

So Impotent Our Wisdom January 2–March 1 Reception: Saturday, January 13 2-4 p.m. Fading Fall







Leon Andrus Award

Right: Ron Walker, "Tall House and Bicycle", recipient of the 2023 First Place



**KELLEN MCCLUSKEY** The Secret Life of Adkins April 30–June 29 Reception: May 11, 2-4 p.m. Milkweed



**OUTDOOR SCULPTURE** INVITATIONAL June 1–September 30 Reception & guided sculpture walk: Saturday, June 8, 2–4 p.m. Reconfigure





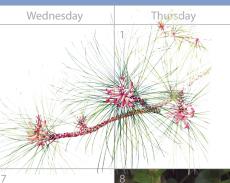
ADKINS ARBORETUM

# January to June 2024

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Botanical Drawing I

12:30-3:30 p.m.

PLANT OF THE WEEK

golden ragwort

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Winter Forest School 1-2:30 p.m.

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Love in the

Maryland Wild

1-2:30 p.m.

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> **ORDERING BEGINS FOR SPRING NATIVE PLANT** SALE Yarnstorming exhibit

> > Thursday

Pamela Crockett on view through March 1





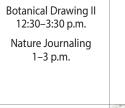








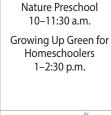
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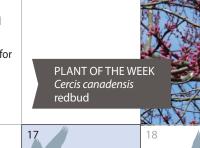


**Botanical Drawing II** 

12:30-3:30 p.m.

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Watercolor II 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday

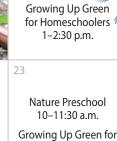


Spring Songbird Migration Walk 8–10 a.m.



1-3 p.m.

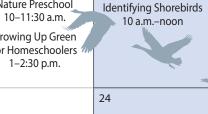




Homeschoolers

1-2:30 p.m.

Nature Preschool



Identifying Shorebirds

10 a.m.-noon

Nature Prints on Clay 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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(Chestertown)

**BIRDS** with Dan Small



10 a.m.-1 p.m. Spring Songbird Migration Walk 8-10 a.m. Birds and Bees are Doin' It Walk 1-2:30 p.m.

First Saturday Walk

Smartphone Nature

Photography

10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



Nature Preschool 10-11:30 a.m. Growing Up Green for Homeschoolers 1-2:30 p.m.

Juried Art Show, Discovering the Native Landscapes of

Outdoor Sculpture Invitational on

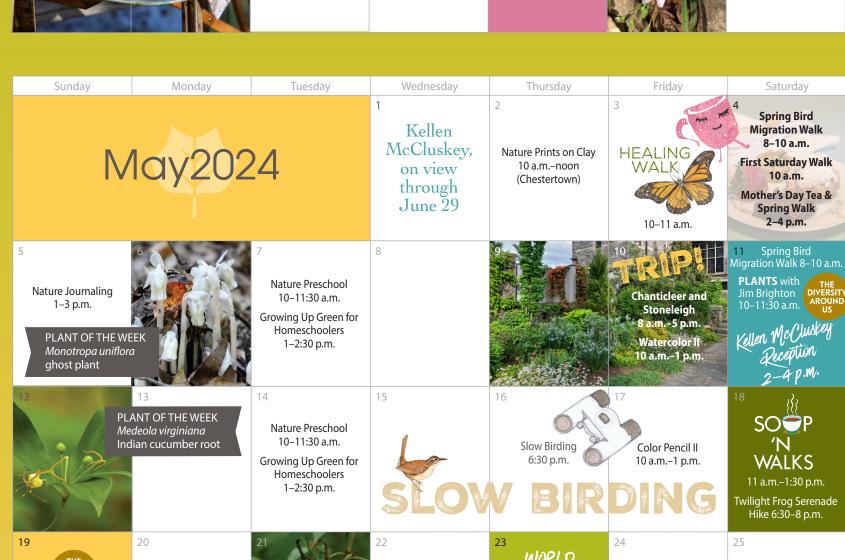
view through September 30

**AMPHIBIANS** 

1-2:30 p.m.

