

## Help Save the Monarch Butterfly!



The monarch is one of the most familiar butterflies in North America. Milkweeds are the only plant species on which monarchs lay their eggs.

The monarch butterfly is imperiled because the use of GMO engineered pesticides, industrial farming, development, logging and climate change have destroyed the natural habitats along its migratory path where milkweed once grew.

As you plan your garden this spring, you can help protect the monarch butterfly by planting milkweed plants. There are several native species that range in color from white to pink to orange.

For more information, please visit the Things to Do section of our website at [www.northshorelandalliance.org](http://www.northshorelandalliance.org).

## SAVE THESE 2015 DATES!

**New York City Lecture Series**  
Wednesday, April 8  
The Explorers Club, New York

**Long Island Food Conference**  
Saturday, April 25  
Hofstra University, Hempstead

**An Evening in the Garden**  
with the Heritage Committee  
Wednesday, June 10  
Jefferson Market Garden, New York

**Open Space Society Dinner**  
Please contact us for more information.

**Golf and Tennis Outing**  
Monday, June 22  
Piping Rock Club, Locust Valley

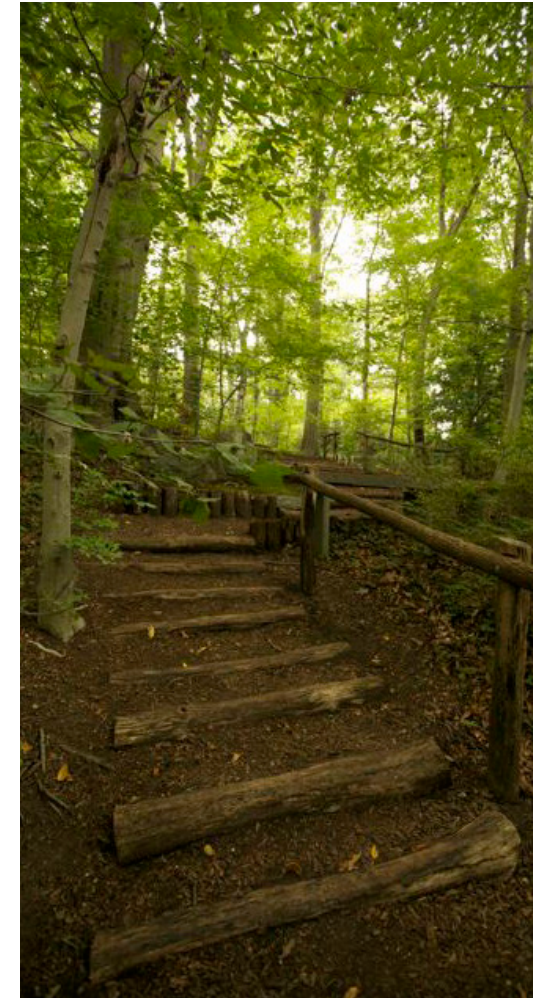
**Wine Auction & Dinner**  
Saturday, September 26  
the Barn at Groton Place, Old Westbury

To become a member or to learn more about our upcoming events and sponsorship opportunities, please contact us at 516-626-0908 or email [info@northshorelandalliance.org](mailto:info@northshorelandalliance.org).

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**OUR MISSION**  
North Shore Land Alliance is a nationally accredited land trust and 501(c)(3) organization formed to protect and preserve, in perpetuity, the green spaces, farmlands, wetlands, groundwater and historical sites of Long Island's north shore for the enhancement of quality of life and enjoyment and benefit of future generations.



**2015  
WALKS IN THE WOODS  
CALENDAR**



# 2015 Walks in the Woods Calendar - *Connecting People to Nature*

## About Our Walks in the Woods program

The North Shore Land Alliance *Walks in the Woods* nature education program is a series of free, educational and interactive explorations. They are designed to guide visitors of all ages through Long Island parks and nature preserves, many of which are off the beaten path, for investigation while educating them about the wildlife and plants that call them home. Participants also gain an understanding and appreciation of local land conservation and its benefits to our food and water supplies and wildlife habitats and its connection to the strength and health of our communities.

Our walks are FREE to the public. Registration is required as space is limited on many of the walks.

To register, visit our website at [www.northshorelandalliance.org](http://www.northshorelandalliance.org).

**Saturday, March 28, 10:00 a.m. – Rich Kelly, Sunken Meadow State Park, Kings Park.** Be on the lookout with Long Island Botanical Society's Rich Kelly for late winter/early spring plants and birds in this beautiful state park by the Nissequogue River.

**Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. - Dr. Russell Burke, Muttontown Preserve, East Norwich.** Russell describes his research in and around New York City as "urban ecology". For this program, he will lead a search for wood frogs and other amphibians as they emerge into spring. (*Date subject to change based on seasonal conditions.*)

**Saturday, April 18, 10:00 a.m. - Yvonne Berger, Sands Point Preserve, Sands Point.** Concurrent with the Friends of Sands Point Preserve's spring photo day for families, Yvonne's program will provide instruction in composition and other features to sharpen your photography skills. Kids age 10 and up welcome. There is a nominal parking fee for this walk.

**Friday, April 24, 7:00 p.m. – Dan Kriesberg, Bailey Arboretum, Lattingtown.** Come with us on an evening walk, when Dan will help guide us in honing our senses just like the nocturnal animals that share the woods.

**Saturday, May 2, 8:00 a.m. – Peter Martin, Meroke Preserve, Bellmore.** Join naturalist Peter Martin at Nassau County's Meroke Preserve to observe spring migratory birds before the trees fully leaf out. If time allows, we will visit either County-owned Mill Pond or the Town of Hempstead's Twin Lakes to see what the waterfowl are up to.

**Sunday, May 17, noon – Chris Olsen, SUNY Old Westbury, Old Westbury.** SUNY's stunning 300-acre campus, tucked away in Old Westbury, hosts a variety of plant communities as well as a fascinating history. A resident naturalist, Chris will introduce us to some of its treasures when a lovely array of native plants is in bloom.

**Saturday, June 6, 10:00 a.m. – Ann Lotowycz, Humes Property, Mill Neck.** Ann's knowledge of plants and familiarity with this property by the Japanese Stroll Garden will make for a highly-educational walk.

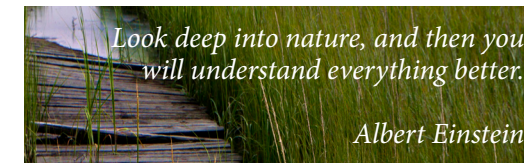
**Sunday, July 26, 11:00 a.m. – Virginia Dankel, Hoffman Center, Muttontown.** Explore the grounds of this beautiful 155-acre estate in the heat of the summer and learn about its many natural communities.

**Saturday, September 26, 10:00 a.m. – Dr. Andrew Greller and Polly Weigand, Sayville Grasslands, West Sayville.** This U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service property is a high-quality example of one of the world's most threatened natural communities.

**Saturday, October 17, 11:00 a.m. - John Turner, Dwarf Pine Plains, Westhampton.** Visit this stunning preserve when it is not only at its most colorful but also when Buck Moths can be seen during their mating flight. It's a sight to behold!

**Sunday, November 22, 11:00 a.m. – Richard Weir, Wawapek Preserve, Cold Spring Harbor.** Richard's plant surveys of the DeForest Williams property were instrumental in its protection. Visit after the leaves have fallen for a Harbor view and learn about its special qualities.

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*Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.*

*Albert Einstein*