

The Rogers Center Journal

Rogers Environmental Education Center



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Monday-Friday
8:30 am - 4:45 pm
Saturday 1:00 - 4:45 pm
Sunday (*June-August only*)
1:00 - 4:45 pm
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Friends of Rogers operates a bookstore in the Visitor Center. Come in and look through the many field guides and natural history books for all ages – **all at 20 percent off retail prices!**
We can also special order that hard-to-find nature title!

The Rogers Center Journal is published quarterly and produced by Darlene Miller. If you wish to subscribe, please contact Rogers Center.

Notes From The Director

by Marsha Guzewich

Summer races by and activities settle down again to the rhythm of fall. School groups come to Rogers for lessons and explorations, and there are the usual weekend programs, teacher workshops, fall festivals and visits to talk with adult groups.

Fall is one of the most beautiful seasons in Central New York. Be sure to include a visit to Rogers Center, as there are several new things to learn about.

The willow structure, first planted at Earth Fest 2004 is a leaf-covered dome, welcoming anyone short or agile enough to get into it. Headwaters Youth Conservation Corps Crew worked at Rogers for their whole summer season and created a new trail on the hillside portion of the Cush Hill parcel. The trail leads you through lovely woods, complete with sounds of a babbling brook and a variety of birds. Summer crews have been busy with trail maintenance, landscaping projects and generally keeping the Center looking cared-for.

The Outdoor Classroom is indeed up and working out very nicely. The dedication and official opening will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2004 at 10:00 am.

Come to Rogers Center to see the changes.



The Finished Outdoor Classroom!

Friends of Rogers Update

by Byron Harrington

See special announcement on back page!

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 The quarterly newsletter with fun,
 stimulating activities that teach
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 Fall 2004
 Issue #26
 by naturalist interns,
 Hallie Richards and Josh Teeter

Fall into a Good Time

Unscramble the words and write the answers on the blanks.

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Match the unscrambled words from above to the clues below.

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| _____ | Once was a caterpillar |
| _____ | I have a prickly stem and tasty fruit with many seeds |
| _____ | I carry my house wherever I go |
| _____ | I carry my babies on my back |
| _____ | Howling in the hills |
| _____ | Squirrel, deer, and turkey love to eat me on the ground or on the tree! |
| _____ | Red, round, and delicious |
| _____ | Cold, thin, icy, blanket |
| _____ | Turn colors and fall from the trees |
| _____ | Small, scarlet or gray, and eat mice at night |

See answers at bottom of page

Find the unscrambled words in the word search puzzle below.

S C R E E C H O W L
 R E T O Y O C S B F
 J A J B O I O E U R
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 H A C O R N Q R Y J

Matching Answers: Butterfly, Raspberry, Turtle, Opossum, Coyote, Acorn, Apple, Frost, Leaves, Screech owl

Which Friend Am I?

I like to live in holes in trees made by woodpeckers or old bird nests to which I add my own bark roof. At night is when I move around searching for nuts, seeds, berries, fungi and insects. I am small; my body is only 5 to 6 inches long with my flattened, bushy tail being as long as my body. My fur is very soft, gray-brown and my belly is usually white. Snakes, bobcats, skunks, coyotes and foxes like to have me for dinner. If you are awake late at night you may see me using the extra skin on the sides of my body as a parachute.

Which Friend Am I - Entry Form

To learn what the animal described above is, visit your local library or the library and other resources at Rogers Center. Mail your answer to Rogers Center, 2721 SH 80, Sherburne, NY 13460, by October 15, 2004. One name will be drawn from all the correct responses received, and the winner will receive a Friends of Rogers T-shirt.

What Am I? _____

Your Name: _____

Address and Phone Number: _____



Volunteer Highlight – Wells Horton –

by Amy Smith



Wells Horton first visited Rogers Center 20 years ago when he attended the very first meeting of the Chenango Bird Club. Not long after that, his wife Marsha became the program director of the Center. Both Marsha and the mission of DEC inspired him to start volunteering here. The mission of the Department of Environmental Conservation is to..."conserve, improve, and protect its natural resources and environment, and control water, land and air pollution, in order to enhance the health, safety and welfare of the people of the state and their overall

economic and social well being." (From Section 1-0101 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law) Wells has said that Rogers Center helps teach us how to live. With our Saturday general public programs, education classes, teacher workshops, bookstore and knowledgeable staff members, he feels it is an amazing resource for the community.

