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DISCOVERY ROOM HOURS

NOON-5:30 DAILY
CLOSED MONDAYS

ADMISSION FREE

Donations are appreciated.

Groups of six or more
children by appointment.
Cost is \$2/child.

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Summer Program Registration

Don't miss out on summer science fun at the Nature Discovery Center! See pages 5 & 6 for offerings and register online at www.naturediscoverycenter.org.

Registration is as easy as 1-2-3.

1. Follow links to our Summer Camp/Class Registration Forms and **login as your child to submit a form.**
2. Select camps or classes you want to sign them up for.
3. Choose your method of payment.

Summer Science Campers (ages 5 - 10) will conduct sweet scientific experiments with candy, go on adventures to discover the animals of North America, have close encounters with reptiles, and participate in a boot camp designed specifically for budding junior biologists! *Camp details are listed on page 5.*

Preschoolers (ages 3.5 - 5) and their caregivers will **Sneak-a-Peek** at a variety of science and nature topics in weekly sessions that will excite them about the natural world, give them hands-on exposure to specimens and live animals, allow them to experiment, and more! *See page 6 for more information.*

Save these dates!

Wednesdays, June 4, July 9, & August 6 at 6:30 pm
Family Nature Nights

Bird, turtle, and snake themed evenings with crafts, snacks, nature walks & talks, live animals, and more!

Saturday & Sunday, October 18 & 19, 11 am - 4 pm
Pumpkin Patch

Two days of fall festival fun for the whole family!

Friday, November 21
20th Annual Twilight Gala at the Houstonian

All proceeds go to support the Center's science and nature programs for children, families, and schools throughout the greater Houston area. Come dance, dine, and enjoy a fabulous evening with us!





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From the Director's Desk:

Dear Friends,

When I was fifteen years old in ninth grade, I took a three-week interim term course I will never forget called Gulf Coast Crisis. Every day, we took field trips to explore our region's environmental challenges. We canoed Buffalo Bayou to examine erosion and pollution. We visited Wildseed Farms and planted our own wildflower gardens. We drove to the top of a landfill, and we toured a waste water treatment facility. We even met with local conservationist Terry Hershey, who showed us that an individual really can help save the planet.

I credit that course with instilling the passion that I have for environmental stewardship today.

Thinking back on those activities now, I am struck by how effective the educational methods were.

Ever since I was a young child, field trip days were my favorite days of the year. I thrive with any chance to get out from under fluorescent lights and behind a desk. I learn best when subject matter is important, meaningful, and authentic.

You can imagine how fortunate I am to work at the Nature Discovery Center, where it feels like a field trip every day! We hope that each individual who walks in the door experiences that special moment where discovery and understanding interact, where learning is fun, and where people are valued for their own perspectives. Our education system in this country needs help. Parents, teachers, and students are looking for new ways to ignite curiosity and lifelong learning. The Nature Discovery Center is part of the solution.

Come experience our summer camps, special hands-on classes, family nights, field trips, and outreach this summer. We want to learn with you—and maybe even make the world a better place.

Warmly,
Sarah Flournoy, Executive Director

Center Welcomes New Development Director

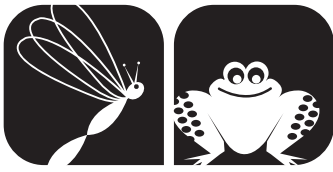


Photo credit Julie Soefer

Heather Pray,
Development
Director

This spring, the board and staff of the Nature Discovery Center were pleased to welcome **Heather Pray** as our new Development Director. In the non-profit world, Heather has worked for the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Houston Museum of Natural Science and Houston Downtown Alliance. She graduated with a B.A. in English from the University of Texas. She has been active on committees and boards for many non-profits, and founded a non-profit to introduce Millennials to the arts. Having been a visitor of the Center as a child, she knew she wanted to come back as soon as she could and encourage others to experience the benefits of spending time outside and learning about the magnificent creatures that inhabit our outdoors.





birding activities

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'Swift Night Out' Events



Join us for our family friendly 'Swift Night Out' events this fall. Come help us count the swelling numbers of Chimney Swifts migrating through Houston in late summer. We will watch Chimney Swifts swoop and soar over their roosts and count them as they enter their chimneys (often >500 swifts!).

Bring a folding chair (if you care to sit) and mosquito repellent! Binoculars are optional.

Dates & Locations for 2014:

August 26 - Whole Foods Market or Pershing Middle School (Exact location will be determined the weekend before. Swift numbers fluctuate at these sites.)

September 4 – Nature Discovery Center

September 12 – Lakeview Elementary in Sugar Land

Look for more details and updates about these Swift Night Out Events on our website www.naturediscoverycenter.org.

