



CDIA Students Film Science Center

Jeff Corwin was among those interviewed and filmed by students from CDIA, The Center for Digital Imaging Arts at Boston University, Waltham. As part of their practicum, students interviewed and filmed staff, board of directors and others associated with the Science Center along with our programs and events. This film about the Science Center will be a valuable resource for obtaining grants and funding and outreach to communities. Many thanks to Cary and Babs Wolinsky, students and all those interviewed.



Jeff Corwin and students from CDIA. Photo: Barbara Wolinsky.

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ONGOING
Feed the Animals
Every Wednesday, Saturday & Monday Holidays

Meet An Animal
Every Saturday & Monday Holidays

Tales from the Wild
Every Friday, Pre-register



Nature Center Preschool



Each March, we learn about a different culture and this year we learned all about China. Many thanks to Ching-Ching Paskarish of Beijing House Restaurant, Norwell for her cooking and music demonstrations. Students learned how to prepare and wrap Chinese dumplings and enjoyed eating them too. She also played the Erhu, two-stringed Chinese violin. We even tried using chop sticks, donated by the Gallagher family.

Our thoughts have now turned to spring in Jacobs Woods. The children will be spending time outdoors learning about life in the vernal pools and we will be tending to our new garden. It is much fun to dig in the ground and watch the many

creatures living in the soil. The children also learn about baby animals, a subject that is always popular.

April 13-16 is Week of the Young Child. At the Nature Center Preschool, we celebrate children and their connection to nature all year round. The classes will have their art work on display in Vine Hall May 20-June 2. Please join us at an opening reception on Wednesday, May 21st.

We also have some openings still available in the afternoon program for the 2008-2009 school year. Have a great summer!

Elsa Ryberg, Preschool Director

1st Annual Hoot & H'Owl Trivia Tournament



Many* were involved to make our winter fundraiser a success! Thanks to our Committee of Directors, Advisors and Staff and especially Patricia DeGiulio, Chairman of the event. Special thanks to Auctioneer Jim Fagan, MC Kristen Caira, Trivia Guru Jay Fleming along with Business Sponsor, Eastern Bank.

The following generously donated items for auctions: Shields Health Care Group, Museum of Science, Perini Corporation, Ernie & Adele Milani, JeanMarie Iwanicki, Penelope Allen-Baltera, Dick Johnson, Diane Brown, Robin Channell, Rebecca Drucker, Erin Cooke, Vergé Diamonds and Jewelry, Peter Barger, Tim Wakefield, Footprints Reflexology and Bodywork, and the teachers and students from our Nature Center Preschool. Desserts provided by French Memories, Morning Glories, and Sweet Cakes. Additional thanks to Image Resolutions, Bond Printing, Bettina Kurkoski, Joe Waisgerber, and Alex Gordon.

**List compiled as of February 20th; we strive to accurately maintain our records and appreciate any corrections.*

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6th Annual

Wildflower Plant Sale & Guided Walks

Saturday May 17 • 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Natives, Wildflowers, and Plants to attract Butterflies and Hummingbirds
Proceeds from sale support our gardens and grounds

Plant Donations Welcome. Please Label!

Guided Walks into the Wildflower, Butterfly gardens and Science Center trails and informal planting technique workshops will be held throughout the morning.

Our spring tradition continues! Come early for the best selection! Sale of choice and some hard-to-find native and indigenous plants as well as well-known old favorites from New England Nurseries and local gardens.



Friendly, knowledgeable gardeners will be on hand to assist you and answer questions. Did you know, planting native species is beneficial to local wildlife who depend upon such plants for food? Get your children excited about butterfly and hummingbird gardens and take home ideas for your own gardens.

Wildflower Garden Walks with Winnie Lou Rounds and Val Shute at 9:30 and 10:30 AM: As you wander amongst the wildflowers at the Science Center, learn about the varieties of wildflowers that will grow in your garden too.

Trail Walk with Barbara Devine at 11:00 AM -12 Noon: The woods and edges of the fields around the Science Center are full of wildflowers by mid-May. Walk the trails with Barbara and scout out colonies of Pink Ladyslippers, (*Cypripedium acaule*) sweeps of Wild Lily of the Valley (*Convallaria majalis*) and others. We will tabulate all of them for the State's Biodiversity List. Dress for the weather... it won't stop us!