Maryland's Eastern Shore, on view through April 26

Photos by Ann Rohlfing, Kellen McCluskey, and Kathy Thornton Drawings by Barbara Bryan, Anna Harding, Kelly Sverduk, and Judy M. Thomas











**Biodiversity Walks** 

with Jim Brighton

1-3 p.m.

Plein Air Basics 1-3:30 p.m.

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TURTLEDAY

WEAR GREEN







CAMP

**Biodiversity Walk** 

with Jim Brighton

1-3 p.m.

CAMP EGRET SUMMER CAMP JUNE 24-28, 9 A.M.-3 P.M

Railroad Walk

POLLYWOG SUMMER

JUNE 17-21, 10 A.M.-NOON

and Hornets (Virtual)

noon-1:30 p.m.

**Book Talk: David George Haskell** Sunday, February 4, 2–4 p.m. Avalon Theatre, Easton, Stoltz Listening Room Free, advance registration required

Biologist and nature writer David George Haskell has spent his career reminding us to pay closer attention to nature. Haskell will talk about his latest book, Sounds Wild and Broken, which was nominated for a 2022 Pulitzer Prize, and play recordings of nature's most wondrous sounds. This program is presented in partnership with **Shore Lit** and the **Avalon Foundation**.



**Yarnstorming** Exhibit: Thursday, February 29–Saturday, April 6

Reception: Sunday, March 3, 2-4 p.m. Free and open to the public, advanced registration appreciated

Sponsored in partnership with the Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore, Yarnstorming invites fiber artists to create a whimsical and exciting visual experience in the

Center. The reception



includes a sweet treat and a chance to meet the artists.

**Earth Day Adkins** Saturday, April 20, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (rain date April 21, 12–4 p.m.) \$5 ages 3 & up/under 3 free. Fee increases to \$10 day of event. Advance registration strongly recommended.

Celebrate Earth Day with hands-on nature activities, live entertainment, native plant sales, seed swaps, tree

giveaways, and more. Refreshments from local food trucks are available for purchase. Earth Day Adkins is offered in collaboration with ShoreRivers, Tuckahoe State Park, the MD Department of Natural Resources, Talbot Master Gardeners, and Plastic Free QAC.

**Mother's Day Tea & Spring Walk** Saturday, May 4, 2-4 p.m.

\$35 members/\$45 non-members, advance registration required Join an Arboretum docent to look for spring wildflowers along the forest paths, then return to the gallery for tea, scones, and other treats as we celebrate the wonderful women in our lives.



Photo by Mike Morgan

Thursday, June 13, 2-4 p.m. \$10/person, advance registration strongly recommended

**Forest Music** 

Innovative musicians from **Chestertown's National Music** Festival will present a unique performance, responding to one another's playing in a conversation that winds through the trees. Light refreshments; wine available for purchase.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Docent Naturalist Apprenticeship Program** Second Thursdays, March 14-December 12, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Training is free, volunteer service is required outside of class time

Do you have a passion for nature and contagious enthusiasm for the outdoors? Get the skills you need to lead our guided nature walks and inspire others.

Training is free with the expectation that participants will help lead future Rooted Wisdom walks. Become part of the Arboretum's inspiring "Rooted Wisdom: Nature's Story in the Underground Railroad" project by training

**Rooted Wisdom Docent Training Program** 

Thursday, February 15, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

to lead Rooted Wisdom Walks for the public.

For more information, Contact Jenny Houghton at jhoughton@ adkinsarboretum.org or 410-634-2847, ext. 230.

#### THE DIVERSITY AROUND US

Programs and walks are free. Registration is appreciated. In partnership with the Maryland Biodiversity Project, Adkins Arboretum will bring experts and citizen scientists together to learn about and observe the natural ecosystems of Maryland's

The series will highlight various taxons, encouraging the community to broaden their knowledge and appreciation of the natural world.

