The Nature Discovery Center staff and board were greatly saddened by the loss of our founder, Hana Ginzbarg, in October. The center opened to the public 25 years ago. Since then, thousands of children have enjoyed its programs, visited the Discovery Rooms, or strolled in and explored the park, which Hana liked to call “an urban oasis.” Neither Russ Pitman Park nor the Nature Discovery Center would be here today if it were not for Hana’s passion for nature and unrelenting drive to save some natural places in the Houston area for future generations to enjoy.

Hana grew up with a love of and personal connection with the natural world. She looked forward to the beauty of spring wildflowers, was silenced by the sight of herons standing on the edge of a bayou, and loved to walk through natural habitats, discovering even the smallest wonders of nature. She understood the value of saving parts of the natural world around us for people to study and connect with emotionally. Instead of just sadly watching our native habitats disappear as the Houston metro area grew, Hana worked tirelessly to save some of the places she loved so others might find a refuge in our urban environment.

In starting the Friends of Bellaire Parks, Hana and her wonderful husband Arthur, helped create a sense of community. She was the driving force behind getting citizens to work together to build and create something that one or two of them could not do alone. As a group, Hana and the Friends created a playground in Bellaire’s Evergreen Park, which was then a vacant lot next to the pool. She started with ideas from school children, designs from university students based on these ideas, donated materials and community based volunteer workdays.

Hana & the Friends’ next project was to raise 1.4 million dollars to buy the Henshaw estate back in the early 80’s, to create what is now Russ Pitman Park, a small gem of a nature sanctuary, renovate the Henshaw House and launch the Nature Discovery Center. Hana’s talent for and creativity in getting others involved was put to good use. She talked businesses and unions into donating materials and labor for necessary repairs. The creation of the Nature Discovery Center was a labor of love for all involved and Hana was the driving force behind it. Hana continued to work on behalf of the NDC, serving on the board and committees, writing grants, and contributing educational ideas right up to her passing.

But Hana was more than just the founder of the Friends of Bellaire Parks and the Nature Discovery Center. Years before, her love of walking along Houston’s bayous lead her to join Terry Hershey and the Bayou Preservation Association in their quest to stop the Army Corps of Engineers from “rectifying” or channelizing Buffalo Bayou like they had already done to Braes Bayou.
From the Director’s Desk:

Dear Friends of the Nature Discovery Center,

I thought I’d use this season’s letter to share with you a few items currently under development at the Nature Discovery Center.

We could not be more excited about our update of the Henshaw House. We plan to re-organize materials, install new wall and floor coverings, add new lighting, and more! We want our wonderful nature center to acknowledge the unique feel of a 1925 house while also being a comfortable, safe, educational, and welcoming destination for all people.

In addition, you’ll begin noticing some landscaping changes around the Center soon. We are purists who believe native plants are essential for wildlife diversity and also represent true natural beauty. We’ll address some much-needed “hardscaping” updates such as walkways and plant beds so that the grounds will be aesthetically pleasing, environmentally beneficial, and easy to maintain for years to come.

I would like to thank Reagan Miller of Miller Dahlstrand Dejean Architects, Bob Montgomery of Montgomery Design Studio, and Marc Tellepsen of Tellepsen Landscaping for their generous time and expertise during our facility and grounds planning process. I would also like to thank Marcel Barone of the Southampton Group plus his entire team for the excellent work on the Henshaw House exterior. It has been a pleasure to work with these professionals who understand the spirit of the Nature Discovery Center and whose generous commitment will ensure our long-term success.

We could not achieve our mission without the help of hundreds of volunteers each year. We are calling on all types—gardeners, educators, animal lovers, carpenters—to join our volunteer force. Recently developed training materials and a more streamlined volunteer program will ensure that everyone who offers their time and expertise will feel valued and fulfilled. Please keep your eyes peeled for further updates to our volunteer efforts, which will be posted online and available here.

As the winter season is upon us, bundle up and come for a walk in the park. Whether you are a child or adult, revel in using all your senses to observe the changes in the winter trees, grasses, birds, and air. We’re proud of our upcoming “man-made” changes, of course, but delight even more in nature’s!

