

Calendar of Events: *PLEASE NOTE: We are scheduling in person programs with limited group size, preregistration is required by emailing snc@cayugacounty.us All Programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Please remember to dress for the weather by Lake Ontario.*

Cayuga Naturally 2022 Photo Contest

Cayuga County is a diverse and wonderful place filled with nature's best from the shore of Lake Ontario to the heart of the Finger Lakes. Capture your favorite place for hiking, canoeing, fishing, hunting or other outdoor activity as well as the beauty of the streams, lakes, flora, fauna and other aspects of nature. All photos must be taken within Cayuga County and be of nature related subjects. For an official entry form send a stamped self-addressed envelope to: SNC Photo, PO Box 216 Sterling NY, 13156 or email snc@cayugacounty.us.

Year End Fundraising Campaign Begins on Giving Tuesday, November 30, please consider making a donation to the Friends of Sterling Nature Center.

**Let's Have a Big Year! The Search for Winter Waterfowl
Friday Dec. 10, 1pm
Saturday Dec. 11, 1pm**

As the year comes to an end and winter is close at hand northern waterfowl are migrating to Lake Ontario for the winter. What other bird species might be around the wetlands and woodlands of the Sterling Nature Center as the seasons change. An indoor presentation will precede an outing in search of waterfowl on Lake Ontario and other birdlife along the trails. Please dress for the weather.



**Holiday Raffle Drawing
Saturday December 18, 1pm**
Do you have your Ticket?

**Sun Set and Full Moon Walk
Saturday December 18, 4:30pm**
We will start out with a sunset over Lake Ontario and then enjoy the light of the full moon as we take a nice late fall/early winter night hike. The December full moon is referred to as the Cold Moon, a.k.a. Oak Moon, Moon before Yule, and the Long Night Moon (The Winter Solstice is December 21 at 10:59 a.m. Eastern). You never know what you might see or hear during a moon walk; owls, fox, deer or other creatures of night woods. No matter what we observe it will be an interesting way to see the wetlands, woodlands and fields by the light of the Cold Moon, remember to dress for the weather.

**Wondering Naturalist
December 19 at 10am**
Exploration, Discovery, Learning Inspiration and Tranquility await you in nature, come take a Hike to help you observe and connect with the flora and fauna of the Sterling Nature Center. This is a meandering walk along the trails in search of the wonders that may be found if we only take the time to slow down and observe. Photography, journaling or just being intentionally curious about the natural world around us will be encouraged. There may be time

we just stop to wait, look and listen for the wildlife around us according to the season and activity of the flora and fauna.

**Year's End Hike
Friday December 31 at 1pm**
What better way to end the year than with a hike along the trails of the Sterling Nature Center to see how the wildlife is celebrating the coming of a new year or more likely preparing for the winter weather ahead. Snowshoes will be available if needed.

Year End Fundraising Campaign ends Midnight on December 31, please consider making a donation to the Friends of Sterling Nature

**First Day Hike 2022
Saturday January 1 at 1pm**
What better way to put 2021 behind you and start 2022 out on the right path or should we say trail. Join us for a hike along the trails of the Sterling Nature Center to seek out what nature has to offer us in the New Year. Dress for the weather by Lake Ontario, snowshoes will be available if needed.

**Owl Prowl
Friday January 14 at 4pm
Saturday January 15 at 4pm**
Nesting season is about to begin for the great horned owls. Join Naturalist Jim D'Angelo for an indoor introduction to the great-horned owl and other New York State owls. Then venture out on an owl prowl looking and listening for the nocturnal king of the sky. The program is free and open to the public; please remember to dress for the weather; snowshoes will be available if needed.