**TALKS** 

**Introduction to the Maryland Biodiversity Project with Jim Brighton** Thursday-April 4, 1-2:30 p.m.

**Birds with Dan Small** Thursday-April 25, 10-11:30 a.m.

**Plants with Jim Brighton** Saturday, May 11, 10-11:30 a.m.

**Reptiles and Amphibians** with TBD Thursday, June 20, 1-2:30 p.m.

**Insects with Samantha Nestory** Saturday, July 20, 10-11:30 a.m.

**Fungi and Lichens with Serenella Linares** Thursday, August 15, 10-11:30 a.m.



3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, April-October, 1-3 p.m. April 21, May 19, Jun 16, July 21, August 18, September 15 & October 20 Walks will be led by Jim Brighton, along with occasional

**WALKS** 

quest experts. The program will culminate with a **Community BioBlitz** on

**Creating Native Plant Gardens** 

Saturday and Sunday, September 7 and 8.

Saturday, February 24, 1-2:30 p.m. \$15 members/\$20 non-members, advance registration required Join garden coach and consultant Concetta **Gibson** to discuss choosing and using beneficial native plants in your yard. For customized suggestions, bring the dimensions of your garden space.



#### **TRIPS**

**Philadelphia Flower Show** 

Monday, March 4, 6:45 a.m.-4 p.m. \$150 members/\$185 non-members, advance registration required This year's theme, "United by Flowers," celebrates the unique and colorful community born out of our shared love and appreciation of gardening and the connections and impact they create on our everyday lives. We will be admitted to the show at 9 a.m.—a full hour before it opens to the public!

**Chanticleer and Stoneleigh** 

Friday, May 10, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. \$125 members/\$145 non-members, advance registration required

Join us to visit Chanticleer and Stoneleigh! Chanticleer has been called the most romantic, imaginative, and exciting public garden in America. The garden is a study of textures and forms, where foliage trumps flowers, the gardeners lead the design,



and even the drinking fountains are sculptural. It is a garden of pleasure and learning, relaxing yet filled with ideas to take home. From there, we visit Stoneleigh. With soaring trees, expansive vistas, and dynamic displays of native plants, Stoneleigh is a celebration of the natural world. Once a family home, now a public garden, Stoneleigh celebrates the beauty of native plants and the importance of biodiversity.

New York Botanical Garden Wonderland— **Curious Nature** 

Friday, September 20, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

ADKINS ARBORETUM

12610 Eveland Road

BEER GARDEN

Rain Date: September 29

FAIRYFEST

Rain or shine!

Saturday, September 28, 1-4 p.m.

Saturday, October 12, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday, November 2, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday, December 8, 12-4 p.m.

Rain Date: Sunday, October 13

PLEIN AIR ADKINS

Ridgely, MD 21660

\$185 members/\$210 non-members, advance registration required Take off on a garden-wide adventure through settings, sights, and scents inspired by the classic tale of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. You'll choose from a variety of experiences as you embark on a journey encompassing mind-bending horticultural displays and mesmerizing immersive art installations.

## **PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES**

## **Healing Walks**

First Friday of each month, 10-11 a.m.

Whether you are suffering from a loss, a traumatic experience, or the demands of caretaking, nature has the power to soothe and restore. Join naturalist **Jenny Houghton** for a nature support group. Contact Jenny at jhoughton@adkinsarboretum.org.

Saturday, March 9, 6-7:30 p.m. \$10 members/\$15 non-members/\$5 ages 6–18/under 5 free, advance registration required

**Twilight Frog Serenade Hike** Saturday, May 18, 6:30-8 p.m.

twilight hike. We'll learn some basic frog ID before heading out to the wetland and stream to test our skills.

Saturday, August 17, 7-8:30 p.m.

\$10 members/\$15 non-members/\$5 ages 6–18/under 5 free,

advance registration required

Take a summer twilight hike with naturalist **Jenny Houghton** to look for moths and other winged things. Along the way, we'll observe a moth sheet and learn how to mix up moth juice.

**Monthly Rainbow Walks** 

Free and open to the public, advance registration appreciated LGBTQ+ adults, parents, teens, and allies are invited for a leisurely group hike along the Arboretum's paths. Gain support from each other and nature! Adkins Arboretum offers Rainbow Walks in partnership with Delmarva Pride Center, Caroline Pride, and PFLAG Mid-Shore. Check our website for the most up-to-date schedule.