With appreciation,

Sarah Flournoy, Director

Prop 4 Passed! More Improvements to Come

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, Bellaire residents voted in favor of $500,000.00 to be used for improvements to the Henshaw House and Russ Pitman Park. These funds will be used for much-needed updates to the nature center and grounds. In addition, we are seeking private funding to complement the City funds and to address as many areas of the facility as possible. After over 30 years of lots of love and wear and tear, we are very excited to implement these changes so that the nature center can continue to ignite curiosity and provide a natural haven for the next generation—and beyond. Thank you to all who made this possible.
Join us for a Saturday Morning Meet the Animals

Spend a Saturday morning at the Center getting to know our animals with up close and personal animal encounters! Each family friendly Meet the Animal session includes: hands-on exposure to live animals and/or specimens, an informal discussion about the animal’s basic biology and behavior, and a Q&A period with one of our Staff Naturalists. Some sessions may also include surprises like opportunities to feed the animals or guest appearances by animals not usually seen in our Discovery Rooms.

Cost: $5/person

Note: This is a drop-in program. Advanced registration is not required. As a courtesy, please call us at 713.667.6550 if you know you plan to come with a group of 6 or more.

Saturday mornings at 10 am

Upcoming Sessions:

January 18 – Feathered Friends
February 15 – Slithery Snakes

SAVE THE DATES

NDC Annual Meeting
Wednesday, December 4
6:30 pm

What is happening at the Nature Discovery Center this year? Find out about new developments and meet our director and some of our board members. Light refreshments will be served. Stay after the meeting for Cletus Lee’s talk: Small Treasures (see Lecture listing on page 5).

Photos with Santa
Saturday, December 7
10 am - 1 pm

Bring the whole family for Photos with Santa. Visitors will receive a free photo, courtesy of John Daugherty Realtors. Check out the Discovery Rooms while you wait for your turn with Santa.

Spring Fling
April 19
10 am - 3 pm

Come Celebrate Earth Day!

Spring Fling is a free community event celebrating Earth Day with environmental exhibitors, music, children’s crafts and activities, and the Bellaire Garden Club’s annual plant sale.
Mr. Eric’s Children’s Programs Continue

Sign-up for individual classes that meet your hectic schedules, for specific topics that inspire your children, or sign up now for the entire semester to enjoy enriching experiences January - May at a savings!

To become a Member before registering, visit www.naturediscoverycenter.org/join. To register for classes, visit www.naturediscoverycenter.org/classes-camps.

Curious Kids
Ages: 3.5 - 5 years old
Preschoolers and their parents or adult caregivers will learn basic science concepts in hands-on classes that encourage and celebrate natural curiosity! Curious Kids lessons may incorporate live animals, plants, natural objects, crafts, puppets, stories, songs, and nature walks.

Cost per Class:
$10 Member
$15 Non-member

Members-Only Semester Discount Price: $150

Tuesdays - 10 am - 11:15 am

Dates & Topics:
1/14 - Exploring Our Senses
1/21 - World of Weather
1/28 - Outdoor Nature Projects
2/04 - Animals Poop Too
2/11 - Animal Tracks
2/18 - Animal Migration
2/25 - Predators & Prey
3/04 - Poison & Venom
3/11 - Animals That Fly
3/25 - Animal Babies
4/01 - Forest Creatures
4/08 - Desert Dwellers
4/15 - Springtime in the Park
4/22 - Nature of the Prairie
4/29 - Animals Without Bones
5/06 - What’s a Worm?
5/13 - Colony Life: Bees & Ants
5/20 - Lizard Tales

Junior Scientists
Ages: 6 - 10 years old
Our Junior Scientists explore the natural world and examine a variety of science themes through hands-on investigations and experiments, and in lessons enriched with crafts, games, and more!

Cost per Class:
$12 Member
$18 Non-member

Members-Only Semester Discount Price: $186

Thursdays - 4 pm - 5:30 pm

Dates & Topics:
1/16 - The Science of Our Senses
1/23 - Plants as Food: Fruits & Veggies
1/30 - Weather & Climate
2/06 - Desert Nature
2/13 - Life Underground
2/20 - What’s Alive?
2/27 - What’s Wild?
3/06 - How Many Animals?
3/13 - Predators & Prey
3/27 - Symbiosis: Animal Relationships
4/03 - Texas Animals
4/10 - Invertebrates: Boneless Animals
4/17 - Life on the Prairie
4/24 - Springtime Wildflowers
5/01 - Springtime Insects
5/08 - Springtime Birds
5/15 - Terrific Turtles
5/22 - Life With Lizards

FREE Nature Story Time
Every Wednesday at 4 pm
Preschoolers and caregivers enjoy nature stories, crafts, etc.