Wells has helped to bring Rogers Center into the computer age with much of his work including the creation of the Friends of Rogers website. For several years he updated and created new pages to help inform people about Rogers Center, our message and various events. In the early years of his volunteering, Wells helped out wherever needed at some of our major events including our annual Winter Living Celebration and Animals of Halloween.

Wells is passionate about photography and likes to capture outdoor scenes, family, and friends. He even has experience with night photography. Wells uses his digital camera to create beautiful calendars that feature his family, friends and beautiful nature scenes. You can always find a calendar with bright, smiling faces looking back at you hanging in his home and in Marsha's office. When he retires and has more time, he hopes to explore large format photography with high-end cameras. I'm sure the work he'll create with those photos will be spectacular!

Aside from photography, Wells also enjoys road bicycling, cross-country skiing, kayaking, and most any outdoor activity. He has been on many long-distance and very memorable trips on a road bike. He rode across the United States and Canada and made another trip down the coast of California. A true adventurer!

We are very grateful for the countless hours Wells has donated to Rogers Center!

The time, effort, and support given to us by all of our volunteers is a crucial part of the continuous success of Rogers Center. Volunteering just has a way of putting a smile on your face and making you feel good!

Looking Ahead To Winter Living Celebration 2005

by Chris DeCesare

Have you gotten a new calendar for 2005 yet? Be sure to mark the Winter Living Celebration on Saturday, January 8. That's the day our buildings and grounds are full of smiling faces, exhibitors, entertainment, and plenty of opportunities to try fun winter activities like skiing, snowshoeing, and sleigh riding. Come alone or bring your friends and family. There is something for everyone at WLC!

Winter Living Celebration
January 8, 2005 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Attention Rogers Center Walkers!

By Darlene Miller

Do you come to Rogers early in the morning or at lunch time for a walk? Do you spend time after work or on the weekends hiking the trails at Rogers? Do you long for encouragement to do any of these things? Rogers Center has an opportunity for you!

Many of you who already walk the trails at Rogers or those who may think about it, may be delighted to know that we are organizing a way for you to keep track of your walking, add up the miles, and gain recognition and encouragement. We all know walking is good for us, but time spent in the natural world is beneficial as well. You might even add some excitement to your day in the form of watching a deer cross your path on the trails, or watching a turtle or a family of goslings meander in the marsh as you walk. You don't have to be the fastest or worry about being slow and all ages are welcome.

If you are interested in logging in your miles at Rogers Center, contact Darlene Miller at the Visitor Center for information and trail maps and join others in the quest for fitness and perhaps experience a little tranquility in your daily life.

There are several locations at Rogers to achieve mileage:

Visitor Center Trails:

Channels Trail - 0.7 mile
Spruce Ridge Trail - 0.3 mile
South Trail - 0.4 mile
Boundary Trail - 0.6 mile
North Loop - 0.2 mile
Pine Ridge Trail - 0.6 mile
Farm Tower Trail - 0.5 mile

Cush Hill Trails:

Conifer Trail - 0.5 mile
Summit Trail - 1.5 mile

Adams Farm Trail:

Adams Farm Trail (including river access trail) - 2 miles

Exciting Sightings

by Fred von Mechow

This issue of exciting sightings includes an exciting *siting!* Looking out my office window, I now can admire the new Outdoor Classroom, recently finished and ready for use.

Throughout the spring we've been seeing mink regularly as well as several fawns. Beaver apparently have been showing some interest in Adams Farm as the pond levels were raised a couple of feet with some strategically placed sticks and mud. Attempts to locate the beavers were unsuccessful, so perhaps it was just a passing interest. Beavers have bred in the Adams Farm ponds in the past.

