

Burlington County Board of County Commissioners  
Burlington County Parks System

*Program Guide*



**Fall 2022**

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# Message from Commissioner Allison Eckel



**Hello friends!**

Autumn is a beautiful season perfect for spending time outdoors, and the Burlington County Parks System has more than 1,000 acres of parkland and 50-plus miles of interconnecting trails to explore and enjoy.

The fall season features great entertainment and attractions, including weekend concerts at the Burlington County Amphitheater, the weekly Saturday Farmer's Market at the Burlington County Agricultural Center and exciting celebrations and festivals at Historic Smithville and other parks.

You'll find the details about these events and plenty others within this guide. I encourage you to follow Burlington County and our County Parks System on Facebook for more county news and updates. Our parks, museums and galleries offer a wide variety of activities and adventures for all

This Fall season will be the first one in more than 14 years without Parks Superintendent John Smith, who retired this summer. We owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude for all he has done for our parks system and county. While Burlington County will miss John, we are excited to welcome Jeremy Hreben as our new County Parks Superintendent.

Be sure to review this guide and plan a visit to a Burlington County park or event soon. I'll look forward to seeing you there.

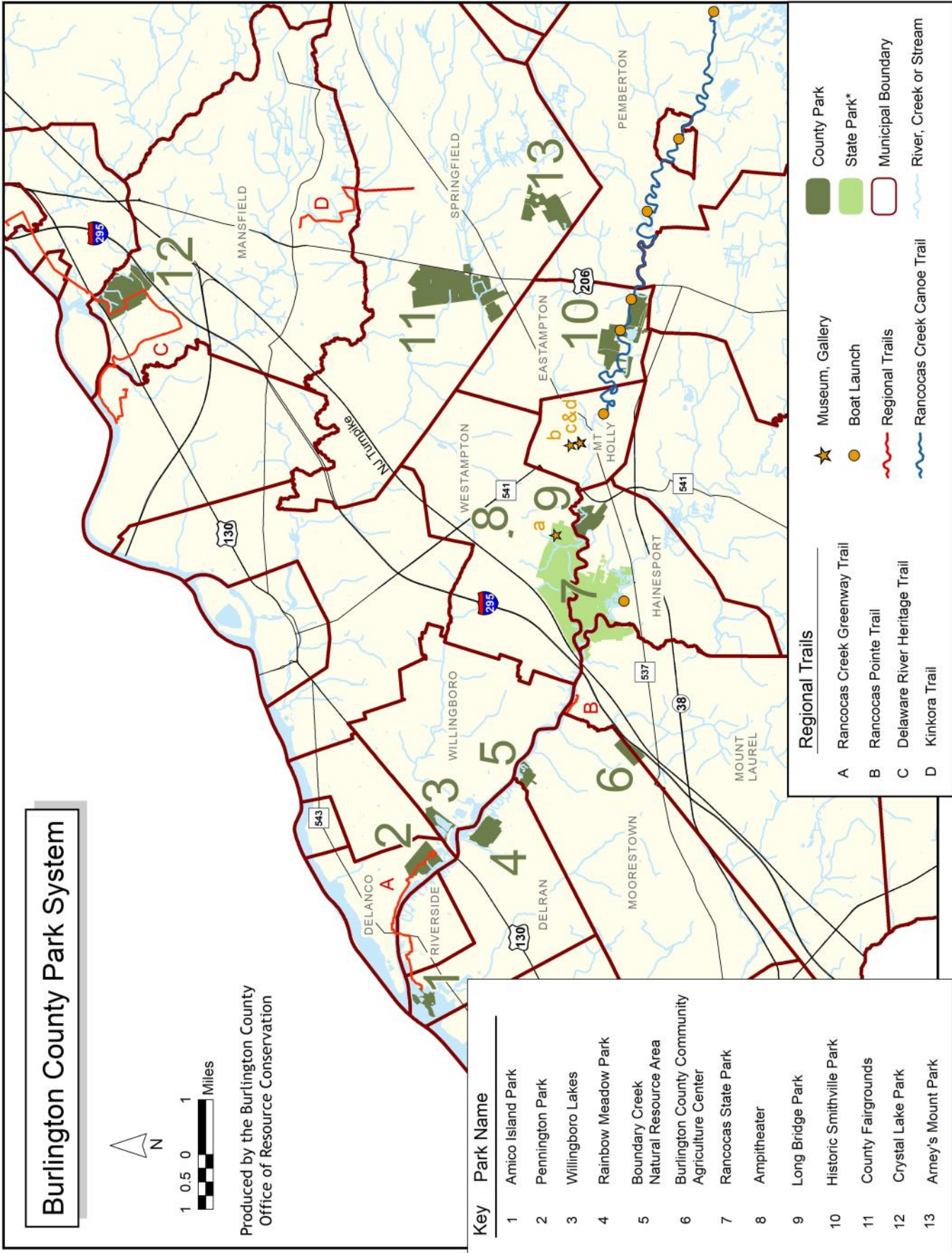
**Allison Eckel, Burlington County Commissioner**

Liaison to the Department of Resource Conservation and the Division of Parks



*"South Overlook—Amico Island " photo by Jennifer Bulava  
Cover Photo -"Rancocas Point Trail" photo by Jennifer Bulava*

# Burlington County Park System





# After Arts Dark

*Fine Art*

*Artist & Artisan  
Night Market*

*Music*

*Live  
Performances*

*An Evening Celebration of the Arts*

**Saturday September 17**

**4:30 - 9:30 PM**

**Historic Smithville Park**

**Eastampton, NJ**



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**FREE  
ENTRY**

BURLINGTON COUNTY PRESENTS

# SCARECROW 20 CONTEST <sup>22</sup>

**\$250 FIRST PRIZE**

**\$150 SECOND PRIZE**

**\$75 THIRD PRIZE**

**OPEN TO ALL AGES, INDIVIDUALS,  
GROUPS, FAMILIES, CLUBS OR  
BUSINESSES**

**AWARDS ANNOUNCED ON OCT 22 AT**

**1 PM | AUTUMN LANDS | 7 PM**

**HISTORIC SMITHVILLE PARK  
EASTAMPTON, NJ**



**REGISTER ONLINE BY  
SEPTEMBER**

**23**

**INSTALL OCT 1 - 7**

**VOTING: OCT 8 - 22**

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# AUTUMN LANDS

*A Celebration of  
Everything Fall!*

**Visit all the “Lands”!**

**Carve Land**- High Octane Chainsaw Art

**Boho Land** - Gypsy Funk Squad World Music

**Magic Land**-performances all day

**Haunted Land** - Paranormal Researchers

**Maker Land** - Artists and artisans from blacksmiths to basket makers.

Scarecrow Row - Scarecrow Contest  
Apple Pressing

Kids Activities  
Beer Garden  
Food Trucks & More!



Historic Smithville Park Eastampton, NJ

**Saturday, October 22**

**1:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

# MUSIC & MORE

# Burlington County Amphitheater

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

5 Pioneer Boulevard, Westampton, NJ 08060



**September 9 Boathouse Row**  
Yacht Rock  
& Laura Shay



**September 30 What A Fool Believes**  
Doobie Brothers Tribute & David Vargo



**October 1 Arena Rock Tribute**  
& Jackie and the Gents



**September 10 Frenchy and The Punk**  
& This Way to the Egress



Chairs and Blankets can be set out at 4 PM or later. The first act begins at 6:00 PM. No alcoholic beverages or tobacco products permitted.

# HEALTH & FITNESS

## ***COUNTRY LINE DANCING***

**Burlington County Fairgrounds**

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

September 7  
September 14  
September 21  
September 28  
October 5  
October 12

[Register Online](#)

Blame it all on your roots and show up in boots! Country Line Dancing is back in full swing! Ever wanted to learn Country Line Dances? Now is your chance! Each session will take place in the beautiful pavilion at the Fairgrounds, all ages are welcome! Show off your skills or learn the basics! The dancing begins at 7 PM and will be done by 10PM. Jeremy Duncan will be giving dance lessons throughout the night. Park at the Red Barn, gate #1, address is 1990 Jacksonville/Jobstown Rd. Columbus.

## ***COUNTRY LINE DANCING***

**Burlington County Agricultural Center**

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

October 18  
October 25  
November 1  
November 15  
November 22  
November 29

[Register online](#)

Blame it all on your roots and show up in boots! Ever wanted to learn Country Line Dances? Now is your chance! Each class will take place at the Agricultural Center barn at 500 Centerton Rd., Moorestown; all ages are welcome! Show off your skills or learn the basics! The dancing begins at 1 PM and ends at 4 PM. Jeremy Duncan will be giving dance lessons throughout the day.

## ***ZUMBA***

**Smithville Park**

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

September 15  
September 22  
September 29  
October 6  
October 13  
October 20

[Register online](#)

Get a fantastic workout in this high-energy Zumba class with fitness instructor Aldona. Zumba incorporates a variety of dance moves, promotes a healthy heart, a healthy dose of aerobic activity, is a great way to build and tone muscles, improves cardio, promotes flexibility, and, best of all, decreases stress.