Scout Programs
Bring your scout group to the Center! See our website for our Scout Program offerings.
Scout Programs are offered Friday - Sunday. Advance reservations are required.

Winter Camps
Ages 5 - 10
Camps meet from 9:30 - 3:30.
Register online. Members sign in as the child who is coming to camp. Advance registration is required.

Cost per day:
$40 member / $50 nonmember

Dec. 30 - Animal Mania
Bring your favorite stuffed animal and we will investigate where it comes from and who are it’s relatives. Animals from around the world will become the focus for crafts and games.

Jan. 2 – Furry Friends (Texas Mammals)
We’ll explore the world of furry animals out in the park, with wild animals, and through nature projects and fun educational games. We’ll make some friends, and learn some things that may surprise you.

Jan 3 – Discovering Art in Nature
Discover art through nature and nature through art. We’ll go out into the park to discover the simple and fascinating ideas behind modern art, in a natural setting. We’ll learn a little about local nature, and a lot about the work of some important 20th century artists.

FREE Nature Story Time
Every Wednesday at 4 pm
Preschoolers and caregivers enjoy nature stories, crafts, etc.
Lectures For the Inquisitive Naturalist

First Wednesday of every month from 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Donations accepted. Light refreshments are served.

December 4 (Directly after our Annual Meeting)

Small Treasures: Some things that you might miss in Russ Pitman Park
with Cletus Lee

Cletus Lee will present a photo essay exploring and describing the small creatures often found in Russ Pitman Park and elsewhere along the Texas Gulf Coast. The talk will cover birds, bugs, reptiles, flowers and mushrooms seen up close.

Cletus Lee is a native of Virginia and received a degree in Geology from Virginia Tech. After an interesting career in the Oil & Gas industry, followed by another in Information Sciences, he retired in 2008 to pursue nature photography, a longtime passion. He is an amateur arachnologist and entomologist with a lifelong passionate interest in nature.

January 8

Will Humans Deal with Global Warming in Time? with Tim Mock

Speculative, yes, but still a worthwhile question to explore - cartoons, video, and texts to stimulate discussion of arguably the most important issue of our time. Tim Mock has presented several times at NDC, always a memorable evening, bringing about lively discussion on a sometimes controversial scientific topics.

Tim earned a degree in Physics from Rice University and spent most of his career in systems analysis. Retired in 1978 at 36, his main retirement hobby is talking with groups about significant issues that threaten the human future and might not be widely understood.

February 5

Beneficial Insects for Your Garden with Eric Duran

Come join us to learn more about the insects and other invertebrates that are beneficial for your garden. We'll discuss and look at insects that prey on pest species and important and under-rated pollinators, and discuss what you can do to encourage these helpful friends in your garden.

Eric is our primary educator, teaching a wide variety of classes for kids and adults. He has been an environmental educator and naturalist at Armand Bayou Nature Center, the Houston Zoo, Sacha Lodge on the Napo River of Ecuador, and various places around the country. He has fieldwork experience with Sea Turtles, Amphibians, Sharks, and a variety of birds around North America. In his free time he spends way too much time outside bird-watching, herping, and hiking.

A Walk on the Wild Side!

Come explore and learn more about the wild side of nature in the city with our fun, family friendly nature walks in Russ Pitman Park. Join us while we sneak up on lizards, peer through a spotting scope for close up looks at honey bees or birds, discover the latest blooms and their pollinators in our Pocket Prairie, spy on the secret life of animals that hide under logs, and investigate more seasonal nature surprises! Learn some tips to explore nature with your family in your own backyard or on your travels. These walks will be about an hour long.

Saturday, January 25, 10am
Sunday, February 9, 10am

Cost: members - free
nonmembers - $5/family suggested donation

Registration is not required. As a courtesy, please call us at 713.667.6550 if you plan to come with a group of 6 or more.
winter birding

Birds to Look For in the Park this Winter
Visit Russ Pitman Park and see if you can find some of our wintering birds!