Our Goose Patrol had another good season. Patrol members are SUNY Morrisville students who are interested in some practical experience with goose population management. After finding 61 nests, students oiled the eggs to prevent them from developing. With an average of seven eggs per nest, this could have resulted in over 400 young goslings! As it turned out, only about 25 goslings appeared, which is the lowest number we've had in many years.

Goslings who did appear were either brought in from some distance away by their parents, were the result of reneating by parents whose nests were destroyed, or were from oiled eggs that got the oil removed and hatched anyway.

Congratulations to the Morrisville students who did a great job and helped us from becoming overflown, overwaddled, and overfertilized by geese.

A BIG Thank You to Facilitators!

A huge "Thank You" to Project WET and WILD Teacher workshop facilitators who are committed to protecting our natural resources. They enable other educators to incorporate even more environmental education into their teaching and are an essential part of the program's success:

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| Lori Ransom | Mike Jabot |
| Mary Anna Russo | Judy Spring |
| Patty Jaeger | Maggie Vescio |
| John Lancos | Denise Brown |

New York State Outdoor Education Association's 37th Annual Conference

Each year NYSOEA organizes a conference where people who care about the environment join to share skills, information, tips, enthusiasm and inspiration. This year's conference is scheduled for November 4 through 7, 2004 at Montauk Yacht Club Resort & Marina in Montauk, NY. The theme is "New York's Flowing Waters: Connecting People, Places, and Time." Workshop topics include Pine Barrens ecology, planning field trips, making study skins, shipwreck stories, grant writing, winter ecology, poetry, biodiversity, and more. For more information call Laura Carey at (607) 674-4017.

Green Alternatives

by Laura Carey

Over the years I've touched on a variety of specific topics in this section, from household cleaners to energy-efficient lighting. We may wonder if our actions really make a difference. In this article I'd like to share some tips from *The Consumer's Guide to Effective Environmental Choices: Practical Advice from the Union of Concerned Scientists* (Three Rivers Press) on how to have the greatest impact with your choices. Drawing on research results from the EPA and the California Comparative Risk Project, the authors offer specific suggestions. Here is the research distilled down to 11 priority actions:

1. Choose a place to live that reduces the need to drive.
2. Think twice before purchasing another car.
3. Choose a fuel-efficient, low-polluting vehicle (consider a hybrid).
4. Set concrete goals for reducing your travel.
5. Whenever practical, walk, bicycle, or take public transportation.
6. Eat less meat (especially red meat).
7. Buy certified organic produce.
8. Choose your home carefully.
9. Reduce the environmental costs of heating and hot water.
10. Install efficient lighting and appliances.
11. Choose an electricity supplier offering renewable energy.



Notice that nearly half of the items on the list refer to travel. Cars and light trucks contribute 50 percent of toxic air pollution, 30 percent of common air pollution, and up to 50 percent of greenhouse gas emissions.

If you work on this list as you make your major life choices, you will be making a tremendous difference in the world for the better. In the next issue, I will review hybrid vehicles.



Fisher in New York State

by Laura Carey

Most of us have never seen a fisher in the wild because of their secretive habits.

Fisher are a large member of the weasel (Mustelidae) family, twice the size of mink. Males are about 38 inches long and weigh about 10 pounds. Females are about 34 inches and 5 pounds. Fishers have prominent anal scent glands that secrete a musky odor. They are dark brown, though appear almost black in the forest with males often having a lighter grizzled coloration on the face, head and over the shoulders. They can climb trees readily.

Fisher were once found across New York until the mid- to late 1800s when huge tracts of fisher habitat were lost to agriculture, human settlement and logging. This restricted their range to the Adirondack Mountains. Unregulated trapping also took its toll. The trapping season was closed in 1937 in New York, followed by a recovery of the population- -the numbers quadrupled by 1955. In 1975 DEC began a "trap and transfer" program to return fisher to the Catskill Mountains. Populations have fluctuated over the years, but recently the fisher's range is slowly expanding across the state. A DEC biologist in Cortland has collected several carcasses from trappers and road kills in the last two years; the most recent from Smyrna.