Smith Point Hawk Watch Birding Trip

Friday, September 26
8 am to 6 pm

Mary Ann Beauchemin will lead a Hawk Watch birding trip for Senior Members of the Nature Discovery Center this fall, at the height of raptor migration, to the Smith Point Hawk Watch. **This trip will be on a Harris County bus for seniors and is open to any Nature Discovery Center Member, age 50 or over by September 26, 2014.**

We will leave at 8 am and will return about 6 pm. As Hawks utilize rising thermals from the heated ground to soar, we will not need to arrive at Smith Point until about 9:30 or 10 am. After 2 or 3 pm it usually slows down. At that point we can take a little tour around Smith Point itself to look for other birds and migrating butterflies and if there is time, move on to Anahuac until it is time to return to the Nature Discovery Center.

Advance registration is required. Visit www.naturediscoverycenter.org/hawk-watch for more trip details and/or to register, or call us at 713-667-6550 for assistance.



Photos: Houston Audubon Society



Swifts Over Houston

Who doesn't love a bird that eats mosquitoes?! Every Tuesday evening at dusk, from the beginning of April until late October, a small group of volunteers count Chimney Swifts as they enter local chimneys to roost for the night in the Houston area. Please feel free to drop by and join us!

Tuesdays at dusk

Dates: ongoing through late October



Where: You may join volunteers at either of two local counting locations.

1. The SW corner of the Whole Foods Parking Lot, 4004 Bellaire Blvd, Houston TX
2. The parking lot on the north side of Pershing Middle School, entrance off of Stella Link



Fun Facts

Chimney Swifts can eat around 1/3 of their body weight in insects a day!

To take a bath or drink water, Chimney Swifts skim the water's surface. They fly almost constantly unless they are roosting on the vertical surfaces inside chimneys or hollow trees.



Family Nature Nights

Join us for nature talks designed for the whole family! We'll have animal themed crafts and snacks, followed by fun and informative animal presentations.

Nature Night activities start at 6:30 pm. Talks start at 7 pm. Suggested donation = \$5/family.

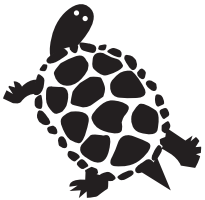
June 4 - Birds of the Bayou City with Vicki Vroble, Houston Audubon



There is an amazing array of birds soaring over our city parks and nesting in our backyards. Discover why Houston is one of the birdiest cities in the country. Learn what Houston Audubon is doing to protect the birds and their habitats and meet a few of their education ambassador birds.

Vicki Vroble is a native of western PA, Vicki has had an interest in animals since she was young. After receiving her BS in Biology from Westminster College, she moved to Texas to work as a zookeeper at the Houston Zoo caring for meerkats, otters, primates and birds. She joined the Houston Audubon team as an Educator 7 years ago and enjoys sharing her passion for nature with others.

July 9 - Terrific Texas Turtles with Eric Duran, Nature Discovery Center



Texas is a state rich in natural history, and this wildlife wealth includes some pretty fascinating turtles! Join us for an exploration of the shelled reptilian friends that our state has to offer. We'll learn some surprising facts about turtles, and meet a few of them up close.

Eric Duran is currently a staff Naturalist at the Nature Discovery Center, where he teaches a wide variety of nature and science classes, as well as leading trail hikes, giving natural history presentations to adults, and taking care of animals. He has worked for the past 20 years in field zoology, ecology, environmental education, and nature guiding. In his time away from work, he is an avid birdwatcher, wildlife gardener, and nature blogger.

August 6 - Snakes are Awesome! with Snake Specialist To Be Announced

Join a local snake specialist as they teach us all of the wonder and beauty of the world's snakes. We'll learn basic snake science, some examples of local Texas snakes, and important snake safety for humans. There will be a plethora of awesome snakes present, so don't miss it.



Park After Dark Walks

June 20 - Owl Prowl at 8:30pm

July 25 - Nocturnal Animals at 8:30pm



Come learn about the animals that are out and about in Russ Pitman Park once the sun goes down. The program will include an introduction to the animals we are likely to find and the best ways to find them, followed by a guided exploration through the park.

Bring: Mosquito repellant and a flashlight

Reservations Required. Cost: \$5/person. Register online at www.naturediscoverycenter.org/night-hike.

For more information, call the Center at 713.667.6550.

Meet the Animals

Saturday Morning Summer Sessions!

