

COLUMBIA LAND CONSERVANCY
PROGRAMS & EVENTS CALENDAR

Please join us over the next few months as the Columbia Land Conservancy offers a variety of outdoor programs for children and adults throughout the county. Offered free of charge, these programs are designed to instill a greater appreciation for and understanding of the natural world, public and private land conservation, and the rural landscape. If you would like to discuss scheduling a program for your school or group, or would like to be a co-educator, contact Jenny Brinker at 518.392.5252 x210 or jenny@clctrust.org. Visit www.clctrust.org for a complete listing of upcoming CLC event.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th

FARM ECOLOGY WALKS

"The Stars of Fall: Asters and Goldenrods" 9/12
"Color of the Wood: Forest Trees" 10/17
Hawthorne Valley Farm (Meet at Farm Store)
2:00 pm
Ages: All

Join Conrad and Claudia Vispo, co-directors of Hawthorne's Valley's Farmscape Ecology Program, on fall foliage walks to learn about forest trees. This family-friendly trek is the perfect opportunity to find out about the native plants and wildlife that share our world. Conrad and Claudia combine "an understanding and appreciation of the natural world with a realistic approach to agriculture." Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. No registration required. For additional information, please contact Conrad and Claudia at 518.781.0243 or fep@taconic.net.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th

FAMILY BARN DANCE

Columbia County Fairgrounds, Fairhouse
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Ages: All

Join us for a night of fun and dancing with the Mountain Laurel band. Light refreshments and food will be provided. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. Adult tickets are \$8, children tickets are \$5 and the maximum ticket price is \$20 per family. To register for this event please contact Lauren Haberland at 518.392.5252 x214 or by email at lauren@clctrust.org.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th

GREENPORT TRAIL RUN
Hudson River Valley Ramble

Greenport Park and Greenport Conservation Area
9:00 am

Come for a fun run on the trails of the 714-acre Greenport Conservation Area. Starting at the Greenport Town Park, the run is part of the 10th annual Hudson River Valley Ramble. The moderately difficult trails meander through open fields, deciduous forests and dense cedar groves to catch magnificent views of the Hudson River and Catskill Mountains beyond. Pre-registration is required, the registration fee is \$20 per runner. To register for this event please contact Lauren Haberland at 518.392.5252 x214 or by email at lauren@clctrust.org.



FINAL WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

WEDNESDAY WANDERINGS

CLC Public Conservation Areas
10:00 am – 11:30 pm
Ages: All

Looking for an opportunity to explore CLC's Public Conservation Areas, but don't want to go on your own? Join us at a different site each month and we will provide a guided tour of these amazing properties. You will learn about the history of each site, look for wildlife, and have a chance to familiarize yourself with the trails. September 30th, Schor Conservation Area; October 28th, High Falls, November 25th, Borden's Pond. To register, please contact Joyce Carroll at 518.392.5252, ext. 206 or by email at joyce@clctrust.org.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th

BUILD A BAT BOX

Schor Conservation Area
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Ages: Adult and Older Child w/ Adult

Bats are predators of night-flying insects, and some bats are able to eat half of their body weight in insects per night. A single little brown bat can catch hundreds of mosquito-sized insects an hour. Due to decades of unwarranted human fear and persecution, white nose syndrome and habitat loss, bats are in alarming decline. We'll build bat houses to provide our local bats with roosting habitats. All new box design. All materials and tools provided. Space is limited. To register, please contact Jenny Brinker at 518.392.5252, ext. 210 or by email at jenny@clctrust.org by Friday, October 23rd.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th

NATURAL WREATH DECORATING

CLC Office, 49 Main Street, Chatham
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Ages: All

Making holiday wreaths from greenery is a tradition that began in Roman times and is still a tradition today. Bring your own undecorated wreath and spend an afternoon at the CLC office decorating it with natural items. Learn to make fairies, angels, and animals from natural items to decorate your wreath or your home. All decorating materials will be included at no charge. Hot beverages and tasty snacks provided. Space is limited. To register, please contact Jenny Brinker at 518.392.5252, ext. 210 or by email at jenny@clctrust.org by December 5th.



WINTER 2009-2010

SNOWSHOE TREKS

"Spur-of-the-Moment"
Ages: All

It's becoming harder and harder to predict when the frozen white stuff will be in great supply. To take advantage of the sporadic snowfall in Columbia County, CLC has created snowshoe hikes that are arranged for when we have adequate snow and good weather conditions. We've set up an email alert system to schedule these snowshoe treks. You check your email and there is a message from CLC: "Come join us for snowshoeing". Simply reply to the email and meet us at the designated site. CLC has a limited number of snowshoes to lend and beginners are welcome. For more information and to register for the email list, please contact Jenny Brinker at 518.392.5252, ext. 210 or by email at jenny@clctrust.org.