Fishers prey on snowshoe hares, porcupines, squirrels, mice, shrews, ruffed grouse, berries and carrion. They do not feed on fish as their name suggests. The common name of fisher came about because of the animal's resemblance to the European polecat, the french name for which sounds like fisher.

The fisher, however, is known for its ability to take porcupine for food. This is done by repeated attacks to the face of the porcupine until the porcupine tires. At this point, the fisher moves in to make the kill and then eats it from the quill-less underside. Porcupines, apparently, are worth the effort and the risk. Fisher can eat a snowshoe hare or a squirrel or two a week, or several mice per day; however, one porcupine can feed a fisher for a month.

This sleek woodland inhabitant really gets around, traveling up to 28 miles in two days. Last winter Marsha and I followed what we believe to be fisher tracks back and forth across the new Summit Trail on Cush Hill. We're hopeful to find tracks again and maybe even get a glimpse of this beautiful member of the weasel family. As the fisher continues to expand its range, perhaps more of us in Central New York will have the opportunity to see it first-hand or, at least, a footprint in the snow.

Resources:
Mammals of the Eastern United States by John O. Whitaker, Jr. and William J. Hamilton, Jr.
 and *New York's Wildlife Resources: Fisher*

Volunteer Recognition

We are very grateful for the many hours of service contributed by volunteers at Rogers Center:

- Wells Horton – Rogers Center photography
- Audrey Wakefield – library cataloging, working on Animals of Halloween costumes and provider of many goodies
- Jean Dewey – office receptionist
- Barbara Meeks – press release mailings, roller of quarters and library assistance.
- James Tuttle – trash pickup
- Gary Sweet, Tom Merrill, Karl von Gulp - Chenango Valley Chapter Trout Unlimited – assistance with Family Fishing Program
- Pat Forster – assistance with Family Fishing Program
- Melissa Neely and Shawn Fox with DEC Fisheries – assistance with Family Fishing Program
- Hamilton UCP – stamping WILD pamphlets, mulching trees
- Barb Collins – Edible Wild Plants program
- Jane Swingle – Edible Wild Plants program
- Josh Baker – Colgate Outdoor Education Program – family camping
- Earth Fest Volunteers – Chris and Harriet Amar, Brianne Baldwin, David Benenati, Stacie Edick, Peter Fedrigo, Bonnie Gale, Peter Gallagher, Anne Geary, Morgan Mahardy, Mary Lou Monahan, NYSEG: Alan Estes, Pat Pittsley, Dave Reidy, Sally Reymers, Sue Reymers, Jeremy Smith, The Place, Brad Vickers



FLT Hiking Club in Chenango County

Chenango County Members of The Finger Lakes Trail (FLT) Conference, Inc., have decided to start a chapter for Chenango County. The new Club will hold organized hikes on the approximately 72 miles of FLT in Chenango County, and also on other sections in adjacent counties. Hikes will range from 8 to 10 miles on Saturdays and 3 to 5 miles on Sundays. It is hoped that week-day hikes will be held when hike leaders are available. Hikes will be graded as to difficulty.

Anyone interested in joining should contact:

Edward J. Sidote, 5 Clinton St., Norwich, NY, 13815
 (607) 334-3872 (answering machine)
 E-mail: ejsidote@ghsfcu.net

or Co-Chair: Marie Inglee at (607) 334-2433 (answering machine)
 E-mail: lightgirl54@yahoo.com

*We welcome those who have any type of physical challenge to all of our programs.
If you call ahead to let us know your needs, we will be happy to learn how we can best serve you.
Call (607) 674-4017 to register.*