Saturday mornings at 10 am

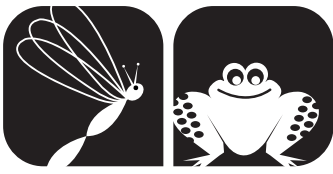
**Upcoming Dates: June 7 - Reptile Rendezvous
August 23 - Frogs & Salamanders**

Spend a Saturday morning at the Center this summer 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 question and answer 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

This is a drop-in program. Advanced 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.





Camp Details

Ages:

5 to 10 year olds

Days & Times:

Monday - Friday from
9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Cost:

\$220/wk Members or
\$270/wk Nonmembers

After Care (optional)

Monday - Friday from
3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Cost: \$50/week

What to bring:

Kids bring lunches
(we provide snacks/water)

Registration

**Advance registration
is required. Register
online at:**

naturediscoverycenter.org

*Members - remember to
login using your child's
profile and not your own
profile to register.*

*Call us at 713.667.6550 if
you need your child's
login information and we
will be happy to help you!*

Summer Science Camps

2014 Dates & Topics:

Sweet Science: Experiments with Candy

Jun 16 - 20 OR Jun 23 - 27

Engaging in experimental science can be sweet! This summer camp will be packed with creative experiments using an assortment of candies. Campers will practice the scientific method, learn some basic chemistry, and more as they carry out experiments that pop, crackle, fizz, ooze, swell, and erupt. Get ready for a colorful week full of sweet science experiences!



Animal Adventures

Jul 7 - 11 OR Jul 14 - 18

All ahead for exploration... of the continent we call home. Come along on a journey from the arctic circle to the deserts of West Texas to the wave battered shores of California, as we explore North America. There are so many habitats, animals, and plants to learn about. We'll delve in to the prehistoric origins of American animals, and discover the spectacular diversity. You may find some surprises along the way as we uncover the lives of reptiles, amphibians, mammals, birds, fish, and invertebrates of our huge and varied land.



Reptile Roundup

Jul 21 - 25 OR Jul 28 - Aug 1

Come one, come all and learn about a diverse group of animals, the reptiles! Snakes, lizards, crocodiles, turtles, and more! Learn about different types of reptiles, their characteristics, behaviors, and special adaptations. Be prepared for some close encounters with live reptiles and reptile specimens, this camp is hands-on! Creative reptile crafts and games will round out our reptile roundup.



Biology Boot Camp

Aug 4 - 8 OR Aug 11 - 15

Discover the exciting world of SCIENCE!!! Every day, we'll head out into the field and perform actual scientific studies of the natural world, while learning some fun and basic biology. Why wait til you grow up to be a scientist, when you can start this summer?! It's not just learning though, we'll have a lot of fun with plants and animals out in the park, as well as games and art projects.





summer science

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Note: If you have a group of 5 – 10 kids and you want to try to set up a different time for your group, call 713.667.6550.

Sneak-A-Peek Pre-K Summer Science

Ages 3.5 - 5

Sneak-a-Peek classes for 3.5 – 5 year olds (with adult) meet for a little over an hour each week. You can pick the days and times that best fit your summer schedule. This summer's class topics include a mixture of fun animal themes and hands-on, experiment based classes designed to ignite your preschooler's natural curiosity!

Days & Times: Tuesdays OR Wednesdays from 10 am - 11:15 am

Cost per class: \$10 member or \$15 non-member

Advance registration strongly encouraged.

2014 Dates & Topics:

Jun 17, 18 Animal Dads

Jun 24, 25 Fantastic Frogs



No classes the week of July 4th

Jul 8, 9 Fizz, Foam, Bubble & Pop!

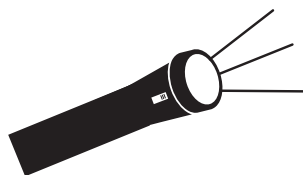
Jul 15, 16 Marvelous Mammals

Jul 22, 23 Reptile Round-Up, Jr.

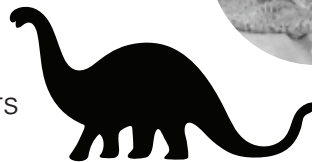
Jul 29, 30 Sink or Swim?

Aug 5, 6 Discovering Dinosaurs

Aug 12, 13 Shadows & Light



Making dinosaur discoveries during Fun with Fossils day last summer.



Register at www.naturediscoverycenter.org or call the Center at 713.667.6550. Members - remember to login with your child's username & password. Call us and we will be happy to look up your child's profile if you need assistance.

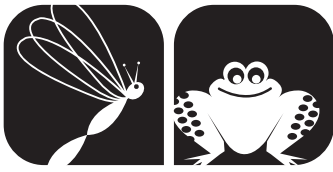


Attention families! Get ready for a new set of exciting nature challenges this summer. The goal of Texas Nature Challenge is to get families and kids outdoors by visiting as many participating parks and nature areas in Texas as they can this summer. At each site, participants complete activities designed for family fun and nature exploration.

