

FLANDERS "BUZZ"



BEE sure to check out
our latest news
and happenings!



"Volunteer Voice"

Volunteers play a crucial role in the day-to-day operation here at Flanders. Each year they contribute countless hours of their time, effort and service. It would be true to say that Flanders wouldn't be where it is today without the assistance of our dedicated volunteers.

This issue of Flanders "BUZZ" we honor longtime volunteer *Scott Jeffrey*! For over 20 years Scott has been volunteering at our annual Maple Pancake Breakfast. He initially became involved after witnessing the maple operation down the road from his house. He thought it was pretty cool and began tapping trees, collecting, and then making the syrup at the original Sugar House. This led to volunteering at the Pancake breakfast, and boy has he become a pro! Every two and a half minutes he cooks up 12 pancakes, resulting in nearly 60 pounds of pancakes each year!

We are incredibly thankful for his long-time dedication and presented him the "Silver Spatula" award for his stellar service.



Scott Jeffrey

"I'll continue as long as I can hold a spatula! It's really just a small part of the whole operation that has such a great core of volunteers and many new faces each year. The whole thing has really come a long way in the last 20 years. What's great about Flanders (along with the land preservation and many educational programs like this), is the appreciation for whatever time you can contribute. It's really a lot of fun!"

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer?

There is something for everyone, whether you're interested in event or program planning, land trust, office assistance, or working with children and animals as a part of our education program. There is no task too big or too small. For more information on how to become a volunteer please email us flanders@flandersnaturecenter.org

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

Trail Run- June 9. We need help with event set up, registration, and marking trails. For more info please contact event Chair Jodi Wasserstein at jodiwasserstein@yahoo.com

Faerie Festival- July 15. We need help with parking, food sales and admissions. For more info please contact flanders@flandersnaturecenter.org, or call 203-263-3711 x10.

Farm to Table- August 27. We need behind the scenes help with planning logistics, solicitation, event setup and clean up. For more info please contact event Chair Eileen Reed at eileen@flandersnaturecenter.org

Flanders launches "Sails & Trails" at Whittemore

Flanders is collaborating with the Quassapaug Sailing Center on an engaging summer camp program for 9-11 year olds entitled "Sails and Trails." This brand new endeavor combines exploring the outdoor classroom of the wondrous 686-acre Whittemore Sanctuary with the fun prospect of learning to sail on Lake Quassapaug.

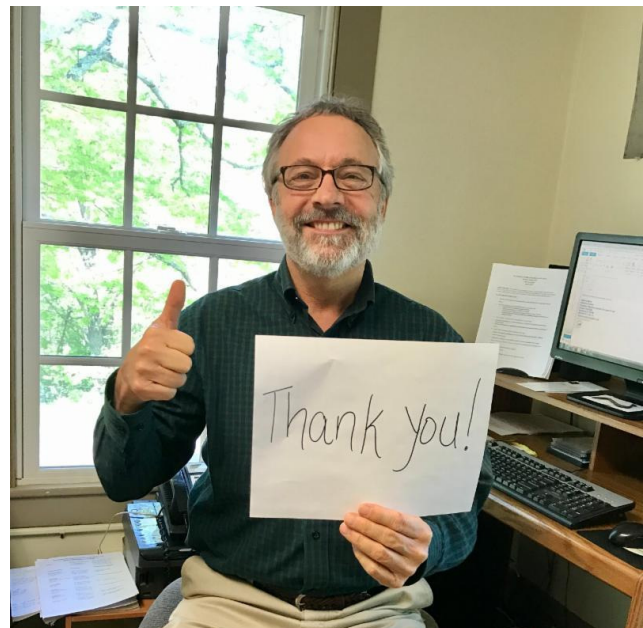


Our mission...to engage youth in FUN, experiential, hands on learning that builds environmental awareness, confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills. For children, this means new opportunities for adventure, challenge, meeting new friends, learning about nature, sailing, and just having some summer time fun! For parents, it offers children exciting outdoor adventures instead of "screen time".

Thank you for a successful Give Local campaign!

We can't thank you enough! Because of your support we *have surpassed our goal of \$15,000!* Thank you to The Connecticut Community Foundation for their fabulous efforts coordinating this successful event, and thank YOU for helping us remain the community leader in environmental education and land trust services.

On behalf of all of our staff, board members, and volunteers, **THANK YOU!**



Ion Community Awards Program-- what a SUCCESS!



Thank you for your vote! We are proud to announce that we have been awarded \$50 through Ion Bank's Community Awards Program.

This money will assist Flanders in continuing its mission of acquiring, preserving, and managing land; and using that land to promote the understanding and appreciation of nature in art, and the environment. We couldn't be more thrilled to participate in this community fundraiser, and thank Ion Bank for their wonderful generosity!

Save the Date for this Summer's Farm-to-Table!

On Sunday, August 27th we will host our second annual Farm-to-Table Dinner & Auction on the beautiful grounds of the Van Vleck Farm & Nature Sanctuary, Flanders main Woodbury property.

The major goal of this popular extravaganza is to *bring the community together in a large gathering to experience the beauty and flavors of local harvest...* and to learn about the community of farmers and the complimentary yet vital role chefs play in making this intriguing dynamic come alive and work.

The evening draws 175 attendees from Woodbury and the surrounding towns to honor and showcase outstanding farms and farmers, and to celebrate the areas superstar Chefs who will be preparing our dinner.

This year they include our coordinating Chefs, *Dan Magill of Arethusa Al Tavolo in Bantam and Carol Byer-Alcorace of New Morning Market in Woodbury, plus John Bourdeau of The Owl in New Preston, Dennis DeBellis of John's Café in Woodbury, Chris Eddy of WinvianFarm in Morris, and James Beard Award finalist Joel Viehland, formerly of Community Table in Washington.*



Make sure to mark your calendars. More details to follow!

Get your running shoes ready! Flanders Field & Forest 5K is weeks away! Friday, June 9 | 6PM

family event.

There is still time to register for this year's Field & Forest 5K Trail Run! Runners, joggers, and walkers of all ages and levels are welcome to participate in this increasingly popular

This will be the third year Flanders has coordinated this fundraiser and it seems to be only getting better! In addition to running the picturesque trails of the Van Vleck Sanctuary, participants will celebrate with an after party that includes complimentary tickets for food trucks like *Comfort Zone Pretzels, The Big Green Truck Pizza, as well as pulled pork and hot dogs.* The evening also includes craft beer and live music by the rock band Root Six!



Be sure to register ahead of time to receive your **FREE race t-shirt!**



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