Visit our website (www.ssns.org) to pre-order selected wildflowers, hummingbird and butterfly plantings and for a complete schedule of events.

Annual Meeting & Election of Directors and Advisors

Friday, May 9, 2008 • 7:00PM
Join us for fresh fruit shortcake.

May 17 is Armed Forces Day

Free admission for active service members. Show your service ID.

South Shore Natural Science Center

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The South Shore Natural Science Center is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about the natural and cultural environments of the South Shore. Our mission is to provide natural science experiences that educate, excite, and commit every generation to conserve the environment and to encourage responsible use, stewardship and enjoyment of our natural resources.

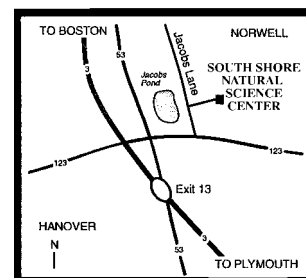
Hours

Monday - Saturday, 9:30 am-4:30 pm • Closed Sundays
Trails open daily from dawn until dusk - free for your enjoyment

Admission

\$5.00/Adult • \$3.00/Children (2-15) & Senior Citizens

We are affiliated with Mass. Teachers Association and Federated Garden Clubs.
AAA and MTA Members: show your card and save \$1 off admission!



Adult and Family Programs

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 27 • 12-4 PM

Admission includes all activities. Food a la carte

\$5/adult, \$3/child (ages 2-15). Maximum \$20 per family

Join us for a festival of earth-wise fun! Learn more about climate change and keeping our priceless earth healthy - *now is the time to "go green!"* Enjoy the EcoZone, kids' crafts and games, musical entertainment, nature walks, live animals and food – something for everyone! Environmental exhibitors will demonstrate ways to a greener life through composting, recycling, organic gardening, solar and wind energy, biofuel, green kitchens and bathrooms, cleaning products and more.

Our featured entertainment will be provided by Marcia and Mark Wilson of *Eyes On Owls* as they present "**Who's Watching You? Owls of the World.**" Observe six live owls up close, learn how to attract and protect local owls, and have a hooting lesson – a fun and interactive program!



A great horned owl joins naturalist Marcia Wilson. Photo courtesy of Eyes on Owls.

In case of rain, all activities will be under cover or indoors. The 2008 Earth Day Celebration is supported in part by a grant from the Norwell Cultural Council. Business Sponsor: Coler and Colantonio, Inc.

Wednesday Walk Exploring Black Pond Reservation

with Wes Osborne

Wednesday, June 25 • 9:30-12 Noon

\$5 members/ \$8 non-members

Join us to explore the forest, pond, and quaking bog with Wes Osborne, former Norwell Tree Warden and Nature Conservancy Steward for the Black Pond Reservation for more than 40 years. Dedicated in 1962 as the first nature conservancy preserve in Massachusetts, Black Pond, Norwell is one of the few remaining glacial kettle-hole ponds in the state. An interesting and unique place, Black Pond Bog, is known for its rare plants and insects. Meet at the Science Center to carpool to the reservation. A portion of admission will be donated to the Black Pond Reservation.

Family Fun Day Reptiles Rock!

Sunday, April 6 • 1:30 - 2:30 PM

\$8 members/ \$10 non-members

includes admission to the EcoZone before the show.

Our favorite herpetologist, Michael K. Ralbovsky of **Rainforest Reptile Shows** is back for a return visit with his menagerie of reptiles, including lizards, turtles, really **BIG snakes and an American alligator.** A rollicking good time for the whole family! This show is recommended for children ages 3 and up, accompanied by an adult. *Sign-up early as this is a ticketed event and space is limited.*

Thursday Tea



Pompeii, Italy by Jeanne McKenna

Travel Times Three

Journeys to the Amalfi Coast, Pompeii, Tuscany, Umbria and Provence

Thursday, April 10 • 1:30-3:30 PM • \$8 M/ \$10 NM

Are you tired of Winter? Celebrate Spring with a tea and an arm-chair voyage to Italy and France. Join Jeanne McKenna, Judy Pollock and Raine Rodolph, three local photographers, inveterate travelers and charming women, who will share their travels, knowledge and images with you. They are members and active participants in various art associations and photographic organizations in New England. Each woman is unique in her perception and portrayal of the environment and culture of different areas. They have had numerous exhibits, won many awards and had their images published in newspapers, newsletters, various travel magazines and books. Travel to these delightful areas without leaving your chair! Tea and delicious desserts will be served following the presentation.