Participation prizes will be awarded at the closing ceremonies for the most sites visited, best scrapbook, best photo and more.

Register at <http://naturechallenge.tamu.edu/>

Visit us at the Center to learn more and to complete our special challenge.



classes for children

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Join Us & SAVE!

Members enjoy discounts on classes whether they sign up by the week or for the whole semester in advance!

Are you raising a Curious Kid?

We'll explore, ask, discover, experiment, & more in our pre-K science program!



Mr. Eric's Popular Programs Continue!

We realize that you and your kids are busier than ever! Mr. Eric's children's programs feature science-rich, weekly, stand-alone classes that offer you the flexibility to sign-up for individual classes that meet your hectic schedules or for specific topics that inspire your children. Sign up now for the entire semester to enjoy enriching experiences all fall!

To become a Member before registering, visit www.naturediscoverycenter.org/join
To register for classes, visit <http://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 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: \$120

Tuesdays - 10 am - 11:15 am

Fall Semester Dates & Topics:

09/09 – Plant Power
09/16 – Plants As Food
09/23 – Plants and Animals
09/30 – Fun With the Sun
10/07 – What Is an Animal?
10/14 – Animals With Bones
10/21 – Animals in Autumn
10/28 – Bats and Moths
11/04 – Slimy Animals
11/11 – Animals With Shells
11/18 – Beach Creatures

Thanksgiving Holiday

12/02 – Texas Animals
12/09 – Animals in Winter
12/16 – Wintertime Crafts

Junior Scientists

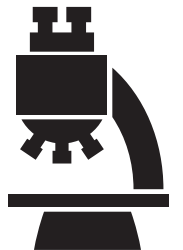
Ages: 6 - 10 years old

Our Junior Scientists will 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: \$144



Thursdays - 4 pm - 5:30 pm

Fall Semester Dates & Topics:

09/11 – Plants of the World
09/18 – Where Does Food Come From?
09/25 – Plants and Animals
10/02 – The Sun and the Stars
10/09 – What Is an Animal?
10/16 – Animals With Bones
10/23 – Animals in Autumn
10/30 – Animals in Dark Places
11/06 – Slimy Animals
11/13 – Animal Defenses
11/20 – Creatures of Beach and Shore

Thanksgiving Holiday

12/04 – Texas Animals
12/11 – Animals in Winter
12/18 – Fun Science Experiments



many thanks

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Art Appreciation

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the artists who showed pieces in this year's amazing Art In the Park exhibition, and especially to the curator, Jo Zider.



The Wake of Memory Laps, Opening & Closing Within to the Pull of Time by Kathy Kelley



Brenda Cauthen enjoying our 2013 Twilight Gala to support the educational programs of the Nature Discovery Center.

Spring Fling a Success!

We would like to thank everyone who came out and participated in this year's Earth Day event, Spring Fling. It was a fun event, the weather was great, and we had around 400 visitors that day. We'd especially like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the exhibitors, volunteers, and organizations that made the whole event possible.

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Bellaire High School NHS
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City of Bellaire - Parks & Recreation Dept.
Ellie Davidson
Harris County Dulcimer Society
Houston Electric Auto Association
Houston Renewable Energy Group
Randy McKinney
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Jim Murphy
Sarah Muschinske
National Charity League, Bayou City
Native Plant Society of Texas - Houston
The Pustejovsky Family - TexasSnakes.net
Christine Ru
SEA-Ark - Bellaire High School
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Trees For Houston
Wildlife Center of Texas



Volunteer Spotlight: Brenda Cauthen

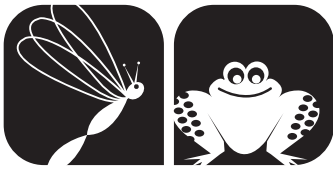
Brenda Cauthen is just as comfortable establishing big-picture strategy as she is delving into the details. In her role as a board member, she provides vision for the Nature Discovery Center and works to create alignment across board and staff. In her role as chair of the facilities and grounds committee, Brenda managed the time-consuming task of updating the Henshaw House, and she is now creating plans for the surrounding landscaping, an effort called the Gateway Project. Brenda is patient and compassionate, qualities that guide all of her volunteer work. Because of her logical and humble approach to problem solving, she is well respected by board members, staff members, and other volunteers alike.