Most winters we have:
- Rufous Hummingbirds
- Black-chinned Hummingbirds
- Northern Flickers
- Ruby-crowned Kinglets
- Golden-crowned Kinglets
- Orange-crowned Warblers
- Pine Warblers
- Yellow-rumped Warblers

Some winters we have also been lucky to see:
- Calliope Hummingbirds
- Broad-tailed Hummingbirds
- Allen’s Hummingbirds
- Broad-billed Hummingbirds

And we have had overwintering:
- Summer Tanagers
- Wilson’s Warblers
- Winter Wrens

You never know what birds you will find when you visit the Nature Discovery Center and Russ Pitman Park in the Winter!

Visit our website to download a copy of the complete Bird Checklist for Russ Pitman Park. Find the link under “Resources for Birthing” on the birding page: naturediscoverycenter.org/birding

Monthly Winter Bird Walks
Wednesdays, Noon to 1:15 pm
Mary Ann Beauchemin will lead a monthly bird walk in Russ Pitman Park throughout the winter. In addition to our winter songbirds we have had some interesting “migrants” overwinter in the past. Most years have some very interesting hummers visiting the park. Last year we had several Calliope, Rufous, a Black-chinned, Broad-billed and Broad Tailed!

Dates: December 4, January 8, & February 5
Where: Meet us on the front porch.
Bring: Binoculars, or call in advance if you need to borrow some from the Center.

Join us for the 2014 Global Great Backyard Bird Count!
Saturday, February 15, 9 am – 10:30 am
The Nature Discovery Center is excited to take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count.

Bird watchers from around the world will take part in this annual event sometime between Friday, February 14, and Monday, February 14, 2014. Participants in the free event will join tens of thousands of volunteers of all levels of birding experience to count birds in their own backyards, local parks or wildlife refuges.

Join us on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014 from 9:00 to 10:30 am for the count here at the Nature Discovery Center. Families are welcome. Registration is not required. We will meet at the front porch of the Nature Discovery Center. If you are a little late, just find us in the park.

It would be good to bring a pair of binoculars, but we may have a couple of extra pair here. Please call or e-mail Mary Ann ahead of time to make sure we have a pair for your use if needed. (mbeau@naturediscoverycenter.org )

Checklists submitted by all “citizen scientists” help scientists and researchers learn more about how different bird species are doing, how their populations and ranges are changing, and how to protect them. Last year GBBC participants turned in more than 134,000 checklists from people in 111 countries. Even more amazing is that bird watchers reported 4,004 species, 39% of all the bird species in the world!

Visit our website at www.naturediscoverycenter.org for a link to more information about the Great Backyard Bird Count or how to have a count in your own backyard as well as joining ours.

Lunch with the Birds
Wednesdays, Noon to 1:15 pm
Interested in birdwatching? Join our free guided bird walks through Russ Pitman Park, looking for spring migrants. Warblers, vireos, thrushes, orioles and buntings are just a few of the spring migrants you may see. We don’t actually stop for lunch, but spend the hour birding instead.

Dates: February 26 - May 14
Where: Meet us on the front porch. Just drop in!
Bring: Binoculars, or call in advance if you need to borrow some from the Center.

Birding Wish-List
Black oil sunflower seeds
Binoculars in good condition

Water Feature Ribbon Cutting
Thanks again to River Oaks Garden Club and to the over 50 bird watchers and photographers who donated to the creation of our water feature.

Just ask!
We keep binoculars on hand at the Center for visitors to borrow while birding in Russ Pitman Park. Call ahead to check availability.
Many Thanks to Those who Helped Make This Pumpkin Patch the Best Pumpkin Patch Ever!

“I would like to take credit for the perfect weather we had for pumpkin patch this year, but it was not my doing!” said Anne Eisner, Pumpkin Patch Coordinator. Two glorious fall days brought at least 2,500 people to the park. So many people said how much fun they had with their children and remarked how great the event volunteers were. After the event Anne reflected that “The only disappointment was that we ran out of pumpkins on Sunday, even though I ordered 15,000 pounds of them! I will order more next year!”

Thanks to the NCL-Bayou Village’s girls, Lauren Grimes, Ariana and Roxana Boroujerdi, and Wendy Mixon who planned and worked the potted plant booth. Also thanks to the Kinkaid Community Service Program who planned and worked the cookie decorating booth on Sunday. Both groups created their crafts and provided supplies for all of the children to have fun and get to take something with them. Many thanks, also, to Nikky Lawell Photography. Nikki donated all of the proceeds from her Pumpkin Patch photo shoots to the Nature Discovery Center!