Attention All Artists! Call for Entries: 4th Annual Juried Art Show "Beyond the Garden Gate" July 1- August 23. More information to follow.

Children's Programs

Ongoing Programs – Free with Admission

Meet An Animal

Saturdays and Monday Holidays at 2:00 PM.
The naturalist features a different animal each week.

Feed the Animals

Wednesdays at 3:00 PM

Saturdays and Monday Holidays at 10:00 AM
Free for members

Come watch the naturalist on duty feed the animals!

Tales From the Wild

with Barbara Devine, Senior Naturalist
For children ages 3-5. Limit 10 children.

Fridays, 10:30-11:00 AM (except holidays and vacation weeks)
Join us for stories and tales about animals and nature.
Please call in advance if you plan to come.

Parents & Tots

with Barbara Devine,
Senior Naturalist

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:45 AM

Session I: April 2, 9, 16
Session II: April 30, May 7, 14
Session III: May 28, June 4, 11

For children
ages 5 and under,
accompanied by a parent.
\$30 members (M) / \$35
non-members (NM)
per 3-week session.
Additional family members
are half-price;
papooses are free!
Pre-registration and pre-
payment required.
Limit 8 children.

As spring revs up, the woods and fields fill with life. Wildflowers bloom; returning birds call. Bring a child on guided tours around the Science Center and Jacobs Pond. Please dress for the weather.

Kinder-Gardening

For children in Kindergarten

With Dot MacFarlane, Greenhouse Manager

Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 • 1:00-2:00 PM

\$40 M/\$45 NM for 4-week session

Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Limit 10 children.

It's time to plant some seeds again, so come and plant with us. You will take home seeds and small plants for your own garden, and learn how to make them grow!

Animal Tails

with Karen Kurkoski, Naturalist • for children ages 4 and 5 years
Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 AM

Session I: April 3, 10, 17 • Session II: May 8, 15, 22

Session III: May 29, June 5, 12

\$42 members (M) / \$54 non-members (NM)
for each 3-week session

Turtles and owls and squirrels, oh my! Rainbows and clouds that touch the sky! Join us for stories that are fun, fanciful and full of nature. After our tale each week enjoy a game, song or craft - lots of exciting activities, and learning too! We may go outside for a hike, so please dress for the weather. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Limit 8 children.

New Day, New 3-week sessions!

Adventures and Beyond!

for children in grades 1 and 2 • with Karen Kurkoski, Naturalist
Mondays, 4:00-5:30 PM

Session I: April 7, 14, 28 • Session II: May 5, 12, 19

\$42 M / \$54 NM for three-week session

Would you like to be a chemist, geologist, zoologist, or paleontologist? Join other young scientists to investigate all sorts of interesting science questions! Explore the natural world: animals, plants, and their habitats, and discover the secrets that the earth holds, inside and out. Find out how much fun science can be! Please dress for the weather. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Limit 8 children.

Dad and Me Breakfast & Wind Chimes Workshop

With Louise Beaudry, Naturalist

Saturday, May 10, 9:30-11:30 AM

\$15 M/\$20 NM per parent/child pair, \$5 for each
additional child.

Join us for a fun-filled morning ringing in the sounds of spring by building your own artistic wind chime out of metal tubing and natural items found right in our own backyard. Participants are asked to bring work gloves; all other materials will be provided. A continental breakfast will be served. Limit: 10 father/child pairs. Pre-registration and pre-payment required.

Children's Programs

New Program

Science Club

For children in Grades 3-5 • With Dot MacFarlane, Naturalist
Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 29, 4:00-5:30 PM
\$42 members (M) /\$54 non-members (NM)
per 3-week session

Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Limit 10 children.

