Improvements Coming to Our Outdoor Classroom

With the first phase of our Gateway project completed (recent improvements inside and outside of the Henshaw House), plans are underway for the second phase which will renew and address landscaping and drainage on the grounds in the one-acre area around the Henshaw House. An outdoor restroom facility and new storage shed are in the plans. Minimal improvements will also be made at the south end entrance of the park. No modifications are planned at this stage within the heart of Russ Pitman Park. The goals of the Gateway project are to create a more open and inviting physical presence and enhance the ability of the Center to serve the needs of all visitors.

Earlier this year, the Center engaged SWA as landscape architects to design and oversee the construction of the Gateway project improvements. $500,000 in City of Bellaire bonds issued in August 2014 and privately raised funds will be used to cover the cost of the capital improvements.

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Save the Dates!

**Monday Gardening**  Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2 - 9:30 am (p5)

**Annual Meeting**  Dec 3 - 6:30 pm (p5)

**Photos with Santa by John Daugherty Realtors**  Dec 6 from 10 am - 1 pm (p3)

**Winter Break Camps**  Dec 22, Dec 23, Dec 29, Dec 30 from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm (p4)

**Nature Walks on the Wild Side with Mary Ann**  Jan 24, Feb 8 - 10am (p5)

**Sparrow Identification Workshop with Cin-Ty Lee**  Feb 3 - 7 pm & Feb 7 - 7 am (p3)

**Edible Plants of Houston with Merriwether**  Feb 7 - 1 pm (p3)

**Great Backyard Bird Count**  Feb 14 - 9 am (p6)
From the Director’s Desk:

Dear Friends of the Nature Discovery Center,

Once again winter has arrived at the Nature Discovery Center. People living in our northern states are getting ready for cold and snow. Here in Houston, TX we may experience some cold, and in rare years even a snow flake or two, but preparing for winter does not mean getting out the snow shovels.

Some people actually miss shoveling, and for them we suggest gardening options. Children may have never seen snowflakes fall here, and for them we offer falling leaves, humming birds and squirrels above their heads.

This is a wonderful time at the Center. Flowers are blooming and our animals are welcoming visitors. Two new quail now reside in the outdoor enclosure north of the house. They share this space with two Three-toed Box turtles. You can visit them anytime the Park is open. They along with the rabbits, were a big hit at our fall Pumpkin Patch.

So while summer is time for camp and playing in the park and fall is time for pumpkins and our annual Twilight Gala, winter has its own highlights. Winter science camp and almost daily programs fill the schedule. And perhaps most exciting to people who love the Center, this winter will see the beginning of our next round of improvements to the site. Our Gateway Capital Project is set to move to the construction phase at the start of the new year. All the work is being scheduled to make sure we are ready for next summer and to begin the cycle of the year all over again.

So when you visit over the next several months, changes in nature will be accompanied by changes around the newly renovated Henshaw House. Please do not hesitate to stop by and say hello. Even if the place looks like a beehive of activity, you won’t get stung.

Martin Reiner
Interim Executive Director

Improvements (from page 1)

While details of the enhancements are still being worked out, there is excitement in the air at the Center for the coming changes. Plans for the front yard area include a clearer view of the Henshaw House from Newcastle, new directional signage to assist visitors in finding their way through the park, new pathways in front of the House, and more manicured landscaping with native plants. The outdoor critters will be sporting new cages, and the sensory gardens will get new space to spread their roots. The pavilions will be cleaned and spruced up. Look for new path surfaces in and around the pavilions and house. The staff is excited about a newly constructed and organized work and storage shed on the north side of the property. Drainage and irrigation needs will also be addressed in the one-acre area around the house.

Construction will begin in the first quarter of 2015 and may be completed in phases to minimize the impact on Center programs. A majority, if not all, of the area should be completed prior to the beginning of Summer Camps.

Ronnie Rennick Joins Center as a Weekend Naturalist

When you visit the Center on weekends this Winter, you’ll notice a new friendly face. We are pleased to have Ronnie Rennick join us on staff part-time.

Ronnie is originally from Corpus Christi, but is here in Houston working on her bacherlors degree in Environmental Science at HCC. She works part time at Whole Foods, but has also been volunteering her time at the Center working on gardening projects in the park.

Ronnie enjoys birdwatching and gardening and is already at home at the Center and in Russ Pitman Park! She will be greeting visitors, working in the Discovery Rooms, helping with projects, and assisting us with our Birthday Party programs.

Martin Reiner
Interim Executive Director
upcoming events

Sparrow Identification Workshop
with Dr. Cin-Ty Lee

Once again Dr. Cin-Ty Lee has volunteered to teach a bird identification workshop as a fundraiser to help support birding programs at the Nature Discovery Center - this one on wintering Sparrows in the area!

This workshop will consist of a one evening sparrow identification lecture, followed by an all day field trip to several places in the greater Houston area to look for some of our over-wintering sparrows.

Workshop Dates:
Lecture: Tuesday, February 3 - 7:00 pm at the Nature Discovery Center
Field Trip: Saturday, February 7 – 7:00 am and continue through lunchtime, with the possibility of going longer if people want to keep birding. Car-pooling is recommended.