This class is 60 minutes of energetic and rhythmic movement, making it a fun and fantastic workout. We will meet from 6:00 – 7:00 in our event tent on the grounds of the Smithville Mansion. This event is FREE. Registration is required

## ***TOBATA BY TOBY***

**Pennington Park 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

September 7  
September 14  
September 21  
September 28  
October 5  
October 12

[Register online](#)

Burlington County Parks is delighted to offer you this new exercise class outside in nature at Pennington Park, Tobata by Toby. Tobata by Toby is an exciting high-intensity interval class focused on improving cardiovascular fitness and muscle endurance with featured movements done in intervals followed by a rest period.

Join us and reap the benefits of this outdoor exercise class from 10:00 to 11:00 am. The program takes place at Pennington Park, located at 801 Creek Rd., Delanco. Make sure to bring an exercise mat—the class takes place in the grassy area off the parking lot. This event is FREE, and registration is required. Rain cancels this class.

# HEALTH & FITNESS

## PAWS IN THE PARK DOG WALK

Smithville Park  
12:00 PM

We are calling all dog lovers! Bring your furry friend for a walk on the trails at Smithville Park. It's an excellent opportunity to meet new dog friends, get some exercise, and get to know parks in your backyard. Walking has many health benefits; join this Paws in the Park walk with your dog at Smithville Park.

We will meet outside the Visitors Center and leave at 12:00 pm. Make sure to wear comfortable walking/hiking shoes, bring some water and bring your friendly pup on a leash. The route is approximately 2.5 miles with some elevation and stairs. Feel free to walk at your own pace. Inclement weather cancels this event.

November 3  
November 10  
November 17  
[Register online](#)



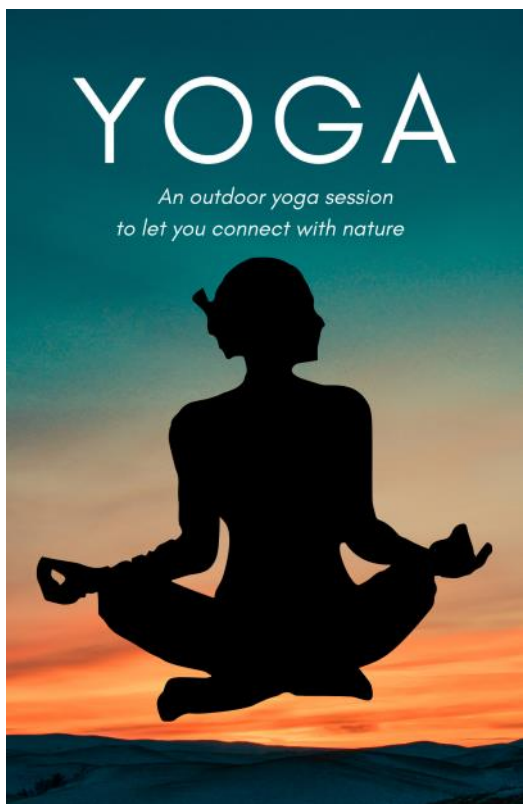
## LUNCHTIME WALKS

Smithville Park 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Fall is a great time to get motivated with the Burlington County Parks - Lunchtime Walks. Lunchtime Walks are an excellent opportunity to exercise, explore nature, meet new friends, and get to know parks in your backyard. Walking has so many health benefits; come out and join this healthy one-hour lunchtime walk at Smithville Park.

We will meet outside the Visitors Center and leave at noon. Make sure to wear comfortable walking/hiking shoes, bring some water and let's get moving! The route is approximately 2.5 miles with some elevation and stairs. Feel free to walk at your own pace.

September 8  
September 15  
September 22  
September 29  
October 6  
October 13  
October 20  
October 27  
[Register online](#)



## YOGA

Burlington County Agriculture Center  
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

September 6  
September 13  
September 20  
September 27  
October 4  
October 11  
[Register online](#)

Slow down your week with Holly Carrington of Balanced Planet Yoga with a vinyasa flow that will have a perfect balance of challenging and calming postures and cool down with stretches that will end your night ideally. Yoga takes place on the front lawn of the Burlington County Agricultural Center, 500 Centerton Rd., Moorestown starting at 6:00 pm. This event is free; please register for this class. Bring your mat.

# NATURE

## GEOLOGY WALK

Willingboro Lakes Park contains two man-made lakes. These lakes are all that remain from former sand mining operations. During this geology walk, participants will learn about the sand, small pebbles, and geologic formation of this area. Led by Pierre Lacombe, retired USGS geologist. **Willingboro Lakes**

**September 12, 10:00am**

Register online. [Register here.](#)

## TUESDAY TALKS & FRIDAY FORUMS

A series of nature walks led by Naturalist Jen Bulava on select Tuesdays and Fridays. Registration is required.

### Barker's Brook Natural Resource Area Hike

The County Fairgrounds is open every day and known to most people, but the surrounding 600 acres of fields are currently only open to the public for guided tours or special events. Join Jen on a walk around the main section of Barker's Brook Natural Resource Area, the sensitive grassland habitat that is home to a fantastic array of birds and other wildlife. Don't miss your chance to access this special place.

**County Fairgrounds**

**October 4 and October 7, 9:00 am**

Register here for [October 4](#) and [October 7](#)

### Late Fall Birding

The habitats at Long Bridge Park are great for a variety of birds. We will focus on birds of prey and other late migratory species such as kinglets, brown creepers, and sapsuckers arriving for the winter.

**Long Bridge Park**

**October 18 and October 21, 9:00am**

Register here for [October 18](#) and [October 21](#)

### Fall Foliage Hike

Learn and appreciate the impressive diversity of trees at Smithville while enjoying a hike through this beautiful park coinciding with fall foliage.

**Smith's Woods**

**November 1 and November 4, 10:00am**

Register here for [November 1](#) and [November 4](#)

### Waterfowl Walk

Mid-November is a great time to look for migratory winter waterfowl arriving at Willingboro Lakes.

**Willingboro Lakes**

**November 15 and November 18, 10:00am**

Register here for [November 15](#) and [November 18](#)

## BECOMING A BETTER BIRDER SERIES

This five-session course will help you develop or improve your bird identification skills. Four indoor sessions will be held Thursdays at the Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences; the fifth session will be held outdoors at Boundary Creek.

Topics will include: useful tips to identify birds, songs and calls of common birds, behaviors of bird families, using your smart phone and computer to identify and learn more about birds, tips for using binoculars, and much more. The guest course presenter is expert birder Claire Campbell.

**Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences**

**October 6, 13, 20, 27 10:30am-12:00**

**Boundary Creek**

**November 3 10:30am-12:00**

**There is a strict limit of participants. Registration is required. [Register here](#) for the whole series.**

# NATURE



## Harry Potter Marauder's Map Adventure

Get your wands ready! Follow in Harry, Ron, and Hermione's footsteps using a very special map to find hidden clues around Smithville Park. This program is a fantastic and fun way to learn orienteering with a map!

This program was so popular in the spring, we brought it back this fall for those who missed it the first time. For ages 8 and up. Some trails not suitable for strollers. Costumes are welcome and encouraged but not required! Maximum of six people per party.

### Smithville Park

October 8, 1:00 pm

Registration is required. [Register here.](#)

## AN INTRODUCTION TO ARNEY'S MOUNT

Join retired USGS geologist Pierre Lacombe on an introductory hike at this brand-new addition to our park system! Arney's Mount is the highest natural point in Burlington County. The mount is an erosional remnant of the former elevated landscape of our county. Pierre will discuss the geology of this area as well as the quarried conglomerate used to build the Arney's Mount Meeting House and most other early buildings in the area. Trails include paved and crushed stone surfaces.

### Arney's Mount Park

October 16, 10:00 am

Registration is required. [Register here.](#)

## TREE I.D. 101

Interested in learning more about your local trees, but don't know where to begin? Tree Identification 101 was designed for tree, garden and hiking enthusiasts to learn about the trees in their local parks in a stress free environment surrounded by other hobbyists.

Tree Identification 101 offers a fun and laid back way to learn about the top 30 - 40 most common trees in the mid-Atlantic region with other tree hobbyists.

### Smithville Park

October 23, 12 PM - 2:30 PM

Registration is required. [Register here](#)

## THE LEGACY OF THE SALEM OAK

For over 550 years, the Salem Oak stood in the historic city of Salem NJ. It was the sole surviving tree from the original forest that pre-dated European settlement, and its massive size made it one of New Jersey's most celebrated trees. In 2019, the tree crashed to the ground, but before it fell, acorns were collected and planted. Burlington County Parks received a Salem Oak seedling from the NJ Tree Academy, which we will be planting at the conclusion of this interpretive nature program. Participation in the tree planting is optional.

### Smithville Park

November 5, 2:00pm

Registration for the interpretive program is required.

[Register here.](#)

## FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

In this session (schools are closed for the teacher's convention), children ages 5-12 are welcome to join us for fun with fall leaves and seeds. Students will start off looking for different leaves and seeds that have fallen on the ground and try to find out what tree they came from. We will look at the size, color, shape, and differences between the various kinds of clues the trees leave behind.