Week 1: Every plant seed has a new little plant inside. How do they grow? We will look at small seeds and very large seeds to try and find out. Then you will plant some seeds for you to take home.

Week 2: Where does paper come from? It grows on trees! Learn all about it, including how to make new paper from the recycle bin. We will fold it, paint it, and cut it as well.

Week 3: It's all about the water. Visit our vernal pools to look for wildlife, then do experiments with water. We will learn how a water strider walks on water, and how beetles take a bubble of air under water with them.

Fairies and Tea

With Dot MacFarlane, Naturalist

Saturday, April 19, 10:00-11:30 AM

\$12 M /\$17 NM per parent-child pair

\$5 for each additional child

Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Limit 10 parent/child pairs

Are there fairies in your woods, or ours? We'll look for some, read about them, and make fairy houses out of natural materials. We'll even have a little tea party in our fairy village! Wear a fairy costume if you'd like!

Free Program!

Bioblitz 2008!

Saturday, June 21, 10:00-11:30 AM

"Biodiversity" can sound very scientific and mysterious! Join us to learn exactly what it is, how simple it is to understand, and how important it is to all of us. We'll explore ways in which individuals and families can discover and appreciate the varieties of wildlife and vegetation that exist in their backyards and local natural areas. The program will include a nature walk along our beautiful trails where we will inventory and record the different kinds of plants and animals that are found there. This Biodiversity List will become part of our permanent records. Dress comfortably and for the weather!

Vernal Pools: Exploring Giant Puddles!

With Karen Kurkoski, Naturalist

Saturday, April 12, 10:00-11:30 AM

\$5 M /\$10 NM per person

Puddles come and puddles go, and so do vernal pools! These wonderful, mysterious, temporary bodies of water are home to many different animals, if only for a short amount of time. Awesome creatures such as spotted salamanders, wood frogs, and fairy shrimp use these pools to lay their eggs; and turtles visit to find food. Join us for crafts and hands-on activities with microscopes and hand lenses inside, along with a close-up view of some of our vernal pool animals; and then venture outside to explore these unique and magical wetlands! The whole family will enjoy this adventure, but dress for the weather - the salamanders don't care if it's raining and neither do we! *Pre-registration and payment requested to ensure proper staffing.*

Science League

For Middle School: Grades 5-8

Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30 PM

April 2, 9, 16, 30 & May 7, 14, 21, 28 (will not meet April 23)

\$60 per 8 Week Session

Do you enjoy science? Join Science League, a science program for middle-school-aged kids at the SSNSC. Typical activities include exploring Jacobs Pond for wildlife, collecting water quality data, identifying plants and wildlife, updating trail guides, mapping nature trails, and examining wetlands management issues. During our investigations we may utilize microscopes, pond specimen collecting equipment, water quality testing kits, a GPS unit, and other scientific tools. We ask questions, explore answers, conduct experiments, try new things, and have a lot of fun! For more information and to obtain an application, please contact Krista Peters at 781-659-2559 ext 218.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 27 • 12:00-4:00 PM

Celebrate Earth Day! Activities include conservation/environmental exhibitors, kids' games, crafts, animal shows, music, storytelling, guided trail walks, food, Live Owl demonstrations and more. See page 3 for more details. Complete schedule on website: www.ssnsc.org



In Memoriam – A Tribute to Barbara Bond

We will miss Barbara's cheery smile at a Thursday Tea or as a volunteer with our newsletter mailings. A nature lover, she was always interested in the exhibits, people and happenings at the Science Center.

Support the Science Center By searching the web and using an online shopping mall!

Looking for some easy ways to support the Science Center? We have joined two programs where anyone can help us raise money by doing everyday things. GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, and watch the donations add up! Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter South Shore Natural Science Center as the charity you want to support. While you're there, use GoodShop.com, an online shopping mall. Choose the South Shore Natural Science Center as the charity you support and then click the partner retailers (including Amazon, Target, Best Buy, Barnes and Noble, Gap and many more) and start shopping! A percentage of your purchase will go to the Science Center.