Workshop Details:
Specific birding stop details will be determined by Dr. Lee closer to the date of the field trip.

Cost: $60 – members; $85 – non-members
Advanced registration required. Class size is limited to 15 participants.

What to Bring & Wear: Lots of water & drinks, lunch, snacks, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, binocs and bird books. Layered clothing, hat, closed toed shoes.

Photos with Santa
Saturday, December 6
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.

Foraging Houston: Getting to Know the Free Edible and Medicinal Plants Around You
with Dr. Mark “Merriwether” Vorderbruggen
Saturday, February 7 - 1 pm

Join Dr. Mark “Merriwether” Vorderbruggen for a fun and informative exploration of edible wild plants available in and around Houston in the winter. We’ll learn some important ID skills and info in the classroom and on the trails. Bring your sense of adventure, and your culinary curiosity.

Dr. Mark “Merriwether” Vorderbruggen is a Ph.D. chemist by day, rogue naturalist by night/weekends, and husband and father all the time. Mark says “I’ve been a forager all my life, having learned the skill as a child from my parents. Knowing how to harvest nature’s free food fed me through the poverty years of childhood and on through getting a master’s degree in medicinal chemistry and a Ph.D. in physical organic chemistry.”

For the last eighteen years he has worked as a research chemist in the oil industry using his knowledge of natural products to develop environmentally friendly replacements for traditional oil field chemicals. However, his evenings and weekends are spent “guiding people back to nature’s bounty, not only teaching them which plants are edible and/or medicinal but also proselytizing how foraging heals the body, mind, and soul…and prepares them for the zombie apocalypse.”

http://www.foragingtexas.com/
children’s programs

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:
$12 Member
$20 Non-member

Members-Only Semester Discount Price: $190

Tuesdays - 10 am - 11:15 am

Dates & Topics:
01/13 – Trees and Leaves
01/20 – Mushrooms
01/27 – Armadillos
02/03 – Owls
02/10 – Animal Families
02/17 – What’s Wild?
02/24 – Animal Bones
03/03 – Animals without Bones
03/10 – Insects
03/24 – Ocean Animals
03/31 – Fish
04/07 – Life in a Log
04/14 – Springtime: Flowers
04/21 – Springtime: Bugs
04/28 – Springtime: Birds
05/05 – Reptiles
05/12 – Snakes
05/19 – Turtles

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
$20 Non-member

Members-Only Semester Discount Price: $190

Thursdays - 4 pm - 5:30 pm

Dates & Topics:
01/15 – Trees
01/22 – Fungi and Slime Molds
01/29 – Armadillos and Relatives
02/05 – Birds of Prey
02/12 – Animal Families
02/19 – What’s Wild?
02/26 – Animal Skeletons
03/05 – Invertebrates
03/12 – Insects
03/26 – The World’s Oceans
04/02 – The Fishes
04/09 – Life in a Log
04/16 – Springtime: Wildflowers
04/23 – Springtime: Insects
04/30 – Springtime: Bird Migration
05/07 – Reptiles
05/14 – Snakes
05/21 – Turtles

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:
$45 member / $55 nonmember

Dec. 22 – Birds in Winter
Come learn about our feathered friends that call Houston home in the winter. Find out what they eat, how they stay warm, and what they do all winter at the nature center and in your own back yards!

Dec. 23 – Who has Fur?
Mammals of course. Come to winter camp and check out the animals you least suspect of being mammals. Are there any animals who do not give live birth, but are mammals anyway? Join in the fun to find out!

Dec. 29 - Art in Nature
Come outdoors and discover the methods and works of modern artists in a natural setting. We’ll make the strange colors and designs of these artists accessible and fun.

Dec. 30 – Animals in Winter
Join us as we explore the park, and find out what Houston area animals do to cope with winter.

Free!
Monday Morning Gardening in the Park

with Park Steward & Senior Naturalist Mary Ann Beauchemin

Interested in gardening? Want to learn more about native plant gardening, non-native invasive species and help us care for the park at the same time?

Join us on the first Monday of the month this winter when the weather is cooler, for some light gardening and help us care for the park. We’ll be removing some invasive species, growing out & planting natives, watering recently planted plants and more.

- No experience necessary. Experienced staff will work with you & guide you through projects.
- Come dressed for the weather and prepared to get dirty.
- Bring your own gloves and gardening gear or use ours.

Please contact Mary Ann Beauchemin, our Park Steward, in advance if you are interested in coming or have any questions. mbeauch@naturediscoverycenter.org

Note: If you are interested in volunteer gardening, but cannot make it on the dates below, contact Mary Ann. Perhaps you can help on another day!

December 1, January 5, and February 2 from 9:30 am to Noon

Walk on the Wild Side

with Mary Ann Beauchemin

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 24, 10am
Sunday, February 8, 10am

Cost: members - free
nonmembers - $5/family

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.
**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

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

**And we have had over-wintering:**
- 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 Birding” on the birding page: naturediscoverycenter.org/birding

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

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**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 and hawks we have had some interesting “migrants” over-winter in the past. Most years have a variety of interesting hummers visiting the park. Last year we had several Rufous, Calliope, and a few Black-chinned hummers!