Afterwards we will do leaf rubbings with crayons to remember the trees we identified. An adult must be present with the children for the duration of the program.

### Smith's Woods

November 10, 10:00am

Registration is required. [Register here.](#)

# NATURE

## COMMUNICATION IN NATURE SERIES PART 1: BIRDS

This three-part lecture series presented by Senior Park Naturalist Jennifer Bulava highlights information relating to animal and plant communication. In Part 1, Jen will present current findings of new research that deepens our understanding of bird communication. What are they saying to each other and why? Innovative research has shed light on this and so much more!

**Moorestown Library**  
**November 14, 2:00pm**

Register online through the Moorestown Library website calendar or by calling the Reference Desk at 856-234-0333.

The series will continue with Part 2 in January and Part 3 in February.

## FUR, FEATHERS AND SCALES

This program presented by Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge gives participants a better understanding of the different animal groups, and discusses how their body coverings serve many important purposes.

Participants will be able to see and feel elements, bringing these concepts to life. They will also meet live animals from the different groups to discover the diversity of life within an ecosystem. Program meets at the trailside pavilion at Smith's Woods closest to the playground. Recommended for children 1<sup>st</sup> grade and up.

**Smith's Woods**

**September 25, 1:30 PM**

## PARK CLEANUPS

Help keep our environment clean and green! Participate in cleaning up litter that has made its way into the park.

Bags, gloves, and grabbers will be provided. Please bring your own water and snacks, if needed. If you need community service hours, please register by 4PM the day before the event.

**Amico Island Park**

**September 24, 9:00 AM**

**Willingboro Lakes Park**

**October 15, 9:00 AM**

**Pennington Park**

**November 19, 9:00 AM**

To register, email [cleancomm@co.burlington.nj.us](mailto:cleancomm@co.burlington.nj.us)



# HISTORY

## THE STORY OF CLARA BARTON

Wednesday, September 7

10 AM

**Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences**

Clarissa "Clara" Harlowe Barton is noted for helping distribute much needed supplies to the Union Army during the Civil War and later founding the disaster relief organization, the American Red Cross. But did you know that before she became "The Angel of the Battlefield" her path brought her to Burlington County? Discover the early years of Barton's life, her time in Burlington County, and her fight for education and equality. Presented by Marisa Bozarth, Museum Curator of History.

Registration Required.

[Register online](#)

**Zoom, 6 PM**

Registration Required.

[Register online](#)

## ALBION'S SEED, PT. 2

Wednesday, September 14

10AM

**Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences**

Join Eric Orange, Division of Parks historian, as we continue our discussion of "Albion's Seed." In part 2, we will discuss the English who settled in Virginia and how they continue to influence customs and culture today. Discover how displaced cavaliers and indentured servants from the south of England have been shaping American culture for over 400 years.

[Register online](#)

## THE JERSEY DEVIL

Wednesday, October 5

10 AM

**Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences**

The story of the Jersey Devil has pervaded our local history for generations. When one thinks of the New Jersey Pine Barrens the Jersey Devil immediately comes to mind. Join Lyceum staff to learn more about this mysterious creature. Hear stories (including the true story) of how he came to be and sightings throughout the years. Presented by Lyceum staff, Loretta Kelly.

Registration Required.

[Register online](#)

**Zoom, 6 PM**

Registration Required.

[Registration online](#)

## WALK THROUGH HISTORY:

### ROGERS' MILL

Wednesday, November 2

10 AM

**Rancocas Nature Center**

Walk in the footsteps of Squire Rogers as we investigate what is left of Rogers' Mill in Rancocas State Park. This once flourishing farm and mill was sacked by the British Army on June 20, 1778. Join Eric Orange, Division of Parks historian, and experience the American Revolution from a civilian's point of view.

Registration Required.

[Register online](#)

# HISTORY

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Wednesday, November 16

10 AM

Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences

From humble beginnings to billion dollar franchises, American Football's growth in American culture has been astonishing. Join Eric Orange, Division of Parks historian, as he explores the history of football.

Registration Required.

[Register online](#)



## ELLIS PARKER AND THE LINDBERGH KIDNAPPING

Wednesday, November 30

10 AM

Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences

In March 1932, the world became vested in the crime of the century, the kidnapping and murder of the Charles Lindbergh, Jr. baby. Bruno Hauptman was arrested, tried, and convicted after years of searching and debate. Throughout it all Burlington County Chief of Detectives, Ellis Parker, was working diligently to solve the crime. Marisa Bozarth, Museum Curator of History, will explore the crime, the trial, and the aftermath. Was Hauptman guilty? Did Parker know the real murderer? Come see for yourself.

Registration Required.

[Register online](#)

Zoom, 6 PM

Registration Required.

[Register online](#)

## ARTIFACT HIGHLIGHT VIDEOS

Join us as we begin season two of our series that takes you behind the scenes of the Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences collections. Each month will feature a different, rarely seen artifact. Learn how the artifact came into the collection, the history behind it, and the story it tells.

Videos will drop the week of September 26, October 24, and November 28.



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<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvTLyd5b1qhYB-O-bItoCoqqw2Vii69EI>

# HISTORY

## FAMOUS BIRTHDAY BIOGRAPHY SERIES

Marisa Bozarth, Museum Curator of History, will continue with our series on individuals born each month who have made an impact on the world through their art, writing, music, inventions, and scientific achievements. In their unique ways, all have impacted the lives of those around them.

### Wednesday, September 21

10 AM

#### Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences

Join us to hear the stories of inventor Andrew Grove, scientist Carl Anderson, architect William Jenney, author Roald Dahl, and politician Victoria Woodhull, among others.

Registration Required.

[Register online](#)

Zoom, 6 PM

Registration Required. [Register online](#)

### Wednesday, October 19

10AM

#### Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences

Join us to hear the stories of inventor Bill Gates, politician Theodore Roosevelt, producer Joseph Keaton, singer Mahalia Jackson, and columnist Emily Post, among others.

Registration Required.

[Register online](#)

Zoom, 6 PM

Registration Required. [Register online](#)

### Wednesday, November 9

10 AM

#### Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences

Join us to hear the stories of frontiersman Daniel Boone, artist Georgia O'Keefe, astronaut Alan Shepard, and artist Charles Shultz, among others.

Registration Required.

[Register online](#)

Zoom, 6 PM

Registration Required. [Register online](#)

## ADVENTURE TO THE PAST: HISTORY CAMP FOR ADULTS

Join Marisa Bozarth, Museum Curator of History, as we travel back to explore three decades in American history through stories, crafts, music, and other activities.

### THE ROARING 20s

Friday, October 7

10 AM

#### Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences

This week will be exploring the Roaring 20s. The 1920s brought us the stock market crash, women's rights, many products we still use today, the rise of Jazz, and fashion. We will delve into the decade by learning about some of the events that set the 20s apart and shaped our future, listening to era music, and making an era appropriate craft.

Registration Required. [Register online](#)

### BABY BOOMERS (1950s)

Friday, October 14

10 AM

#### Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences

This week we will be exploring the 1950s. The Baby Boom brought us advancements in science and technology, the flight to the suburbs, and the start of the Civil Rights Era. We will discuss some of the events that shaped a generation through music, stories, and crafts.

Registration Required. [Register online](#)

### THE ME DECADE (1970s)

Friday, October 21

10 AM

#### Burlington County Lyceum of History and Natural Sciences

This week we will be exploring the 1970s. Known as the "Me Decade", the 1970s ushered in Disco, advancements in technology, the first Earth Day celebration, Watergate, and many cultural changes. We will delve into the decade by learning about some of the events that set the 70s apart and shaped our future, listening to era music, sharing a snack, and doing an era appropriate activity.

Registration Required. [Register online](#)

# HISTORY



**Free**

Registration required. [Register online](#)

**Monday, September 12**

Categories: The French and Indian War, Botany, and “The Office”

**Monday, October 24**

Categories: Harvest, Haunted Burlington County, and “The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown”

**Monday, November 14**

Categories: Native Americans, American Wars, and Football

# HISTORY

## STORYTIME



Join our Museum Curator of History for Storytime live on the Burlington County Lyceum of Natural History & Sciences [Facebook](#) page followed by a short activity you can do at home.

***How The Cookie Crumbled: The True (and Not-so True) Stories of the Invention of the Chocolate Chip Cookie*** by Gilbert Ford

Friday, September 16  
10 am

Everyone loves chocolate chip cookies but not everyone knows where they came from. In this clever, award winning book, Ford sheds light on the sweet treat and reminds readers that just because a story is told doesn't mean it is true. Supplies needed: Baking tray, butter, sugar, flour, salt, and chocolate chips.

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***The Marvelous Thing That Came From A Spring: The Accidental Invention of the Toy That Swept the Nation*** by Gilbert Ford

Thursday, November 10  
10 am

In this book, Ford captures the joy, creativity, and determination behind the invention of an iconic, one-of-a-kind toy: the Slinky! Supplies needed: multiple colors of construction paper or card stock and tape.