SEPTEMBER

- September 4
Saturday
8:30 am to
noon** **KAYAK/CANOE STONEY POND**
Start your day with a relaxing paddle along the marshy edges of Stoney Pond. Quiet, marshy habitats teem with wildlife! Learn a few bird calls and identify aquatic plants. **Registration is required. There is a \$5.00 non-refundable fee per paddler. (Water bottle, sunscreen and a hat recommended.)**
- September 11 and 12** **Visit Rogers Center's children's activity table at Colorscape Chenango -**
10:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday
11:00 am to 5:00 pm Sunday
Held in East and West Parks of downtown Norwich.
- September 11
Saturday
10:00 am** **CATERPILLARS**
Many people can identify common butterflies, but not many can put a name to more than a few caterpillars. This is a vital stage in the life cycle of some of our planet's most beautiful insects. Join us as we search for these dazzling creatures. *(Suggest ages 4 to 12)*
- September 18
Saturday
6:30 pm** **BEAVERS AT WHAUPAUNAUCAU**
Fall is the busy season for beavers as they prepare for winter. We will learn where they live, what they eat and what they do at night. Be prepared to be busy as beavers, in search of traces left by these diligent creatures. Bring binoculars if you have them. ***Please call ahead to register and for details.***
- September 25
Saturday
8:30 am to
noon** **KOPAC POND HIKE**
Get out for some fresh air and join us as we hike a newly created trail near Kopac Pond in McDonough Sate Forest. We will explore the area as we identify plants and trees and look for traces of wildlife. ***Please call ahead to register and for details.***

OCTOBER

- October 2
Saturday
10:00 am** **MUSHROOMS AT ADAMS FARM**
Enjoy the sights and earthy scents of the forest as we hike with mushroom enthusiast Sally Reymers to find turkey tails, earth stars, hen-of-the-forest, witches' butter, and more. ***Meet at Visitor Center parking lot.***
- October 9
Saturday
10:00 am to
noon** **LEAF PEEPING AT FARM TOWER TRAIL**
It's that time of year when deciduous trees put on a display of color before dropping leaves for winter. Hike to the Farm Tower for a beautiful view of the valley and learn more about the how and why of leaf color.
- October 9
Saturday
1:30 pm** **LEAF ART FOR FAMILIES**
With inspiration from the book *Look What I Did With A Leaf*, we will make leaf animals and pictures from colorful fallen leaves. ***Children under 6 will need an adult helper. Please call to register. (All ages)***

**October 16
Saturday
6:30 pm**

THE NIGHT WATCH OF ROGERS CENTER

Who is on night watch at Rogers when the staff go home? Find out more about nocturnal animals and their evening movements, including the nightly fly-in of Canada geese.

**October 23
Saturday
8:30 am to
noon**

FINGER LAKES TRAIL HIKE – BAINBRIDGE AREA

Explore a section of the Finger Lakes Trail that runs through Bainbridge and Basswood State Forest. Nice trail and beautiful forest await you. ***Please call to register and for details.***

**October 29
Friday
6:30 pm**

ANIMALS OF HALLOWEEN

Meet some ambassadors of autumn - woolly bear caterpillar, white-tailed deer, Canada goose, and witch hazel - on this guided trail walk. You'll be treated to their stories and maybe a song or dance. Enjoy a campfire story, too. Please dress to be outdoors for about an hour. Costumes welcome. ***Please call to register.***

**October 30
Saturday
10:00 am**

WILDLIFE BUFFET: WINTER BIRD FEEDING

Are you interested in attracting birds into your backyard this winter? Come learn what seeds will attract your favorite birds. Join us to make suet cakes and other bird treats that you can take home.

NOVEMBER

**November 6
Saturday
11:00 am**

NATURE HIKE WITH JOHN WEEKS

Be a part of this very special trail walk with John Weeks, the first director of Rogers Center and the man responsible for developing many of the nature centers in Central New York.

**November 13
Saturday
1:30 pm**

GOURD CREATIONS (Feeders/Houses)

Bring your creativity and we will provide gourds and supplies necessary to build bird feeders, birdhouses, and other crafts out of gourds. **Pre-registration required; supplies limited. \$5.00 for each gourd used. (Ages 7 and up)**

**November 20
Saturday
11:00 am**

BEARS!

Learn about black bear populations and sightings in New York. We have bear skulls, furs and exhibits for you to touch and explore.

**November 27
Saturday
11:00 am**

BLUEBIRD NEST BOX BUILDING

Lend some enthusiasm and a hammer as we build homes for our state bird. Bluebirds normally nest in hollow cavities of trees, but a birdhouse is an acceptable alternative for them. **There is a fee of \$8.00 for every house you take home. Bring a hammer for each builder.**

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE AND MEET AT VISITOR CENTER UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.