**New Moon Stargazing** 

Celebrate the night sky in one of Maryland's darkest viewing locations. Local stargazers will be on hand to share insight and

telescopes. Warm up with hot chocolate!

\$10 members/\$15 non-members/\$5 ages 6–18/under 5 free, advance registration required

Join educator and naturalist **Jenny Houghton** on a spring

**Twilight Moth Hike** 



Mail Movers

#### **WILD AND WONDERFUL: How Native Plants are Transforming a Formal Estate-Turned Public Garden**

Saturday, April 6, 1-2 p.m. Free and open to the public, advance registration required Join Stoneleigh Director **Ethan** Kauffman as he reveals the unexpected plants, expressive design philosophy, and unconventional

practices that are driving Stoneleigh's

Informed by the growing understanding of the connectedness of all living things, a vision arose during the transition: to reimagine a historical landscape as an ecologically vibrant wonderland of native plants. Relying on both tried-and-true gardening techniques and intrepid experimentation, the emerging garden is an exuberant

#### **ARBORETUM INHABITANTS BIG & SMALL**

exploration of cultivating native plants in the modern landscape.

#### "Owl" Do They Do That? Wednesday, January 24, 10 a.m.-noon

exciting transformation.

Free to members/\$15 non-members, advance registration required Owls have a reputation for being mysterious creatures of the night. But is it true? Join birder Jim Wilson to find out and learn about our local owls.

Love in the Maryland Wild: Valentine's Day Edition

Tuesday, February 13, 1-2:30 p.m. \$10 members/\$15 non-members, advance registration required

Which living things experience love? Sarah Witcher, education biologist for MD Wildlife and Heritage Service, will explore questions about relationships between Maryland's animals and plants.

**Ticks and Tick-Borne Illnesses** 

Thursday, March 7, 1-2:30 p.m. \$10 members/\$15 non-members, advance registration required Just what are ticks, and what sort of health risks do they actually pose? Biological scientist **Timothy Christensen** offers an overview of tick classification and biology to establish a better understanding of this "bug."

**Everything You Wanted to Know About Hummingbirds But Were Afraid to Ask** 

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 10 a.m.-noon \$15 members/\$20 non-members, advance registration required Hummingbirds are among the most amazing creatures in the animal kingdom. Join birder Jim Wilson to learn more and increase your sense of wonder.

**Shorebirds: Are They Really That Hard To Identify?** Wednesday, April 17 and 24, 10 a.m.-noon

\$30 members/\$45 non-members, advance registration required Which of North America's 57 shorebird species might you see at Adkins? Learn with Jim Wilson, then practice your ID skills on a field trip to Bombay Hook.

**Slow Birding at Adkins** 

Thursdays, May 16, 23, 30, and June 6 at 6:30 p.m. Free, advance registration appreciated Enjoy a relaxing evening with **Jim Wilso**n, listening to and observing the birds on our entrance bridge.

**Understanding Wasps and Hornets** Tuesday, June 18, noon-1:30 p.m.

\$10 members/\$15 non-members, advance registration required We think of wasps and hornets as stinging nuisances that could ruin our day. But is this an accurate generalization? Biological scientist **Timothy Christensen** will explain the contributions these organisms bring to the environment.

**Dragonflies & Damselflies** Saturday, June 29, 1-3 p.m.

Free to members/\$15 non-members, advance registration required The Arboretum streams and wetland host a large number of dragonfly and damselfly species. Meet **John Gillespie**, a retired professor of evolution, in the Visitor's Center to learn about local species, then head outside to see who's flying about.

Adkins Arboretum Stewardship programs count as continuing education for Master Gardeners and Maryland Master Naturalists.

## **GUIDED WALKS**

Advance registration for guided walks is strongly encouraged.

**First Saturday Walks** January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6,

August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7, 10 a.m. Free and open to the public, advanced registration appreciated Join a docent naturalist to explore the Arboretum's rich and unique

native plant habitats, including forests, meadows, gardens, and

wetlands. Tours begin at the Visitor's Center and last about an hour.