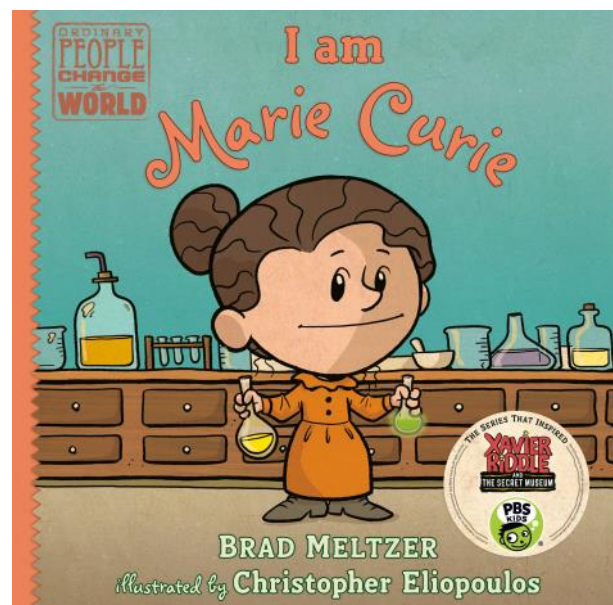
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***I Am Marie Curie*** by Brad Meltzer

Tuesday, October 11  
10 am

Being a female scientist in the 19<sup>th</sup> century meant Marie Curie faced plenty of obstacles, but she never let them dull her love of science and passion for learning. Hear the story, from award winning author Brad Meltzer, of the first woman to win the Nobel Prize. Supplies needed: licorice, gum drops or mini marshmallows, and toothpicks.

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# HISTORY

Historic Smithville Park  
803 Smithville Road | Eastampton

## HISTORIC SMITHVILLE MANSION TOURS

### Thursdays and Sundays

12:00 PM, 1:00 PM & 2:00 PM

Adults \$8.00 Seniors & Students \$7.00.

Special group rates are available for a group of 10 or more people.

Reservations are requested and can be made online at [www.smithvillemansion.org](http://www.smithvillemansion.org).

For more information email [sleinbach@smithvillemansion.org](mailto:sleinbach@smithvillemansion.org).

**November** – Mansion is closed. Reopens December 1, 2022 for Christmas Tours and Teas.

## HALLOWEEN WITCHES TEA AND TOUR AT SMITHVILLE MANSION

Halloween was perfectly suited to the Victorian age (1837 to 1901), a time when supernatural beliefs and practices of occultism became hugely popular, including séances, mediums, tarot card readings, ghost sightings, psychics, and fortune-telling.

\$25.00 per person.

October 22, 2022 12 PM  
October 29, 2022, 12 PM



All guests are encouraged to wear their favorite Witches hat or costume. Reservations are required and can be made online at [www.smithvillemansion.org](http://www.smithvillemansion.org).



## SPEAKER TEA: MISS SUTTON DOES THINGS DIFFERENTLY

Thursday, September 29, 12 PM \$25 per person

A Young Woman's Odyssey in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century from a local farmer's daughter to Red Cross Nurse as an international medical relief worker in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Includes, tea, sandwiches, desserts, and a tour of the Mansion. Reservations are required and can be made online at [www.smithvillemansion.org](http://www.smithvillemansion.org)

# HISTORY

Historic Smithville Park  
803 Smithville Road | Eastampton



## Historic Underground Railroad Museum of Burlington County New Jersey



The museum offers visitors a visual presentation of the Underground Railroad experience in America, with emphasis on New Jersey and Burlington County where the Underground Railroad flourished before the Civil War.

The museum is an independent organization. Please visit the Underground Railroad Museum Facebook page for more details and tour information.



Saturdays 12 PM to 4 PM  
To schedule a private tour please email [info@hugrrmbc.org](mailto:info@hugrrmbc.org) or call 609-914-1675



# Art Exhibits, Classes & Events

Historic Smithville Park | 803 Smithville Road | Eastampton



## Smithville Mansion Annex Gallery

Located upstairs inside the historic Smithville Mansion, the gallery features juried and themed fine art and photography exhibits and hosts the annual Burlington County Teen Arts Exhibit and Senior Art Show.

## Willingboro Art Alliance Open Show

July 28 – September 18

Please welcome the Willingboro Art Alliance 2022 Summer Open Show! Come out to the Annex Gallery, support your local artists, and see what they have created throughout the past year. A variety of unique styles are on display, including impressionism, realism, and abstracts. Mediums represented may include oils, watercolors, pastels, pen and ink, and collage.



## 46th Annual Juried Art Show

September 29 – November 20

Reception: September 30, 5 -7 PM

The most anticipated art show of the year welcomes a plethora of outstanding artists that will be featured at the Annex Gallery throughout the fall. Year after year, artists who enter this show, continue to demonstrate their creativity and innovation and highlight their best works of art. This year, we welcome everyone back into our galleries and are excited to showcase all the spectacular art.

# Art Exhibits, Classes & Events

Historic Smithville Park | 803 Smithville Road | Eastampton



## Worker's House Gallery

Built between 1865 and 1870, this duplex, nestled in The Smithville Village, housed H.B. Smith's workers along with their families during the factory's operation. Exhibits focus on handcrafts and group exhibits.



## The Language of Glass: Storytelling Through Color, Light, and Texture

August 4 – September 25

Reception:

September 23, 5 PM - 7 PM

Humans have been using colored glass for over a thousand years to communicate thoughts and information. Born of fire and fragile to the touch, glass is a bewildering material used to shed light on the world.

Macie Art Glass is proud to present new works by our studio artists and submissions from our amazing customers who fearlessly create with this mysterious material.



## Earth and Color: Featuring Kiya Nicole and Miho Kahn

October 6 – November 26

Miho and Kiya are inspired by their love of nature and by the artistic conversations that happen between the mother-daughter duo. They have very different artistic practices, but their wonder for the earth and their joy in creating bind them together. For this exhibit they come together in conversation with each other's work, taking inspiration from the colors and intuitive process of making.

# Art Exhibits, Classes & Events

150 High Street | Mount Holly



## Warden's House Gallery

Completed in 1888, this house, which is attached to the Historic Prison Museum, once served as the warden's living quarters. It is the permanent home of the Hugh Campbell collection and also highlights works by emerging artists.



### Souls Shot Portrait Project

July 21 – September 11  
Reception: September 9,  
5 PM - 7 PM

The Souls Shot Portrait Project blends unique styles and personalities into a single collective artwork that forces

viewers to confront what we have lost and to inspire empathy and action in the fight to end gun violence.



### ONGOING: Hugh Campbell Collection: A Local Odyssey

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Exhibit

Hugh H. Campbell was a man of many talents. He

expressly captured his own view of Mount Holly and surrounding areas through the self-taught use of his paintbrush. He was an artist, published author, and philosopher who lived an extremely minimalistic life. Sometimes called the "Van Gogh of Mount Holly" Hugh Campbell was a man who painted voraciously and then lined his canvases in front of a wall on High Street to sell. This shifting exhibit includes artifacts and select works from the Hugh H. Campbell archives.

### Rick Rose: Framed in the Warden's House

September 22 – November 12

Local artist Rick Rose grew up in Mt Holly New Jersey, attended the Philadelphia University of Arts, and then moved to Maine. He now currently splits his time between Maine and New Jersey. Wherever Rick is, his art is tethered to the moments and places in his life. Visits to the woods provide images and memories that combine art and life. Strong color and kinetic energy vibrate to give a moment for thoughts to emerge. Photos and memories of time provide the structure from which he works. Rick starts by building layers of color on canvas, paper, or alternative materials. Everything from maps to take-out menus are used, and layers are then often wiped off and re-layered. While the ebb and flow of the process is much like wandering in the woods, instinct and a sense of direction guide his way. Through drawing and color, flow the metaphors of life. "Art is like a bike – it is a vehicle to transport you." – Rick Rose

### Gallery Hours:

Thursday-Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM

Sunday: 12 - 4 PM

*Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to give two weeks advance notification by calling (609) 265-5858*

All our museums and galleries are ADA accessible.



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# Art Exhibits, Classes & Events



Improv continues to be one of the fastest growing performing arts in the US. It's in movies, TV shows, Broadway, and now right here in Burlington!

ComedySportz, the longest-running show in Philadelphia history, is bringing its Intro to Improv Workshop this summer to Burlington County Parks. This workshop is a great way for individuals to find their creative side, regardless of their performing experience. One of our experienced instructors will teach the students the basics of improv and how to play some of our favorite ComedySportz games.

We'll teach you the basics: agreement ("yes, and-ing"), active listening, commitment, working as a team, taking risks, and being present in the moment, and then apply those skills to some of our favorite games like Try That On For Size, Dr. Know It All, and Advice Panel.

You'll learn how to improvise in an inclusive and welcoming environment and have lots of fun doing it. No two classes will ever be the same!