Donations

Friends of Rogers expresses appreciation to the following individuals and organizations for generous contributions in the form of much-needed items, services and monetary donations.

Canal Society of New York State, Inc.
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 Utica Walkers and Diners Club
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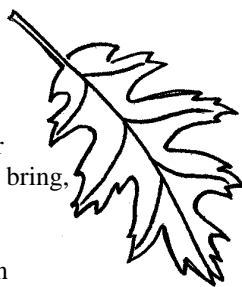
U-Pick Sunflowers at Cush Hill

Each year, part of the cornfield on Farm Tower is planted with sunflowers. The sunflower crop is looking promising this year after a couple of bad years. Friends of Rogers members will staff the hill on Saturday mornings October 9 and 16 from 9:00 am to noon so that folks can harvest seed heads. The heads can be hung up to dry and then placed around your yard during fall and winter to feed the birds and squirrels. It is a super way to offer seeds to wildlife friends. A grocery bag full of heads costs \$2.00 and the money goes to support programming at Rogers Center. Head up to the hill and get a bagful!



Listening Point

While we are born with curiosity and wonder and our early years full of the adventure they bring, I know such inherent joys are often lost. I also know that, being deep within us, their latent glow can be fanned to flame again by awareness and an open mind.



~ Sigurd Olson

We wish to acknowledge the following work crews for their efforts in sprucing up the trails, grounds and the compost demonstration site this summer:

Headwaters Youth Conservation Corps (HYCC) Summer and Year-round Crews
 DCMO-BOCES/The Place Summer Work Crew
 Liberty Partnership

THANKS!

Animals of Halloween

by Fred von Mechow

Once again, this fall's Animals of Halloween will be interpreted loosely enough to include a plant, one whose crowning glory appears in late fall. Witch hazel, generally considered to be the latest flowering plant around here, will be the botanical representative in the lineup which also features White-tailed Deer, Woolly Bear caterpillar, and Canada Goose.

If you are available to attend our Animals of Halloween on Friday, October 29 at 6:30 pm, you're in for a real treat. These five- to six-foot tall specimens will present a short song and dance about who they are and what they do. Along with these four biological stations, we'll once again be featuring a campfire story performed by our dedicated volunteer, Patti von Mechow.



Characters from 2003 Halloween Program (shown left to right) Short-tailed Shrew (Amy), American Toad (Laura) Rabbit (Olivia-daughter of Darlene), Monarch Butterfly (Chris) and Poison Ivy (Fred).

Ninth Annual River Clean-Up

by Laura Carey

Take action for the environment. Join in a one-day clean-up effort with the Chenango County Environmental Management Council and Rogers Environmental Education Center along with 100 other local volunteers.

Each year at this time we participate in the American Littoral Society's national coastal cleanup by cleaning our own waterways. On Saturday, September 18, from 9:00 am to noon (or longer, if you like) volunteers from across Chenango County will be picking up litter, metal, and tires from rivers, streams, lakes and ponds in our area.

Join us and help beautify our community and protect wildlife from entanglement by calling Laura Carey at (607) 674-4017 or David Benenati at (607) 336-1640.

Notice of the Annual Meeting of Friends of Rogers and Classroom Dedication.

Saturday, September 18, 2004, 10:00 am will be the annual meeting of the Friends of Rogers. We will also be dedicating the new Outdoor Classroom at that time. Senator James Seward will be on hand to receive our thanks for his help in obtaining funds for the project. DEC personnel will also be present.

The annual meeting and the classroom dedication are open to the public. We encourage all Friends of Rogers, all volunteers, and any interested persons to attend. The Board of Friends of Rogers welcomes comments and suggestions regarding our mission. The Board also welcomes nominations to the Board at the annual meeting.

Light refreshments will be served. We would appreciate knowing if you plan on attending by September 8, 2004. Please call Rogers Center at (607) 674-4017 to RSVP.

See you there!



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