

Celebrating 4 Seasons at Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust – 2017

Thank you for enabling Flanders to be a destination for thousands of visitors who experience the beauty of art in nature, learn about the importance of protecting Western Connecticut's unique eco-systems and rural traditions, and participate in educational activities that introduce children, families, and adults to the wonders of the natural world. Your generous donations also make it possible for Flanders to serve as the steward of more than 2,300 acres of scenic open space in Woodbury, Bethlehem, Southbury, and Middlebury.

With 7 hiking preserves and sanctuaries including the 200 acre Van Vleck Farm & Nature Sanctuary and the almost 700 acre Whittemore Sanctuary, we offer seemingly endless opportunities for exploration, education, discovery, and recreation through all seasons...and we simply cannot do that without you!

RESTORATION/PRESERVATION PROJECTS:

- Botany Pond Restoration
- Painting Art Studio
- Marzahl Bridge Installation
- New downtown trail system at the Manville Kettle
- Refurbished outdoor classrooms
- Roof replacement (South Farm House, North Barn)



YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMS:

- Farm School for pre-school students
- Flanders Letterbox Series
- Gardening Workshops
- Guided Scenic Hikes
- Lectures and presentations from environmentalists, authors, and master naturalists
- Needle Felting Classes
- Painting Classes
- School Vacation Workshops & After School Activities
- Seasonal Photography Contests
- Stewarding and monitoring of Flanders 2,300 acres and 50 plus properties



WINTER:

- Animal Tracking
- Annual Pancake Breakfast
- Bald Eagle Program
- Black Bears in CT
- Maple Sugaring Season - Informational Session, Tapping, and Demonstrations
- Northwest Iceland Slideshow
- Wreath-making Workshops



SPRING:

- Beekeeping Workshops
- Bluebird Nesting Box Building
- Earth Day
- Farm Day Celebration
- “Farm Tea” hosted by Flanders’ Art Committee
- “Give Local” Campaign
- Magnificent Monarch Migration
- Water Watch! in partnership with Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition
- Wildflower Walks on the Botany Trail
- Woodbury Guided Walk



SUMMER:

- CT Trails Day Trolley Bed Preserve Hike
- Farm-to-Table Dinner & Auction
- Flanders’ Faerie Fest
- Flanders Field & Forest 5K Run Fundraiser
- Identifying Trees through Bark
- Insects of the Night!
- Plein Air Art Class Series
- Sails & Trails in partnership with Quassapaug Sailing Center
- Summer Camp
- The Last Ice Age Presentation and Hike
- Walking Stick Carving Demonstration Workshop



FALL:

- Astronomy Programs
- Campfire Sing-a-long
- Exhibit of Flanders’ Art Committee Works at Walker Road Vineyards
- Family Cooking Classes
- Family Scavenger Hunt Event
- Flanders Artisan Marketplace
- Geology Tours of O&G Quarry
- Photography Club Exhibit and Open House
- The Edible Plants and Mushrooms of Autumn



Thank you for helping make each of the 4 seasons at Flanders special and memorable for our community!