## Smithville Park—7 PM

- September 8 [Register online](#)
- September 15 [Register online](#)
- September 29 [Register online](#)
- October 6 [Register online](#)
- October 13 [Register online](#)

## Autumn Ramble Photo Walk- Amico Island

September 23, 3 PM

Amico Island

[Register Now!](#)

Come out for a relaxed hike around Amico Island Park. This 55-acre peninsula features a diverse collection of habitats and terrain. You'll find upland forests, freshwater ponds, wetlands, river shorelines, and meadows. The park also offers beautiful river vistas and wildlife observation opportunities. Overlook areas are sited to capture stunning viewsheds of the waterways and marinas surrounding the park. Due to the location next to the Delaware River and surrounded by water on three sides, Amico Island hosts more species of birds than any other County Park. The focus will be on learning some simple techniques, with the goal of capturing more intriguing images. No matter what the location or subject, there is always another way to look at it from another perspective.

Prerequisites: A camera (digital recommended) and a basic understanding of photography.

Meet near the parking lot.

Please dress appropriately for the weather and conditions, as we may encounter heat, insects, or mud, and we will be hiking through the park.



# Art Exhibits, Classes & Events



## Big Idea Committee - Big Thinkers

### Workshop

**Saturday, September 24, 11 AM—12 PM**

Ages 5 - 8

Annex Gallery, Historic Smithville Park

[Register Now!](#)

What's your BIG idea? Join the musical journey of fun, games, grand adventures, acts of kindness and, of course, song and dance. All in favor? Say, "AYE"!

Big Idea Committee blends musical theatre vocals and live cello instrumentals to create an interactive and theatrical experience for kids (ages 3-8). President Christine and VP Melissa, along with everyone's favorite musical friend, Karl the Cello, facilitate the committee by engaging BIG Thinkers in the power (and fun!) of their ideas. You're invited to explore big ideas through imaginative play.

## Drawing from Nature

**Thursdays at 4 PM**

**September 22** [Register Now!](#)

**October 20** [Register Now!](#)

**November 17** [Register Now!](#)

Any artistic level is welcome!

Worker's House Gallery, Historic Smithville Park

Join us for some much-needed fresh air, in a workshop, where we draw inspiration from natural settings and subjects. During this light instructional class, we will discuss different types of drawing techniques and skills along with a theme. The class is led by Leeannwyn Stoner who is a New Jersey resident, Syracuse University BFA Painting graduate, studied DRAW with sculptor Lawson Smith and is a Hiram Gee Fellowship recipient. She is a working artist and Fine Art instructor, teaching and instilling in her students that drawing is the basis of all creative arts.

This class will be outside depending on the weather.

## Drawing Hidden Faces in Nature

**Sunday, October 16, 12-3PM**

All Ages

Workers House Gallery, Historic Smithville Park

[Register Now!](#)

Discover hidden images in the world around you and turn them into drawings so you can share them with others. This workshop is based on the phenomenon known as *pareidolia*. It will focus on finding faces and other imagery in textural patterns like tree bark, clouds, wood grain, wrinkled fabric etc., and turning those discoveries into drawings.

We will start by looking at examples, and then head outside, weather permitting, to explore and look for images on the grounds. Participants will sketch and photograph their discoveries. Then after a short break we will work on more developed drawings interpreting the imagery we found.



# Art Exhibits, Classes & Events

## Autumn Acrylics: Painting Workshop

October 28, 3 pm- 5pm

Worker's House Gallery, Historic Smithville Park

Any artistic level is welcome!

[Register Now!](#)

Come experience a new 2-hour instructional painting workshop that celebrates the colors of FALL! This 2-hour workshop will offer a step-by-step guide to painting on canvas board with color mixing, paint application, and techniques to create your own FALL painting. Bring your own fall color-inspired acrylic paint & brushes (simple supply list below). We will supply the canvas board, black & white paint for color mixing, instruction, and a Fall-themed still life set-up.

Acrylic Paint: Supply List: Beginners- Fluid, liquid, or bottled acrylic for easy mixing & application.

Experienced- Any paint type; tube versions will be thicker. No less than 2fl oz and NO Metallic.

Recommended colors: *Brown* (burnt umber) *Orange* (cadmium yellow) *Red* (crimson or burnt sienna) *Antique White* (tan) *Yellow* (primary or ochre) *Green* (leaf or sap).



## Crankie Theaters

Saturday, November 5th, 12 PM - 2 PM

Annex Gallery , Historic Smithville Park

Ages 9 - Adult

Beginner to Intermediate

[Register Now!](#)

What's a Crankie ? A Storytelling Machine!

Build your Crankie and bring your own stories to life with this 100% DIY process akin to comics and movies.

Crankie theater is an old narrative art form that is related to comic strips and early moving pictures. They are an especially portable and accessible way to create your own world and characters, bringing others together to enjoy a story.

With hands on exploration time to build our own crankies and story scrolls, we will learn an old technique of sharing our perspectives and our artwork through sequential illustration. We will be mindful of how art can be made from recycled and everyday objects, and we will celebrate how everyone has their own stories to tell.

All materials needed are included.





# Burlington County AGRICULTURAL CENTER

500 Centerton Road | Moorestown, NJ 08057

## Classes & Workshops

### Resourceful Roly Polies

Learn about our resourceful roly polies in this hands-on interactive children's class at the Farmhouse with Mindy's Den. Participants will cover the important role roly polies (also known as pillbugs and doodlebugs) play in the environment. We will study live specimens, listen to an interactive story, play a game teaching 5 facts, and do a related craft together.

September 10, 2pm – 3:30pm

\$25, [Register here](#)

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September 24, 2pm – 3:30pm

\$25, [Register here](#)

### Gardens: Seed Saving and Fall Prep

Join us at the Ag Center in our demonstration garden with farmer Liam to learn the process of saving seeds from basil, calendula, zinnia, sunflower, squash and pepper varieties. We'll talk about proper seed storage over winter and identify methods of overwintering and protecting some plants for perennial preservation. We will be hands on in the garden and inside the farmhouse. This class is geared to both home gardeners and small-scale farmers.

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September 21, 5:30pm

\$20, [Register here](#)

### Making Your Own Bitters

Bitters are prepared according to secret recipes using bitter herbs, leaves, fruits, seeds, or roots and sometimes alcohol or sugar. Working with Chef Tamara, learn a simple and easily customized way to make your own aromatic bitters for you mocktail/ cocktail bar. In many countries. Bitters are an essential part of drink making, whether you are making a classic cocktail or creating your own mocktail. While popular brands are readily available, it's fun and quite satisfying to make your own flavor profiles.

September 27, 6pm

\$40, [Register here](#)

### The Scoop on the Coop: Chickens 101

Learn whether keeping hens is the right move for you from local expert, Gwenne Baile. In this class we discuss the benefits of having backyard hens for composting, sustainability and permaculture. Learn how hens help with insect control and provide wonderful fertilizer for the garden while significantly decreasing food waste in trash. Learn why towns all over South Jersey are modifying their old ordinances to allow backyard hens. Gwenne will bring one of her therapy chickens to class. Learn how to put hens to work in your yard!

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September 29, 6pm

\$25, [Register here](#)

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## **Seed Exploration**

This is a hands-on, interactive class about recycling for kids. Get face to face with worms to learn about their superpower - worm composting. We will build our own wind turbine to experiment and learn more about wind energy. We'll play a sorting game and learn how to recycle crayons into new ones we can take home!

This is a drop off class but each child's ticket includes a supervising adult, if you prefer. Class is rain or shine. We will be outside as weather permits.

**October 1, 2pm**

\$20, [Register here](#)

## **Winter is Coming: Gardening for Cold Weather**

The growing season does not have to end when summer ends. There are plants that do well through fall and into winter for home gardens. In this class we will cover cool weather crops, winter squash harvests (and uses), and do a garlic planting demonstration. Lots of time for gardening Q&A in this class.

Burlington County Agricultural Center

October 3, 5:30pm

\$20, [Register here](#)

## **Homemade Cavatelli**

Come to the Farmhouse Kitchen and learn to make traditional cavatelli!

In a country with a food culture as strong as Italy's there are many food traditions, like certain pasta shapes are made with specific sauces. Cavatelli pasta, small shells that look like tiny hot dog buns, are most commonly served with garlic and broccoli or broccoli rabe. We'll get hands on mixing the pasta dough, forming and then rolling our cavatelli on special boards to get their traditional texture. Then we will make sauteed broccoli rabe and sausage in a shallot garlic white wine sauce to top our homemade cavatelli. The class will taste our dish together and everyone will take some fresh cavatelli home.

October 6, 6pm

\$45, [Register here](#)

## **Cranberry Orange Vinegar**

The aroma and colorful flavors of cranberry and orange shine through in this tasty vinegar. Use it to make a delicious marinade for chicken or turkey, or in a vinaigrette. The recipe for a marinade will be given; tie it on the jar for a thoughtful gift.

Water bath canning as a preserving method will be taught. Class is hands on for participants. Please bring a small bag or box to take a jar home (product will be hot!)

