or indeed any "green plant" without distinguishing any particular modern plant grouping. Mount Parnassus is an 8061 feet high limestone mountain in central Greece. The habitat for Grass of Parnassus in New York State is listed in the New York Flora Atlas as "rich fens, calcareous rocky stream banks, and calcareous open to partly shaded seeps" which is consistent with both where we found it on our walk and with the limestone (alkaline) habitat on Mt. Parnassus.

In ancient Greek mythology, Mt. Parnassus was sacred to Apollo and the Muses and thus symbolic of poetry. Geoffrey Grigson in his book entitled "The Englishman's Flora" described how the botanist who found the species in Britain was so inspired by its beauty that he named it named after the holy mountain, Mt. Parnassus.

After that the trail went cold until a few weeks later. While we were visiting Tennessee, Dave was browsing through our book of Wildflowers of Tennessee when he found an entry that suggested that the first plant in the genus was named by Dioscorides, a botanist of ancient Greece, for a flower that grew on the side of Mt. Parnassus. It does give us two different botanists who chose the name, but at least a consistent theme for the origin of the name.

Grigson also notes that the flowers of the British species smell of honey, considered in ancient times to be a food of the gods. None of us thought to check if the plants were fragrant, so we will have to wait for a return trip next fall to find out if our species is fragrant.

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Myrmecochory Ground Level Mutualism

Often when seeds fall from a plant, rodents and birds have a quick snack. In an evolutionary move, trillium, bloodroot, violas, ginger and other spring wildflowers utilize ants to move their seeds to a new location. These wildflowers have developed an elaiosome, a fleshy clump attached to the outside of the seed that's loaded with fats and sugar. Foraging ants transport the nutrient laden seeds back to their home where the elaiosome is removed and consumed.

Uninterested in the seed itself, the ants then haul it to a room holding other debris or close to a doorway where it may receive sunlight. Here in a protected spot the seed has a better than average chance to germinate unmolested by predators. In one study of hardwood forests in West Virginia, 30% of 23 herbs were ant dispersed.

This ant seed dispersal mutualism was named in 1906 by Swedish botanist Rutger Sernander. Known as myrmecochory, mymerx is Greek for ant and kore, is Greek for dispersal. A person who studies ants is a myrmecologist.

Here is a sampling of native spring wildflowers helped by ants in eastern United States and Canada.

Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*)
Dutchman's breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*)
Hepaticas (*Hepatica* species)
Trailing arbutus (*Epigaea repens*)
Trilliums (*Trillium* species)
Trout lily (*Erythronium americanum*)
Twinleaf (*Jeffersonia diphylla*)
Violets (*Viola* species)
Wild bleeding heart (*Dicentra eximia*)
Wild ginger (*Asarum canadense*)

Chris Benard





BIRD WINDOW STRIKES!

Ahhhh...if it were only that easy. The sounds of impact makes all bird lovers cringe....maybe almost as much as outside free-roaming cats. We love to have our feathered friends close to the windows so we can enjoy watching their behaviors but are our feeders bringing them closer to death? If only there were something we could do. Well, there are simple changes to our windows that can reduce bird strikes and still allow us to keep our bird feeders filled.

Two main properties of glass are what make it so deadly to birds – transparency and reflection. For years, my dining and kitchen windows, facing each other on opposite sides of the house, would fell numerous birds a year. I tried applying various decorations to the windows with little success. Then a painter working in the dining room pointed out that the birds are trying to fly thru both windows because they can see all the way thru the house. I realized after my “What does he know?” moment that he was absolutely right. I now keep sheer curtains on these windows, breaking up the illusion of a fly-thru passage. Windows mirror-like capabilities also confuse the birds, as it reflects the sky and creates the illusion that the habitat continues uninterrupted.

While high-rise buildings often get blamed for most bird strikes, recent studies in the U.S. have shown that the vast majority of annual bird strike deaths occur from low-rise and residential structures. Each house may kill only a few birds per year but multiply those deaths by the massive number of homes – and you unfortunately account for the majority of bird strikes. Certain bird species are more vulnerable to window collisions including Ruby-throated hummingbird, Brown Creeper, Ovenbird and the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.

Some window manufacturers are now glazing windows with patterns that reflect ultraviolet light, which birds except raptors see, but still appear clear to humans. Tunnel studies with birds have also shown that a pattern of vertical stripes spaced 4 inches apart or horizontal strips separated 2 inches apart tends to deter bird collisions. The key to these methods is to break up the glass reflectivity or transparency, and they must be visible to the birds.

So what can we do to help birds navigate around our homes? The answers fall into 2 categories: move the feeders and alter the appearance of your windows.

- If the bird strikes occur mostly at 1 or 2 windows, then move feeders to new locations.
- Almost counterintuitive, move your feeders only a foot or two from the windows. Birds will not have the distance to build up enough momentum to seriously injure themselves.

Then examine your windows from a bird’s eye view to understand why collisions are occurring.