Tree Walk in Honor of Tu B'Shvat, The New Year of the Trees

Sunday, January 28, 1-2:30 p.m.

Free and open to the public, advance registration appreciated Learn about this ecology-minded holiday with Rabbi Peter **Hyman**, then take a contemplative winter tree walk with naturalist Jenny Houghton. We'll stop to honor our favorite trees and read

poems about new beginnings. Soup 'n Walks

Saturday, May 18

\$30 members/\$35 non-members,

advance registration required, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Early Blooms, Songbirds, & Spring Frogs: Saturday, March 16 **Spring Ephemerals & Pollinators:** Saturday, April 13

**Spring Songbird Migration Walks** 

Beavers, Tuckahoe Creek, & Beyond:

Saturdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 8-10 a.m. Free for members/\$10 non-members per walk, advance registration

Meet birder and Master Naturalist Jim Wilson in the parking lot for a bird walk to track the birds moving through the Arboretum during spring migration.

**Birds and Bees Are Doin' It Guided Walk** 

Saturday, April 27, 1-2:30 p.m. Free for members/\$15 non-members; advance registration required At this time of year, the Arboretum reverberates with love songs. Join Master Naturalist **Margan Glover** to learn more about the intricate dance of Spring.

**Spring Bird Migration Walk** Saturday, May 11, 8-10 a.m. Free for members/\$15 non-members

Celebrate the Global Big Day by looking for birds in the Arboretum's forest and meadows with Wayne **Bell**, a passionate birder and former director of Washington College's Center for Environment and Society.

**Foraging Walk** Sunday, June 9, 1-3 p.m.

sap, and roots.

\$15 members/\$20 non-members; advance registration required Join wild foods educator **Shane Brill** for a foraging walk to explore historical and future

Juneteenth Rooted Wisdom: Nature's Role in the Underground **Railroad Walk** 

food resources, including fruits, nuts, leaves

Wednesday, June 19, 10:30 a.m. to noon Free for members/\$15 non-members, advance reaistration required Explore the Arboretum with a docent guide to learn how self-liberators used the natural landscape to forge a path to freedom. The experience will also explore how nature both

helped and hindered the journey.



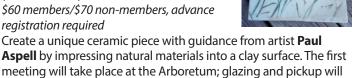
#### **ARTS & CRAFTING**

**Nature Prints on Clay** Thursdays, April 18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (Adkins Arboretum),

(Chestertown)

registration required

April 25 and May 2, 10 a.m.-noon



be at Paul's studio in Chestertown. **Pysanky: Ukrainian Egg Decorating Workshop for Adult** 

**Beginners** Saturday, March 2, 1-4 p.m. \$45 members/\$60 non-members (includes materials), advance registration required Considered a sacred magical art, Pysanky is an ancient means to celebrate the cycles

and events in nature. Create your own nature-inspired egg with Pysanky expert Coreen Weilminster.

**Build a Wave Hill Chair** 

Saturday, March 23, 10 a.m.-noon

Naturalist Diane DuBois Mullaly.

Fee: \$300 members/\$375 non-members Chanticleer Garden horticulturist and craftsman **Dan Benarcik** 

returns to the Arboretum to lead a workshop to construct the iconic and timeless Wave Hill chair.

**Nature Journaling** 

Sundays, April 7, April 21, May 5, 1-3 p.m. \$70 members/\$85 non-members (includes materials),

advance registration required Create a personal interpretation of what you see, know, and think about nature in this series with fine artist and Maryland Master

**Plein Air Basics** 

photography basics.

Sundays, March 24, April 28, May 26, 1-3:30 p.m. \$125 members/\$145 non-members, advance registration required Join Maryland Master Naturalist and impressionist oil painter **Diane DuBois Mullaly** for an introduction to plein air painting. The series focuses on interpreting the landscape in simple shapes that suggest the day's color, light, and atmosphere.

**Smartphone Nature Photography** 

winning nature photographer Liz Guertin

of *Nature Forward* for a journey into nature

Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$25 members/\$40 non-members. Advance registration required. Join Maryland Master Naturalist and award-



#### **BOTANICAL ART PROGRAMS**

Materials lists will be provided.