October 12, 6pm

\$40, [Register here](#)

## **Italian Chocolate Budino**

Budino is the Italian answer to pudding with their own custardy spin on it. A traditional budino often includes a crunchy cookie layer. Working with Chef Mike of Traveling Chef, we will go through the tips to getting the right texture and then work on our amaretti cookie layer. This class is hands on and we will take what we make in class.

October 11, 6pm

\$35, [Register here](#)

## **Bulb Lasagna Workshop**

Chase away those winter blues with a vibrant, long blooming spring display! Different spring bulbs bloom at varying points from March through April and by planting in layers, you're guaranteed a whole spring's worth of successive blossoming. You bring the container and a bag of potting soil. We'll bring the bulbs and show the right technique. You'll take home a pot ready for spring, planted with bulbs like daffodils, tulips and crocuses.

Details about pot sizing will be sent with registration confirmation. Create your own bulb lasagna for spring!

**October 14, 6pm**

\$40, [Register here](#)



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## **Pumpkin Soup in Edible Soup Bowls**

This is the perfect way to dress up this seasonal favorite! You will prepare and roast a perfectly sized pumpkin to use as the vessel in this holiday first course. Together we'll make a wonderful soup recipe that can be used for most any squash throughout the season. Learn to flash fry sage for the garnish and then serve the soup in its roasted vessel. We will all enjoy our creations together in class. Great way to up the presentation for your holiday table.

**October 18, 6pm**  
\$40, [Register here](#)

## **Traditional Italian Cannoli**

One cannolo, two cannoli, three cannoli, more! What is the trick to perfect homemade cannoli? Join Chef Mike in the Farmhouse Kitchen and learn to make crisp shells and the traditional filling for classic Italian cannoli. In this hands on session you will learn everything from shaping and cooking shells to whipping up the right ratios for a sweet, creamy filling. Then we will fill our cannoli, dipping and decorating for that final touch. Burlington County Agricultural Center

**October 22, 6pm**  
\$40, [Register here](#)

## **Mozzarella From Scratch**

Learn the basics of using rennet to turn milk into cheese in a mozzarella-making demonstration. Then we'll go through the tips to stretching a sweet, tender curd into your own fresh mozzarella balls. We'll wrap up class with a cheese tasting and comparison between a fresh mozzarella and more aged farmstead cheeses. Depart with some fresh mozzarella and cheesemaking information to use at home.

**October 25, 6pm**  
\$55, [Register here](#)

## **Homemade Tagliatelle**

In this pasta making class we will learn how to make a hand cut tagliatelle pasta with a mixed mushroom brandy cream sauce to finish it.

Tagliatelle is a long, flat, ribbon-shaped egg pasta made from semolina. Its name comes from the Italian verb, tagliare, meaning "to cut." The reason is that tagliatelle is traditionally made by rolling the dough into flat sheets and then cutting it into ribbons using a kitchen knife. In stores, it is available either in straight ribbons or coiled into nests. We will make our dough together, cut the pasta dough and then create its finishing sauce. After a taste of our handiwork, everyone will go home with some freshly made tagliatelle ribbons.

**October 27, 6pm**  
\$45, [Register here](#)

## **Gifts from the Kitchen: Chai Spiced Shortbread**

Using all the warm flavors of the season we will combine chai tea and molasses to make these delicious cut out cookies. This is a deliciously simple recipe you will surely want to add to your cookie recipe collection. We'll be hands on working to mix, bake, cut out and decorate our cookies as we enjoy some tea -- chai, of course.

**November 2, 6pm**  
\$40, [Register here](#)

## **Autumnal Risotto**

Risotto is comfort food. Making the perfect risotto - flavorful, creamy and toothsome - is a skill easily acquired with some practice. Get into the Farmhouse Kitchen with Chef Mike to learn about the importance of mise en place in a dish like risotto. We will get hands on prepping all our autumnal ingredients, learn the secrets of proper risotto rice, and the techniques in getting the right consistency and texture in the finished dish. We will taste our risotto together in class.

**November 3, 6pm**  
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## Elegant Italian Zabaione

Zabaione is an elegant Italian dessert whose origins date back into the 15<sup>th</sup> century. A light custard made with a sweet wine is whipped to a froth and served with fresh fruit or Italian dipping cookies such as *savoardi* (Italian ladyfingers), or *amaretti*. In this class, Chef Mike will take you on a deep dive into the process of making this traditional dessert his family has been making since he was a boy.

**November 10, 6pm**

\$40, [Register here](#)

## Recycling with Rocky Raccoon

This is a hands-on, interactive class about recycling for kids. Get face to face with worms to learn about their superpower - worm composting. We will build our own wind turbine to experiment and learn more about wind energy. We'll play a sorting game and learn how to recycle crayons into new ones we can take home!

This class is a drop off class but each child's ticket includes a supervising adult, if you prefer. Class is rain or shine. We will be outside as weather permits.

**November 12, 11 am**

\$20, [Register here](#)

## Gifts from the Kitchen: Maple Candy

Maple candies make impressive autumn hostess gifts or as a delicious treat for yourself and your loved ones. We'll get hands-on to make and mold the candy using only pure maple syrup, as we discuss the tips and tricks to crafting these delectable, melt in your mouth treats. While we work, we'll talk about maple syrup -of course- and about how the tapping process works to make the syrup itself.

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**November 14, 6pm**

\$40, [Register here](#)

## Cranberry Rum Sauce

This uniquely flavored condiment is wonderful with scones, muffins or English muffins. Don't save it just for tea or dessert. It also makes a deliciously different accompaniment for poultry, pork or ham. Water bath canning preservation method will be taught. Class is hands on for participants. Please bring a small bag or box to take a jar home (the sauce will be hot).

**November 16, 6pm**

\$40, [Register here](#)

## Fresh Farmstead Cheesemaking

In this hands-on class, we build on the principles taught in our mozzarella classes. Learn the tricks to using different coagulants while we make three classic fresh farmstead cheeses from different parts of the globe: fresh chevre, cottage cheese, and paneer.

After your instructors guide you through making all three cheeses, they will demonstrate how to cook with paneer (who knew there was a cheese that doesn't melt?), followed by a cheese tasting and comparison of the fresh farmstead cheeses and more aged varieties. We heartily suggest that you take our Mozzarella From Scratch class to learn the basics before Farmstead Cheeses, but it is not required.

**November 29, 6pm**

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## Burlington County Farmers Market

### 8:30AM TO 1PM

### EVERY SATURDAY THROUGH OCTOBER

Supporting your local farmers market is always in season.

#### Live Music

September 3 – Opus Soul  
September 10 – John Byrne  
September 17 – Nice Hatts  
September 24 – Warm Hearted Country

October 1 – Full Circle  
October 8 – 2 Deep  
October 15 – Camille Peruto  
October 22 – Old Man Garage Band  
October 29 – JB Rocks

November 19 – Acoustic Explorer  
December 3 – Heidi Winzinger & Sharis

Join us each Saturday at 10am in the Farmhouse Kitchen for a free, chef-led Cooking Demo - always featuring farm-fresh seasonal fruits and veggies.

FALL is a perfect time to Shop Local,  
Eat Local and Enjoy Local ~

**September** is when the best of summer is still in season! Support local and pick up tomatoes, watermelon, cantaloupe, apples, plums, sweet corn and so much more locally grown produce. Enjoy a little taste testing at our local breweries and distillery. Relax with family and friends and your favorite hot coffee or tea, baked goods and prepared foods, while enjoying live music all morning.

**October** welcomes those cool weather crops, such as broccoli, spinach, beets, melons, carrots, pumpkins, and more crisp apples. It's that time of year for the best seasonal soups, bisques, honey, apple cheese spreads, apple jams, artisan cheeses and chocolates, fresh baked goods and farm fresh eggs, lamb, beef and pork. Check out the work of our local artists and crafters, too.

Special Post-Season Holiday Markets on  
**November 19 & December 3**  
Special Hours 10am to 2pm

So much is still in season as you prepare for your Thanksgiving feast and beyond, with cauliflower, beans, beets, broccoli, squash, apples, pumpkins, jams and jellies. Pick up fresh pies, wreaths & centerpieces for your holiday tables.

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you'd like to receive weekly market newsletters.



## RANCOCAS NATURE CENTER OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Thursdays, September 1, October 6, & November 3  
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

All are welcome. Club meets the first Thursday of every month in the Rancocas Nature Center classroom or at a designated alternative outdoor location. Contact [rencphotoclub@gmail.com](mailto:rencphotoclub@gmail.com) for details.

## RANCOCAS GARDEN CLUB

Saturday, September 10, 17, 24 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

All are welcome. The Rancocas Garden Club is a great way to volunteer at the center, learn about native plants from a Master Gardener, and help to maintain the beauty and purpose of the several wildlife-friendly gardens we cultivate. The Club meets seasonally on Saturdays and is coordinated by Master Gardener Candy Myers with assistance from Carol and Bree. Inclement weather cancels. Register online or by emailing [info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org) to be included on the list and to confirm your participation.

