

## **Butterfly Garden - ongoing project**

Bees and butterflies play a vital role in the pollination of plants and the production of crops. Sadly, with the increasing use of pesticides and fewer wildflowers growing in prime habitat; bee and monarch butterfly numbers are dropping dramatically. The staff at Estell Manor Park is on a mission to help nurture these wonderful little creatures by constructing our very own Butterfly Garden behind the Warren E. Fox Nature Center! Discover how you can lend a helping hand in this project! Contact park staff at the Nature Center.







# Join Friends of the Parks



The goal for Friends of the Parks is to assist the continued growth of the park system, its programs, and to encourage visitors to get involved in all the natural, cultural, and recreational opportunities our parks have to offer.

We rely on interested and enthusiastic people who want to support and promote the Atlantic County Parks. Meetings are usually the first Wednesday of every month 6:30PM at the Warren E. Fox Nature Center in the Estell Manor Park.

To find out more please contact Julie Akers at julieakers56@gmail.com



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Registration: for the following programs is taken on a first-come, first-served basis, and made by calling The Nature Center staff at (609) 625-1897 between 8AM - 4PM 7 days a week.

**Cancellations:** The Division of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to cancel a program if the weather, or other unforeseen circumstance, makes it impossible to carry out a program.

Suggestions for additions to the current programs are always welcome.

THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD AT THE NATURE CENTER IN THE ESTELL MANOR PARK

### **Little Learners' Craft Class**

Fridays, Aug.16th, Sept.20th, Oct. 18th, & Nov. 15th **10 AM and 1 PM** 

Open to 3-5 year old preschoolers accompanied by an adult. Transform everyday objects into works of art. Time permitting, children will have the opportunity to "show and tell". Specify morning or afternoon session when registering.



Ticks can carry disease. As you venture outdoors please take the following precautions:

-Tuck your pant legs into your socks.

-Wear light colored clothing (easier to spot ticks).

-Check yourself frequently during/after a trip outdoors.
-Use insect repellents. Read the product labels carefully.

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 Stay on the center of trails and avoid walking through the shrub layer of the forcest.

If you require an accommodation related to a disability, please call 10 business days in advance so arrangements can be made: 645-5960. NJ Relay phone # 1-800-852-7899

Nature Center Office: (609) 625-1897 Veterans Cemetery Office: (609) 909-5859 Park System Reservation Office at Lake Lenape (pavillion/gazebo rental, camping, boating) (609) 625-8219

Atlantic County Website: www.aclink.org



# **Speaker's Series: Pet Behavior Lectures**

Thursdays, August 15th, September 19th, & October 17th 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Have you ever found yourself frustrated with your pet's behavior? The dog won't come when called or the cats are using your furniture as scratching posts?

Join Loring Slivinski, former veterinary hospital owner and dog trainer, for free monthly lectures to help your fur-kids be the best behaved they can. Topics will include obeying commands, walking on a leash, maintaining your dog's attention, litterbox issues, destructive cats, and more.

Lectures will be held at 6 PM on the third Thursday of each month beginning February 21st at the Warren E. Fox Nature Center located in the Atlantic County Park, 109 State Route 50, Estell Manor.

For more information and to sign up, please call the Nature Center Staff at (609) 625-1897.

Please do NOT bring pets, this is a lecture only!



#### **Zumba**

Tuesdays, August 20th, September 17th, & October 15th 5:15 - 6:15 PM

Get ready to party yourself into shape! These energizing, easy-to-follow, Latin dance moves will burn calories and get you into shape!



# **Card Making Class**

Saturday, August 17th

10am-12pm

Come make six handmade cards – 2 each of 3 designs. Lori will provide all the pre-cut materials, supplies, tools and instruction to help you create your handmade cards! No experience necessary. Open to anyone 15 years of age and older. All levels of stampers are welcome! Fee: \$18 (payable at registration). Register by contacting Lori Pinto at lori@lollypoppaper.com

## Nature Photography 101

Saturday, August 17th 10am - 1pm Meet within the Estell Manor Park Picnic Area at the Pavilion C (red pavilion).

Come join renowned local nature photographer, Michael Hogan, to learn more about photographing nature. Please bring your own camera (or phone), water, and dress for the weather. In the case of inclement weather; we will cancel the event. Please call the Nature Center office for details. Any level of experience is welcome!