Science Center Goes "Greener" with Expanded Recycling Efforts

Paper Recycling

Have you noticed the green and yellow Abitibi Paper Retriever container in our parking lot? The SSNSC is collecting paper (newspaper, office paper, magazines, catalogs, etc.) in the container. Abitibi will then collect the paper and pay us for what we collect. Bring your paper recycling to the Science Center and help us raise money while helping the planet.

Recycle Ink Cartridges

Don't forget to also bring in your empty ink cartridges too. For over two years, Science Center has teamed up with Staples Recycle for Education program and receives \$3 for each eligible cartridge and have received a total of \$750. We thank Protectowire Company, Inc. for their continued participation in recycling cartridges with us. Save your cartridges from home and work and turn trash into cash!

Get Clean Products, Environmentally Friendly

Are you interested in cleaning with products that use biodegradable agents and not toxins or harsh chemicals? Get Clean products from Shaklee are the solution. The products are environmentally friendly and more concentrated, thereby reducing packaging and waste. Robin Channell, of Sunny Channell Marketing Group, and a mother whose son is enrolled in the Nature Center Preschool, distributes these products and 15% of each sale is donated to the Preschool. Go greener and also support the Nature Center Preschool by purchasing Get Clean products. Contact Robin at 781-956-9797.

Celebrating Seniors

The first Tuesday of each month is "Free Senior Day" at the Science Center. Admission is free for all seniors 60 years and older. Enjoy!



Silhouette Portraits

Need a gift for someone special? Silhouette Portraits make a great Mother's Day gift. Nationally recognized silhouette artist, Carol Lebeaux, will be creating and cutting portraits on Saturday, Sunday and Monday April 12, 13, and 14th from 10 AM to 5PM. This is a fundraiser for the Science Center. To book a sitting, contact Elsa Ryberg, Preschool Director at 7812-659-2559.

Volunteers Needed to Clean Up the Alien Plants

We need your help on Saturday, May 3 from 10-12 Noon. The Aliens are here. Alien plants, such as bittersweet and multiflora rose are taking over at the Science Center. We are looking for volunteers to train in alien plant identification and removal. Are they taking over at your house? Join us, and you will be able to take care of aliens at your own home. Please bring gloves and clippers.

Mark Your Calendar!

27th Annual Garden Tour Wednesday, July 9th

Self-guided tours of picturesque gardens in the area. Join us - It's a delightful way to spend a summer day! For more information, contact the Science Center at 781-659-2559 or visit www.ssns.org. Thanks to our generous Sponsors: Scituate Federal Savings Bank and Watch-All Inc.

Now Appearing in Vine Hall Gallery

"Hedda- A Retrospective Show" • April 8- May 17 • Hedda was a gifted and noted artist and this show is a tribute to her many talents. She painted in varied mediums and her subjects were many including our Jacobs Farm area. Also on display are some paintings never seen before. Family members continue their artistic journey with their talents too. Also on display are photographs by her son, Andrew Zona, and wood pieces by nephew, Richard Friberg. **Join us at an opening reception Friday, April 11 from 7-9 PM.**



"Natural Beauty" by Hedda.



Preschoolers create masterpieces in the style of Jackson Pollack.

Nature Center Preschool Arts Show • May 20 - June 2 • This show features the art work made by the children from the Nature Center Preschool classes. They have studied artists Paul Cezanne, Jackson Pollack and author Peter H. Reynolds as well as others. Easel painting without any teacher direction is also featured. All art emphasizes the process of making art and their works convey their individual artistic expressions. **Join us at an opening reception on Wednesday, May 21, 6:00-7:30 PM.**

Norwell Elementary Schools Art Show • June 3- 16 • This exhibit features a sampling of works from the art classes of Mrs. McNulty and Mr. Menice at the Cole and Vinal Schools. Art is fun and both teachers develop the creativity and artistic expression in the students. View the talent of these students from Grades 1-5. **Join us and meet the students and teachers at an opening reception, date to be finalized.**



Yes, I want to become a member of the South Shore Natural Science Center. Enroll me as a member for one year.