Several other groups and clubs listed below were instrumental in volunteering and helping the children have a great time, we are grateful for their cheerful assistance! Thanks also to the food and craft vendors who helped make this possible!

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AOS Middle Schoolers
Bellaire HS Baseball
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We are indebted to our generous Pumpkin Patch sponsor ACME Party and Tent, and we want to thank them for donating tents, tables, and more! Bellaire Parks & Recreation and the Bellaire Men's Club both donated additional tables. We couldn't have pulled the event off without them!
special event thanks

November 22, 2013
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Twilight 2013
The Wild Life

Many Thanks to Contributors to Our 19th Annual Twilight Gala

We want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone involved in this year’s Twilight gala. Our generous volunteers and donors helped raise very important funds for our science and nature programming. We love celebrating the Nature Discovery Center while dancing the night away. What a special evening!

Houston CPA Society Members
Sue Andrus
Kathy Ploch, CPA, CPP
After helping with the Buffalo Bayou effort, Hana focused her time to spearhead the purchase of land for Armand Bayou Nature Center, resulting in the creation of an amazing 2500 acre preserve and nature center in Pasadena that includes coastal prairie, forest, stream, and estuarine habitats, a historical recreation of an early working farm, as well as a wonderful nature center.

Hana’s vision included places where children and families could come to learn about nature through hands-on discovery in the real world. She knew how important it is for children to use hands-on activities to make their own discoveries about science and nature. She knew that science is about asking questions and searching for answers. Hana knew that a respect for nature grows out of being touched by its beauty and wonder. She believed in the ability and duty of individuals to shape and conserve their environment for the common good.

In short, Hana Ginzbarg has been an inspiration and remarkable role model for all of us who share her passion for nature and dedication to science education. Hana has made our small part of the world a more beautiful and meaningful place in which to live, learn and grow.

We urge you to go out and celebrate Hana Ginzbarg’s life. Bring your children or grandchildren to explore our Discovery Rooms or investigate our Discovery Boxes. Donate your time or money to help save a native prairie, bayou or other wild place. Take a walk through Russ Pitman Park, Armand Bayou, along Buffalo Bayou or any wild place in the Houston area and remember this amazing woman who left so much behind for all of us to enjoy.

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The Nature Discovery Center relies on contributions from the community in order to continue offering quality science and nature programs to children and families throughout the Houston area.

We thank you all for your support!
New & Renewing Members

The Nature Discovery Center is pleased to welcome the following new and renewing members from August 15, 2013 to November 15, 2013.

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Dawn Venza & Patrick Lawson

Individual
Gary Olson

Student/Senior
Cynthia Edmondson
Eileen Glaser
Deborah Lancaster
Lynda Potecorvo
Gloria Scheel
William W Willey III
Mary Ann Wilson
Isabel & Juan Lozano
Kalim Mays
Lynn McBee
Celeste Mead
Susan Pierce
Monte Smith
Karen Willis

Member Benefits
Family Members
Family Members and higher receive discounts on classes, camps, and field trips, and have early registration privileges.

Wildlife Partners
Wildlife Partners and higher additionally have pavilion reservation privileges.

Membership and Gift Form
(To become a member or renew online, visit www.naturediscoverycenter.org/join)

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☐ You may acknowledge my membership or gift (of $250 or more) in the Nature Discovery Center newsletter

☐ Student/Senior $ 25
☐ Individual    $ 30
☐ Family        $ 50
☐ Wildlife Partner $ 100
☐ Wildlife Supporter $ 250
☐ Wildlife Guardian $ 500
☐ Wildlife Benefactor $ 1,000
☐ Explorer Circle $ 5,000
☐ Investigator Circle $ 10,000
☐ Discovery Circle $ 15,000

Will your employer match your tax-deductible dues and gift?

☐ Enclosed is my matching gift form. My employer’s name is:
nature discovery center

7112 Newcastle St
Bellaire, TX 77401

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Meet the Animals
January 19 - Birds
February 15 - Snakes
see page 3 for more

Winter Break Camps
ages 5 to 10
9:30 am to 3:30 pm
see page 4 inside for camp details

Winter Events

Spring Fling
Save the Date
Saturday, April 19
10 am - 3 pm

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