- Make your windows less transparent, or remove the appearance of a fly-thru passage by blocking the view with curtains, changing the lighting, or closing or opening a door.
- To block the reflectivity, alter the windows appearance on the outside. Hang old CDs, ribbons, or colored string in front of the window or purchase decals which reflect ultraviolet light. Many bird stores sell these low-tack window decals and they come in different shapes such as snowflakes or birds. Finally, a temporary measure would be to rub a bar of soap on the window. (The streaks are easily washed off).

If you do happen to hear the dreaded thud, and find a stunned bird on the ground, the best thing to do is often to leave it be as it recovers from the shock. Do make sure any predators, such as cats, can’t reach it.

Burroughs members have noticed quite a few bird strike deaths at the Sanctuary building and the council will be implementing some measures to curtail these collisions. So the next time you are at the Sanctuary and notice bright ribbons or shiny objects hanging in front of the windows, it is not a 5 year old’s birthday party.....it is bird lovers at work.

Sabrina Commisso

BANC to Offer Children’s Workshops

Would you like to share your knowledge of the natural world with children?

During the summer of 2014 we are looking forward to offering 60-to-90 minute nature workshops to children of all ages and are looking for volunteers to lead them on a one-time basis. We need your ideas and leadership. It could be as simple as identifying birds and what they eat to telling the difference between a moth and a butterfly, or a toad and a frog, or how to identify trees by their bark and leaves, which plants are native and how did the Native Americans use them. All ideas are welcome. Email Chris Benard at: czbenard@gmail.com with your ideas.

FIELD TRIP TO HOLY SEPULCHRE

On February 22, 2014, Burroughs held its first field trip of the year. Rather than the usual write-up, I decided a simple poem would give an idea of our morning and what we saw.

Bright sunshine
 A friendly group of old and new
 Snow crunching under foot
 Amazing clouds
 A frozen gorge
 Sycamores, sweetgums, maples, katsura,
 ginkgos, oaks
 Several deer and their telltale signs
 Chickadees, robins, mourning doves
 Moss on some stones
 A grave of a Burroughs
 A tombstone symbol of a life cut short

Suddenly the wind whips.
 Branches sway and creak.
 Time to leave.
 Still it was good to be out.

By Shirley Shaw

**Burroughs Audubon Nature Club
Treasurer’s Report 2013**

Income Report 2013

INCOME	
Memorial & Gift Income	2,529.00
Operating Income	
Banquet Income	1,848.00
2013 Dues	2,398.00
2014 Dues	2,335.00
TOTAL Operating Income	6,836.00
Misc. Income	377.55
TOTAL INCOME	9,487.55
EXPENSE	
100 Year Anniversary	2,000.26
Advertising Expense	290.42
Banquet Expense	1,440.18
Dues	60
Meeting Expense	350
Office Expense	844.41
Sanctuary Expense	2,972.26
TOTAL EXPENSE	7,957.53
NET INCOME	1,530.02

Bank Balance \$ 5291.55

Paid Membership 176

Fund Value as of 31 Dec 2013 \$86,028.27

Notes: 2013 was a great 100th Anniversary year for Burroughs. We had record attendance at our Banquet and at most of our special anniversary events, and we ended the year with an increase in paid memberships. During the year we transferred our Endowment Account from a brokerage firm to the Rochester Area Community Foundation. This also set a record high.

John E. Gordon

<p align="center">WELCOME NEW MEMBERS</p> <p>Helen Mikolij Dietlinde Payne Leslie Schiff Andrew and Suzanne Wheatcraft Alex Zazubec</p>
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Nature Club
c/o John E. Gordon
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Fairport, NY 14450**

TO:

**If you haven't renewed
Your membership,
Please do it now**

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, March 29, 8:00 AM
High Acres Nature Area
EXPLORING HANA
Leader: Bruce Cady 248-8959**

**Saturday, April 12, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
BANC Sanctuary
SPRING CLEAN UP
Leader: Joanne Altre 377-8549**

**Wednesday, April 23, 6:00 PM
BANC Annual Banquet
Glendoveers
2328 Old Browncroft Rd.
Rochester, NY 14625
Co-chairs: Mary Gordon & Sandra Dombrowski
586-3524 425-2380**

**Saturday, April 26, 10:00 AM
Durand Eastman Park
FLOWERING TREES AND SHRUBS
Leader: Frank Crombe 889-5644**

**Thursday, May 1, 9:30 AM
Ganargua Meadows Preserve
SPRING WILDFLOWERS
Leaders: Carol & David Southby 383-8168**

**Thursday, May 15, 6:00 PM
Potluck Dinner at BANC Sanctuary
OUR CHANGING ANIMAL POPULATIONS
Hosts: Christine Benard & Carol Hinkelman
924-4979 663-2981**

**May 30—June 1
Allegany State Park
ALLEGANY NATURE PILGRIMAGE
Leaders: Jane & Harold Stock 425-7293**

**Saturday, June 7, 8:00 AM
Mendon Ponds Park
A MORNING IN THE PARK
Leader: Richard Ashworth 381- 2189**