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 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and mail with payment to:
 SSNSC, Jacobs Lane, PO Box 429, Norwell, MA 02061

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____
 ___Member ___Business-Member ___Non-Member

1. Program _____ \$ _____
 2. Program _____ \$ _____
 3. Program _____ \$ _____
 4. Program _____ \$ _____
 TOTAL \$ _____

MC/VISA/DISCOVER # _____ Exp. Date _____
(circle one)

signature of cardholder

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Advance registration is required for our programs, as it helps guarantee adequate staffing, supplies, and participants. We encourage pre-registration as far in advance as possible. If there are registration problems, speak directly to the program coordinator; our volunteers are not responsible for registration problems. Payment is necessary to hold your place for all of our programs. Please make prepaid registrations by 2 pm, two days prior to the program date. Telephone reservations will be held for three business days. We gladly accept MasterCard, Visa and Discover. We do not issue a written confirmation. However, a receipt for program registration will be sent if requested. There is a \$25.00 handling fee for returned checks.

CANCELLATIONS

If you can't attend a program for which you've registered, please notify the Center as soon as possible. Cancellations received one week prior to the program will receive a full refund less a \$15.00 handling fee. A credit valid for one year from the date of issue will be given for any cancellation up to 48 hours before a program. Registrants who miss a program and do not give advance notice will forfeit the program fee. No refunds are given for class absences or for programs for which rain dates are scheduled *unless a replacement is found*. The refund will be mailed to the registrant. The Center may cancel a program if minimum registration is not met. In the event of cancellation due to weather, a taped message will be left on the answering machine, and prepaid fees will be refunded.

TRANSPORTATION

The Center's insurance plan does not cover private vehicles or their drivers. Drivers transport passengers at their own risk under their own insurance policies.

APRIL VACATION WEEK

All sessions are 9:30 AM -12 Noon. Please specify age group: Grades K-2 or 3 1/2 to 5 year olds. Cost: \$30 members / \$35 non-members per day. Limited enrollment. Pre- register and prepayment in advance. Registration deadline Wednesday, April 16.

Ecolympics!

Grades K-2

Running the fastest, jumping the highest, flying the farthest or diving the deepest - animals compete in their own Olympic Games to survive in nature! Plants can be the tallest or the stinkiest. Even the earth joins in with super forces that rock, rumble and roar! Join us to explore these "champions" of nature through hands-on activities and outdoor explorations in the Science Center woods or at Jacobs Pond. Please dress for the weather.

- Tuesday, April 22: Awesome Animal Athletes
- Wednesday, April 23: Water Wonders
- Thursday, April 24: Plant Power
- Friday, April 25: Great Forces of Nature

Our Wonderful Earth!

For children 3 1/2 to 5 years old.

Join Nature Center Preschool Teacher/Naturalist Melissa Kurkoski. Our imaginations will take us on some amazing journeys as we play recycle games; explore underground to find worms, woodchucks and roots; erupt a volcano; and travel back in time to discover the largest land animals to ever roam the earth! Please dress appropriately to go outside. Limit 8.

- Tuesday, April 22: Earth Day, Every Day
- Wednesday, April 23: When Dinosaurs Roamed
- Thursday, April 24: Volcanoes, Lava, and Rocks, Oh My!
- Friday, April 25: Who Needs Dirt?

Registration Information: Due to allergy considerations, no snacks will be provided. Please provide your child with a "peanut free" snack. Please notify us in writing of any medical issues or allergies. Pick-up is 12:00. Please remember to sign your child in and out, and inform the naturalist of any special arrangements regarding drop off and pick-up. Early registration is recommended. Registration is not complete until payment is received.

Drop-In Vacation Week Programs

For children in Grades 3-5

Sessions 9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon
Cost per day: \$30 M/ \$35NM

These are drop-in programs, no registration or pre-payment required. Come to one or both sessions. Bring a peanut-free snack. For more information, please contact the Education Department.

Trash Art and More!

Tuesday, April 22

Join us for a morning of recycling, reusing, and reducing in honor of Earth Day! We'll create some "trash art," recycled toys, and learn about ways to make the earth a better place!

It's Arbor Day so Hug a Tree!

Friday, April 25

Why are trees so important? Can you tell the difference between a maple and an oak? Come learn about some of the most important trees in our area and how they are used for everything from animal homes to a tasty treat!

Please deliver to
addressee or current resident



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