**Dates:** December 3, January 7, & February 4  
**Where:** Meet us on the front porch.  
**Bring:** Binoculars, or call in advance if you need to borrow some from the Center.

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**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 25 - May 13  
**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.

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**Join us for the 2015 Global Great Backyard Bird Count!**

**Saturday, February 14, 9 am – 10:30 am**

Once again, 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 13, and Monday, February 16, 2015. 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. 14, 2015 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. (mbeauch@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 144,000 checklists from people in 135 countries. Even more amazing is that bird watchers reported 4,296 species worldwide! India recorded the greatest number of species at 819.

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.

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

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**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.

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**Calliope Hummingbird**  
Photo by Terrell Sword

**Wilson’s Warbler**  
Photo by Richard Burton
Our 2014 Pumpkin Patch was Incredible! Many Thanks for Your Support

Our annual Pumpkin Patch Fall Festival, sponsored by ACME Party and Tent, has evolved into an amazing, award winning community event over its 21 year history! From a simple Saturday morning neighborhood event on the Center’s front lawn, Pumpkin Patch has grown into an award winning two day festival that draws approximately 3,000 visitors from throughout the Greater Houston Area to Russ Pitman Park.

Though the event is really intended to be a community event, a “friend-raiser” if you will, proceeds from Pumpkin Patch support the Center’s educational programs for schools, families, children, and adults. Funds raised at this year’s event topped those raised last year by 20%!

Anne Eisner, Program Coordinator, and Pumpkin Patch Organizer, was surprised that we sold out of pumpkins even after she had ordered 1,500 pounds more than last year. But perhaps it isn’t so surprising considering our recent Macaroni Kid Gold Daisy Award for Best Fall Festival in SW Houston and our ranking as #1 among top Houston area pumpkin patches and fall festivals by axs.com. It seems word is getting out about our own favorite family event!

"Pumpkin Patch may be the very best example Bellaire and Houston have to show for the strength and diversity of our community." said Martin Reiner, the Center’s Interim Executive Director. "We had babes-in-arms, toddlers and school age kids along with teens and adults enjoying themselves picking out pumpkins and playing games."

The board and staff of the Nature Discovery Center would like to thank the community for coming out to support the Center. They’d also like to thank the many volunteers who made the event possible. Volunteers from our board of directors, local charity organizations, and local schools cheerfully unloaded pumpkins, assisted children with games and activities, passed out concessions, and made sure that everyone had a fantastic time at the festival. Many parents tell us how nice our Pumpkin Patch volunteers are with their children every year. Thank you for being here and helping us give a lot of cheer to the community!

Groups
- Alexander Smith Academy
- Bellaire HS Baseball
- Bellaire HS Leo Club
- Crossroads Club
- Interact Club, Cy Ridge HS
- Junior League of Houston
- National Charity League
- Bayou City
- Bayou Villages
- Heart of Texas
- National Junior Honor Society
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- at Texas Southern University
- U of H Delta Sigma Pi
- Volunteer Match Houston

Individuals
- Leena Al Ali
- Letty Barriga
- Rolla Elias
- Karina Guerrero
- William He
- Maria Malik
- Stephanie Orozco
- Kish Pillai
- Judy Reiner
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- Craig Wooten

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! Also thank to Bellaire Parks & Recreation for the use of additional tables. We couldn’t have pulled the event off without them!
Many Thanks to Contributors to Our 20th 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!

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As of November 8, 2014.
On December 3, 2014 Preservation Houston announced the recipients of the 2015 Good Brick Award. To be presented at the annual Cornerstone Dinner in February, the award is recognition of local contributions to the preservation, restoration and enhancement of Houston’s architectural and cultural heritage since 1979. The Nature Discovery Center is being honored for improvements made to our 1925 Henshaw House over the past year.

Special Thanks to Reagan Miller and Bob Montgomery for providing professional architectural and design services in our effort to update the Center. From painting, to wall paper, bathroom renovation, new furniture, shelving and filing, the craftsman style of the Henshaw House was preserved. The immediate difference and welcoming nature of the upgrading has been noticed by visitors and staff alike.

Stephanie Ann Jones, Executive Director of Preservation Houston wrote in the award letter “The Nature Discovery Center has been given new life! Congratulations on this most deserving honor!” As one of Bellaire’s community treasures, the Nature Discovery Center is committed to providing a natural environment in which children are taught to appreciate nature and science.
The Hana and Arthur Ginzburg Nature Discovery Center is most grateful to the following corporations, foundations, and individuals for their generous support between November 15, 2013 and November 15, 2014:

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in maintaining the Nature Discovery Center’s place as a unique, natural learning environment by making a gift.

To make a tax deductible donation to the Center today, visit us online naturediscoverycenter.org/support

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, 2014 to November 15, 2014.

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Member Benefits

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

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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☐ 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:

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9:30 am to 3:30 pm

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Feb 3 & 7

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Feb 7
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Wednesday, Dec 3
7pm

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