## INTERPRETIVE TRAIL HIKE

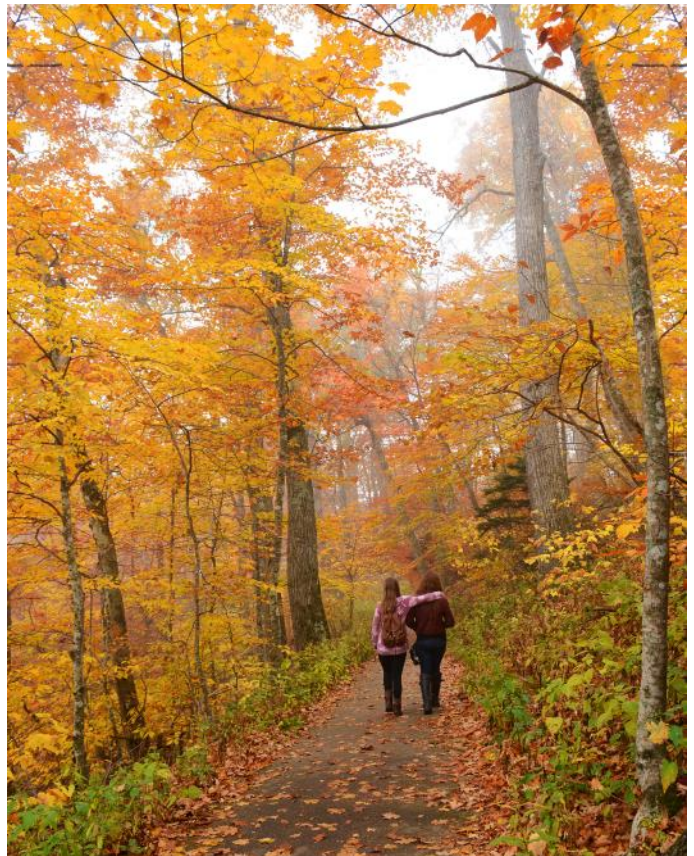
Sundays, September 11, October 2 & November 6  
1:30 to 2:30 PM

Join Rancocas Nature Center for an interpretive hike through our varied habitats. It's a great way to become familiar with the trails. Bring a camera and/or binoculars as we'll be sure to stop at scenic spots along the way. The easy pace is suitable for all ages, but you'll need a child carrier to transport small children. Registration is limited. Program is free; FRNC membership suggested. Register online or by emailing [info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org). Inclement weather cancels.

## YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR ADULT SERIES

Tuesdays, September 13, 27, October 11, 25,  
November 8, 22 2:00 to 3:30 PM

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, we've created a special program for seniors where they can interact with the Rancocas resident animals and education staff. During each session, the program leader will encourage participants to engage in sharing information and life-experiences that pertain to the featured animal species. We're hoping that this new approach to interacting with our educational animals generates happy remembrances, a fuller understanding of the species, and a fun afternoon for all. Depending on the weather, the indoor program will be followed by a short, optional guided hike. Registration is limited. Program is free; FRNC membership suggested. Register online or by emailing [info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org).



## LITTLE SPROUTS

**Wednesdays, September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26 10:30 to 11:30 AM**

This gardening program is for ages 2 to 6 years-old accompanied by an adult. Each session will focus on a different aspect of gardening and include work time in the garden. Please dress accordingly.

Register online or at

[info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org). There is no charge for this program, but participants need to be Rancocas Nature Center members. Inclement weather cancels.

**September 14--Fall Planting:** It is the perfect time to plant fall vegetables! We will check out and harvest what has been growing throughout the summer, and plant cold tolerant plants for the fall.

**September 21--Harvesting Color:** We will use plants from the garden to make natural dyes and then use them to paint!

**September 28--Popcorn Palooza:** We will harvest, shuck, pop, and taste the popcorn that we grew in the garden!

**October 5--Fall Clean-Up:** Even gardens need tidying up sometimes! We will remove the finished plants, spread some mulch, and add some cover crops.

**October 12--Bulbs:** Fall means it's time to plant the bulbs! We will plant both flower bulbs and garlic bulbs in the garden for next spring.

**October 19--Fall Leaves:** Together we will rake fall leaves, shred them for the compost, and maybe even jump in the biggest pile while we're at it!

**October 26--Pumpkin Party:** So many different colors, shapes, sizes, and textures of pumpkins. We will observe a variety of pumpkins, sort them, check out what's inside, and of course--decorate a pumpkin!

## HUMP-DAY AFTER-WORK HIKES

**Wednesdays, September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9 5:30 to 7:00 PM**

Like to hike, but don't like doing it alone? Come on out for a brisk hike in nature--at the perfect time to enjoy fall's color and view the week-to-week changes in the natural world.

Register online or at [info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org).

Program is free; FRNC membership suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

## ABC NATURE JOURNALING

**Thursdays, September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 4, 11, 18 10:00 to 11:30 AM**

This early literacy program is for ages 4 to 6 years-old (PreK to 1st grade) accompanied by an adult. Utilizing a nature journal, children will learn the letters of the alphabet, sight words relating to nature, and practice writing skills. Each week's lesson will focus on different letters and include time to write and draw in their journal, and a trail hike. Minimum registration per session: 10 students. Register by emailing [info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org). Cost: \$15/per child/per session (with a current Rancocas membership). Discounted rate: \$60/for five sessions. A materials fee may apply.

## AUTUMN NATURE JOURNALING: POETRY

**Thursdays, September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13 1:00 to 2:30 PM**

Geared toward homeschoolers, this elementary literacy program is for ages 7 to 11 years-old (2nd to 5th grade). Students will utilize a nature journal as a writing motivator for 7-11 years old (2nd - 5th graders). Students will utilize a nature journal as a writing motivator and will tap into a variety of senses as we explore "nature in autumn." Pre-writing skills covered will include rhyming words, alliterations, idea webs, and outlines. Building on these skills, students will use their nature journal observations and ideas to create various types of poems. Each session will focus on a different style of poetry. Minimum registration: 10 students. Register by emailing [info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org). Cost: \$15/per child/per session (with a current Rancocas membership). Discounted rate: \$60/for five sessions. A materials fee may apply.

## CONSTRUCTING NATURE

**Thursdays, September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 4, 11, 18 1:00 to 3:00 PM**

Geared toward homeschoolers, this engineering-inspired program is for ages 12 to 15 years-old. Students will learn to use (with permission and under supervision) basic hand tools while exercising their creative muscles! There are many engineers in nature and many ways to collect and observe organisms. In this hands-on class, students will replicate some familiar and not-so-familiar homes of animals, and design and construct their own scientific sampling tools. Minimum registration: 10 students. Register by emailing [info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org). Cost: \$15/per child/per session (with a current Rancocas membership). Discounted rate: \$60/for five sessions. A materials fee may apply, depending on the weekly topic.

## PATHFINDERS: SERIES FOR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH STUDENTS

**Thursdays, September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 4, 11, 18 3:00 to 5:00 PM**

This weekly program looks to engage 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in natural history programs that utilize the Rancocas State Park preserve as an outdoor classroom. Themes for each week's activities are chosen by the group participants from a wide variety of topics based on their interests, seasonal options, and the expertise of Rancocas educational staff. Each program will include hands-on activities and investigations and observations while hiking on the center's trails. Minimum registration: 10 students. Register by emailing [info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org). Cost: \$15/per child/per session (with a current Rancocas membership). Discounted rate: \$60/for five sessions.

## ESCAPE ART: PLEIN AIRE WATERCOLOR PAINTING



**Thursday, September 15 5:30 to 7:00 PM**

Looking for an opportunity to get art & crafty? Join us for an evening of art making and fun! Plein Aire painting is painting in the outdoors. We will set up in the meadow and paint the beautiful flowers that are in bloom this time of year. We will be using watercolor paints. Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own brushes and paints if you have them. No experience necessary. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will bring some flowers indoors to paint. Cost: \$25/person (all supplies included). Register at [info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org). Payment is due with registration. Space is limited.

## WOODSY WONDERERS

**Fridays, September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

Geared for ages 3 to 6 years-old (parental participation required). Each class will include a story, a natural area exploration, student-led inquiry, and free play. Based on the "forest schools" concept, this outdoor education model focuses on student interactions with natural spaces and offers hands-on learning in a woodland environment. This program is 100% outdoors and will take place with most types of weather including light drizzle and the cold. The exception is heavy rain/winds, thunderstorms, or other unsafe conditions. Registration is limited-- please register by emailing [info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org). Cost: \$15/per child/per session (with a current Rancocas membership).

## SCIENCE OUTDOORS

**Fridays, September 16, 23, 30, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 4, 11, 18 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

The Rancocas Nature Center is a great place for elementary students through grade 6 to explore the sciences. During this 2-hour program, weekly themes will focus on the changing rhythms of the season and offer the best hands-on experiences. Activities and trail hikes will visit areas of the Rancocas preserve where exploration, observation, and experimentation hold keys to the wetland, meadow, and forest habitats that our plants and animals call home. STEM concepts and animal interactions will be integrated into the activities for a fuller understanding of the local ecosystem. This program is 100% outdoors and will take place with most types of weather including light drizzle and the cold. The exception is heavy rain/winds, thunderstorms, or other unsafe conditions. Minimum registration: 10 students. Register by emailing [info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org). Cost: \$15/per child/per session (with a current Rancocas membership). Discounted rate: \$60/for five sessions.