**Color Pencil I — Techniques** 

Fee: \$165 members/\$195 non-members Taught by Sarah Saltus, the focus of this course is on color application and color theory.

**Botanical Drawing I** Sundays, February 11, 18, 25, March 10, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$155 members/\$195 non-members Led by Sarah Saltus, this introduction to botanical drawing will focus on developing skills and techniques necessary to capture the essence of flowers, fruits, pods, and leaves. Each student will produce a detailed botanical study in pencil.

**Botanical Drawing II** Sundays, March 17, 24, April 7 & 14, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Fee: \$185 members/ \$235 non-members This series, taught by **Sarah Saltus,** emphasizes the principles of light and shadow and techniques for adding tonal shading to graphite drawing. Prerequisite: Botanical Drawing I.



## Watercolor I

Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, & 22, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fee: \$155 members/\$195 non-members Watercolor is a versatile and expressive medium that can initially be intimidating. This introductory class with **Kelly Sverduk** will focus on proper watercolor techniques: brush handling and control of water, mixing colors using a limited palette and achieving gradients with washes and layering.

**Watercolor II—Painting and Composition** Fridays, April 12, 19, 26 & May 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fee: \$155 members/\$195 non-members Through a series of small watercolor paintings, concepts of composition will be explored, and painting techniques

demonstrated by Kelly Sverduk. This class aims to develop

students' confidence in composing and painting a watercolor study. **Color Pencil II—Applications** 

Fridays, May 17, 24, 31, June 7 & 14, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fee: \$165 members/\$195 non-members Taught by **Sarah Saltus**, this course focuses on combining the appeal of drawing with the immediacy of color application. Learn to observe color hues and values in color studies and compositions. Prerequisite: Color Pencil I.

## **YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS**

**Winter Forest School** Tuesdays, February 6-March 12, 1-2:30 p.m.

\$90 members/\$105 non-members (\$10 sibling discount), advance registration required Forest schools allow children's innate curiosity and sense of wonder to guide their experience. This outdoor drop-off program will encourage students ages 5–10 to get outside and learn from

nature, even in the winter. **Acorn Academy Nature Preschool** 

Tuesdays, March 26-May 14, 10-11:30 a.m. \$100 members/\$125 non-members/\$50 siblings ages 2+. Thanks to a generous grant from the PNC Foundation, fees are waived for Caroline County residents. Advance registration required. Welcome spring with your preschooler! Open to children ages 3 to 5, this series includes nature walks, stories, songs, snacks, and an art project to take home.

**HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS** 

**Growing Up Green! (ages 6–8)** Tuesdays, March 26-May 14, 1-2:30 p.m. \$115 members/\$140 non-members (\$10 sibling discount), advance registration required

Spring is an exciting time for new life at the Arboretum! Get ready to peek into bluebird boxes, scoop up tadpoles, scout for chrysalises, and more as we learn about the fascinating life cycles of native plants and wildlife.

**SUMMER NATURE CAMPS** 

Summer Nature Camps allow children to enjoy their precious summer the old-fashioned way: outdoors! Campers will make new friends and lifelong memories while exploring the Arboretum's woodland, meadow, stream, and wetland habitats.

Camp Paw Paw (ages 7–9): July 8–12, 9 a.m.–noon **Camp Bumblebee** (ages 2–3): July 15–19, 10–11:30 a.m. **Camp Turtle** (ages 4–6): July 22–26, 10 a.m.–noon

Camp descriptions and registration will be available online by

Camp Pollywog (ages 4–6): June 17–21, 10 a.m.–noon

**Camp Egret** (ages 10–12): June 24–28, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

**Young at Heart Summer Camp** June 3-7, 10-11:30 a.m. \$85 members/\$100 non-members,

mid-February. Space is limited, so register early.

advance registration required This adults-only camp with naturalist **Jenny Houghton** will bring back lots of memories (or memories you wish you had) of summertime fun! We'll explore our paths to learn about native plants and wildlife, create nature-themed art, sing, socialize, play games, and enjoy snacktime. What a hoot!