The recent update of the Henshaw House required many hours of attention: team meetings with designers, visits to vendors, selection of furniture, and—overall—a demand for excellence. Brenda worked closely with board and staff members to make sure the building remained homey and comfortable, but ultimately more organized, attractive, and educational. You may notice a special touch when you come to the nature center next time: Brenda sewed the beautiful curtains found on the interior doors. She is truly a woman of many talents, and we have benefited from her creativity as well as her intellect!

Brenda is someone who dives into a job and does not consider any task too small. We all know those people who have great ideas to share, but assume someone else will take care of actually implementing them. Brenda has ideas and also does what it takes to implement them.

Brenda Cauthen's support for the Nature Discovery Center began years ago. She and her husband Greg offered their home for the Bellaire Home Tour and a special event for supporters of the Center. And what a home it is to showcase—a model for environmental sustainability! In addition, Brenda has worked at Pumpkin Patch and Spring Fling. She also serves on the Twilight Gala committee, and she and Greg are some of our favorite guests at the big event—dancing and bidding and having a wonderful time.

Thank you, Brenda, for being a true friend to the Center, for believing in our mission, and for taking us to new heights.



Special Thanks to ...

Reagan Miller and Bob Montgomery for providing professional architectural and design services in our effort to update the Center.

Kim Godfrey for streamlining our volunteer program and leading the efforts for an updated volunteer training and management system.

Dr. Cin-Ty Lee for teaching a Shorebird Identification Workshop including a field trip to the coast to benefit the Nature Discovery Center.

Terrell Sword & Sword Plumbing – for repairing the fountain and leaky faucets in the park and sprucing up the new water feature he put in for us last fall!

Don Verser for maintaining our beautiful Pocket Prairie and other areas in the park.

Spring Quarter Volunteers

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Jackson Hassell
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Jonathon Ratliff
Dana Shay
Sara Sii
Cate Urbani
Mary Grace Urbani
Aaron Warga

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Karen Borovsky
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Ben Van Allen
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Sherri Chilivets
Terry Kirschke
Don Verser

Nature at Your Doorstep School Field Trip Guides

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Park & Plant Care

Jeff Gotsdiner
Ronnie Renick
Don Verser
John Willis
Lijin Zeng

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Tree Walks in the Park

Jim McKee

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Norma Barnes
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Marcelle Daniel
Beth Debenport
Beth Murphy
Jim Murphy
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Michael Patton
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Eagle Scout Projects

Native Plant Projects

Miguel Covarrubias
Tristan Klimas
Reed Williford



Mica Segal
Summer Science Camp Staff

Welcome Back to Mica Segal, Former Teen Volunteer

Mica Segal, a fantastic former Teen Volunteer and then paid Head Counselor, will be returning to the Center this summer as Summer Staff. Mica will be teaching Reptile Roundup, one of our Summer Science Camps for elementary ages. Mica, a graduate of Trinity University, is now the Yearbook Teacher at Bellaire High School. Mica is fluent in Spanish, and served as a translator before becoming a teacher.

Volunteers Needed

Carpentry

We are looking for a volunteer with carpentry skills who would be interested in helping us build and maintain a variety of animal enclosures for our live animals.



If you are interested in this volunteer position, please contact our Animal Care Coordinator Eric Duran for more information at 713.667.6550 or eduran@naturediscoverycenter.org.



Sarah Muschinske
Discovery Room Docent

Congratulations to Sarah Muschinske

We'd like to congratulate Teen Volunteer Sarah Muschinske who has been accepted to UT to study engineering at the age of 16! Sarah has been volunteering for us as a Discovery Room Docent this year, but you may also have seen her helping out at Spring Fling and in other ways around the Center. We'll be sorry to see her go, but we wish her well as she starts her engineering program in the fall!

Park Care



The summer heat can be brutal for us, but it is also stressful for plants. NDC Park Steward Mary Ann Beauchemin is looking for adults or teens ages 13 and up to water plants in the park this summer.

If you are interested in this volunteer position, please contact Mary Ann for more information at 713.667.6550 or mbeauch@naturediscoverycenter.org.



The Hana and Arthur Ginzburg Nature Discovery Center is most grateful to the following corporations, foundations, and individuals for their generous support between May 15, 2013 and May 15, 2014:

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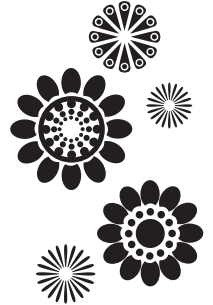
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Alex & Amy Tsui
Venetian Blind Carpet One
Floor & Home

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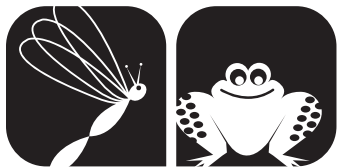
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Christine Zipper

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