## SATURDAY GUIDED WALKS

**Saturdays, September 17, October 22 & November 19 10:30 to 11:30 AM**

Studies show that taking a walk in a natural area is good for your physical and mental health. Adults and interested teenagers can join Rancocas Nature Center for a Saturday guided hike in the preserve. Registration is limited. Register online or at [info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org). Program is free; FRNC membership suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

## SCOUTS BSA: NATURE MERIT BADGE

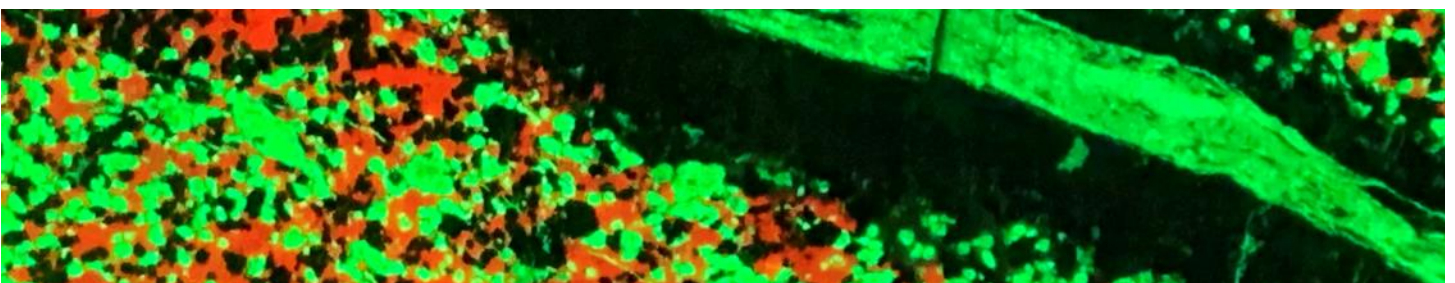
**Saturday, September 24 2:00 to 7:30 PM**

Earn your *Nature Merit Badge* with the Rancocas Nature Center. Certified Merit Badge counselors will lead you through most requirements for this badge in a one-day outdoor workshop utilizing the Rancocas preserve and trails. The workshop concludes with an evening hike in search of local, nocturnal mammals and other wildlife. You will be required to complete requirements 1 and 2 on your own. Bring a backpack with water bottle and snacks (if desired) and wear comfortable clothes. Cost: \$35/per scout. Register by emailing [education@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:education@rancocasnaturecenter.org). Please bringing \$5 extra to contribute to pizza for dinner.

## LET'S SHED SOME LIGHT ON LUMINESCENCE!

**Saturday, October 1 6:30 to 8:30 PM**

Luminescence, the ability of organisms and minerals to produce light, is a fascinating characteristic. This early evening program will focus on several ways nature has of creating light--bioluminescence, fluorescence, and phosphorescence. Participants will learn how and why these properties appear in nature, will examine examples of luminescent wood and minerals, and experiment with fluorescent paint to create a work of art that glows. Followed by a guided walk on the Rancocas trails to observe objects in nature, participants can end the evening by enjoying the light and warmth of an old-fashioned campfire. Cost: \$12/per person Rancocas members; \$15/per person, non-members. Register at [info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org). Inclement weather cancels. If possible, bring a UV flashlight.



## EXPLORING BRIGANTINE ISLAND-- BIRDING FIELD TRIP

**Saturday, October 8 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Spend the morning, with experienced birder Bob Leifeste and Rancocas naturalist Mary Belko, looking for shorebirds staging along the beaches of Brigantine Island. Large flocks can be seen sometimes at this time of year. We will check out both the north and south end, and look for migrating butterflies and dragonflies along the dunes. If you have not spent much time in Brigantine, come and see the island. Bring a lunch and wear comfortable shoes and clothes to walk the beach. Meet at the far end of the Acme parking lot on Harbor Beach Boulevard. Register online or by emailing [info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org). Program is free, but FRNC membership is encouraged. Site directions are emailed to participants prior to program date. Inclement weather cancels.

## RANCOCAS FRIENDS FALL FUN DAY

**Sunday, October 9 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

Scarecrows, pumpkins, colorful gardens, and diverse hiking trails all contribute to a fun day at the nature center for our friends, supporters, and the community. On tap are activities for all ages, including scarecrow building, a self-guided pumpkin hunt, a search for Monarch migration in the meadow, and the "Sensory Activity Area." Register at [info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org) to reserve your time slot for the scarecrow building. Fee for that activity (please pay at center): Rancocas members, \$30/per scarecrow (one per family); non-members, \$40/per scarecrow (one per family). All other activities—FREE, but donations are encouraged. This outdoor program cancels for inclement weather.

## AUTUMN NATURE JOURNALING: STORIES

**Thursdays, October 20, 27, November 4, 11, 18 1:00 to 2:30 PM**

Geared toward homeschoolers, this elementary literacy program is for ages 7 to 11 years-old (2nd to 5th grade). Students will utilize a nature journal as a writing motivator and will tap into a variety of senses as we explore "nature in autumn." Pre-writing skills covered will include rhyming words, alliterations, idea webs, topic outlines, and sub-topic supporting details. Building on these skills, students will use their nature journal observations and ideas to create various story types. Each session looks to expand the individual student's writing ability and focus on sentence, paragraph, and multiple paragraph structure as needed. Minimum registration: 10 students. Register by emailing [info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org). Cost: \$15/per child/per session (with a current Rancocas membership). Discounted rate: \$60/for five sessions. There is a one-time materials fee of \$10/per child.

## ESCAPE ART: PRINTING WITH LEAVES

**Thursday, October 20 6:30 to 8:00 PM**

Looking for an opportunity to get art & crafty? Join us for an evening of art making and fun! We will experiment with printmaking by inking up real leaves and feathers to print with on paper. Mix and match colors of paper and ink and mount your favorites on cardstock to make a few greeting cards and other creations. No experience necessary. Cost: \$25/person (all supplies included). Register at [info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org). Payment is due with registration. Space is limited.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

**Saturday, October 22 9:30 to 11:30 AM**

Come out and participate in “Make a Difference Day” at the Nature Center. Projects include invasive plant removal, fall planting, mulching, and garden maintenance. Individuals, please register via Sign-up Genius under Rancocas Nature Center “Make a Difference Day.” Please contact [education@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:education@rancocasnaturecenter.org) to make group arrangements. Groups are encouraged to join us and welcome to stay longer. This volunteer program is free. Inclement weather cancels.

## HUMP-DAY AFTERNOON HIKE

**Wednesdays, November 16, 23, 30 2:00 to 3:30 PM**

Like to hike, but don’t like doing it alone? Come on out for a brisk hike in nature—the perfect way to get some exercise incorporated into your day. Breathe deep, relax, and enjoy the weekly changes you observe as the season progresses. Register online or at [info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org). Program is free; FRNC membership suggested. Inclement weather cancels.

## ESCAPE ART: NATURE’S ORNAMENTS

**Thursday, November 17 6:30 to 8:00 PM**

Looking for an opportunity to get art and crafty? Join us for an evening of art making and fun! Natural materials like shells, pinecones, and dried flowers will be used to make several small decorations/ornaments that you can gift, use year-round, or save for the holidays. All materials will be provided, or you can bring natural materials from your own collection. Cost: \$25/person (all supplies included). Register at [info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org). Payment is due with registration. Space is limited.

## GIRL SCOUTS NIGHT OWL BADGE: CADETTES

**Saturday, November 19 5:30 to 8:00 PM**

Join Rancocas naturalists for an evening of fun while earning your Night Owl Badge. Learn about nocturnal animals, practice using your senses in the dark, and take a guided night hike on our trails. Hear stories about the constellations as we gather around a campfire and enjoy s’mores. In addition, an astronomer will be on hand to answer questions about the stars and to assist with observations of the night sky through a telescope. Register individually or as a troop by emailing [education@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:education@rancocasnaturecenter.org). Cost: \$18/per scout (badge included). Each scout needs to bring a camp chair.

## BARNEGAT AND LBI BIRDING FIELD TRIP

**Saturday, November 27 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Join us to explore the sea wall and beach around old Barney in search of fall and winter migrants. We never know what will show up. Depending on sightings and conditions, we may check out an additional spot in search of shorebirds, raptors, and winter ducks. Please wear comfortable shoes, dress for the weather and possible wind, and bring your binoculars or scope. Leaders: Mary Belko and Bob Leifeste. Park in the Barnegat Light parking lot. Register online or by emailing [info@rancocasnaturecenter.org](mailto:info@rancocasnaturecenter.org). Program is free, but FRNC membership is suggested. Site directions are emailed to participants prior to program date. Inclement weather cancels.