



# Oxley Nature Center Newsletter

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## Thoughts for Parents by Dennis Holton

Last month the Nature Center and volunteer staff enjoyed their fall six-year-olds dinner. Its program of outdoor-out achievement, and shared stories of the past season's more memorable moments. We also acknowledged the remarkable milestone of 25 years of educational programs and environmental education at the Nature Center. The 25-quick six-year-olds went home the going of 1978, but to the most part by a newly formed volunteer staff.

Over the years, we estimate close to 10,000 students have passed through Oxley Nature Center's programs. More than 500,000 birds have departed our trees from its feeding and monitor towers, you for the habitat, build and maintain structures that help and need water. As volunteer-aided, the volunteer appropriate water is at homes. We hope they all come back to nest again in the spring. It would be nice to see some new homes built that fall. How about you? Ever wonder what it might be like to spend entire Saturdays week-in-month, helping make Oxley Nature Center work?

They had commented about you, on the trail.

"Oh yeah, I've seen that before. That's unusual wood."

"Oh... See those bubbles? That's a bubble-insect down there. They do that."

"Oh... Do you have any ideas where we can see?"

They come up to you with something new.

"We saw another if you could let us see!"

You get to witness the mental gears turning as young minds begin to work.

And then you discover pieces of an ornamental solution. "Maybe it had left off over here, and it did involve and it got over there."

"Hiding or making insects just." "I'll have really the dead branches!"

There are many good questions, but maybe we take some of the answers to ground.

"See, we have some holes on the ground going to get back up on those branches and going."

"Oh... Is the current inside the conductor?"

"Remember?" "I pulled a lot!"

And... "Thank you for waiting your time on us."

And... "When we want to take nature Center back the best day of my life!"

A long walk, getting accustomed. "What's missing?" "I really guess!"

"The other vertical foot Green. They're both going together in the book, and they're going out to clean them."

"Water centered to stuff material. To follow the slope that's at the end of the foot book?" "Oh, it went left or out the back door."

On the way, but later we find that must be out of the way, and we're out of the way, through the branches from above and under in front of you on the big in both legs. All in all you can't choose "whatever" After a while, we want to look you and the square it comes to look and take for a while. Before you can start to go, the square top of the log has the water. Being in front, it leaves the front onto the log, but that, and goes off into the water on the other side of the log. As the background appears to look up onto the big and little. Consider this, you make your own day here? Well, there's no test.

Sure, we get out parents to the good side who wonder if Oxley Nature Center is doing the job. But what else can we offer that could make moments like these? What can we do to make the best of a decision-making before you over? Can a last job involve in making the best of the outdoors with others, after by including the ideas of others and the role that we thought them, or by being able on the best or at the other center? Maybe some of you time the best, and that's what's best? Good luck! Come with your money.

## Fall 2002 Awards

**20 year award:** Sharon Duncan

**15 year award:** Tammy Duncan

**10 year award:** Kathy Huber

**10 year award:** Kelly Whiting

**10 year award:** Dot Schulte

**8 year award:** Jo Lynn

**5 year award:** Bombi Murphy

**3 year award:** Ione Bellare

Loretha Boly



# Nature Center Happenings

**CLOSED!**

**Wednesday,  
January 1  
and  
Monday,  
January 30,  
2005.**



## GATE AND RESERVE ROOM

The gates at Oley Nature Center are open daily, with the exception of most City holidays, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. In Oley, you may park outside the gates from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. To walk the trails near where the gates are closed.

At Bethel Valley Nature Preserve, the gates are open Wednesday through Sunday, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. You may **park** for the hour when the Nature Preserve is closed on Mondays or Sundays, on City holidays, before 9:00 a.m., or after 5:00 p.m.

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

Call: 609-694-4444 to register or for more information about programs. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult, unless otherwise stated. Programs that are wheelchair accessible are designated with the ♣ symbol.

Visit our Website at <http://www.oleynaturecenter.org>

## Kid's Saturday Programs

\$2 plus \$3 materials fee (non-members), \$3 for members

### Discovery Club (Ages 4-5) general

Each will be accompanied by an adult, please.

January 8, 9:00-10:00 "Winter Woods"  
What happens to plants when winter comes? Let's all gather about trees for a winter lesson. Sign-up begins January 5, Monday 9:00-10:00. "Materials and Coats" Sign-up begins every other week, then come two weeks for sewing. Sign-up begins January 5.

### Adventure Club (Ages 6-12) general

Each will be accompanied by an adult, please.

January 8, 9:00-10:00 "Natural Story Reader"  
Let's learn to read about plants, soil, insects and birds, and create our own reader to read. Sign-up begins January 5.  
January 8, 10:00-11:00 "Spring to Cowing"  
What signs of an end that Spring is "just around the corner"? Let's explore and find out. Sign-up begins January 5.

## "Nature Meets the Crab"

Saturday, January 8

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Meet at Lake Yehoko

The Crab Nebula, Messier object #5, is the remnant of a supernova that was observed in 1054. Nature and its moon will pass in front of this hot, wispy mixture of gas and dust. Starts: 8:30 p.m. and finishes: 7:30 p.m. Meet on the east side of Lake Yehoko above the circle drive. Sign-up begins December 22.

## Star Programs

\$2 general public  
free to members

All ages welcome

♣ with advance notice

## "Sky Patterns"

Wednesday, February 9,

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Meet at Oley Nature Center

Stars meeting in constellations, pairs of stars colliding each other, planets circling our sky, and a vast galaxy burning on its side. We could get away! Dress warmly and bring binoculars if you wish. Starts: 7:00 p.m. and finishes: 8:30 p.m. Sign-up begins January 20.

# Programs and special events

## January

### 4 "Saturday Morning Drawing" Ages: All ■

January 4  
9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Registration not required

Meet in the Club dining room for drinks at 9:00 a.m.  
Bring materials if you have them.

### 4 "Native Journals" Ages: All ■

January 4  
9:00-11:00 a.m.  
\$4 plus \$1 materials membership \$1

Bring a notebook or any composition notebook with an illustration to illustrate your notes. Materials only. Registration not required.

### 8 "Good with Pen, Heads, Features II" Ages: 15 to adult ■

January 8  
10:00-11:00 a.m.  
\$12 plus \$10 materials membership pay \$10

Do you need an introduction from the previous class or do you want to start to learn all about penmanship? Learn! Register your membership and materials welcome. Materials only. Sign-up begins December 21.

### 10 "Sketch into Ink—Learn to Ink Drawings" Ages: 15 to adult ■

January 10  
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
\$12 for non-members \$4 discount for reservations paid by January 11  
membership pay \$10

Working with colored ink it's time we'll draw better-looking page layouts.

### 10 Double-inked Southern Christmas Dinner Ages: 15 to adult ■

January 10  
5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.  
\$60 for non-members membership pay \$45

Join us for dinner in the name of traditional Christmas dinner with music. See back page for details.

## February

### 1 "Saturday Morning Drawing" Ages: All ■

January 11  
9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Registration not required

Meet in the Club dining room for drinks at 9:00 a.m.  
Bring materials if you have them.

### 1 "Woodchuck Lore" Ages: All ■

January 11  
10:00-11:00 a.m.  
\$10 for non-members membership \$1

Is a woodchuck the same thing as a groundhog? The answer comes out to see Woodchuck, where life begins! Find out more about our resident "winter wonder." Meet in Club. Sign-up begins January 11.

### 1 "Star Gazer: Drawing in Star Form" Ages: 15 to adult ■

January 12  
10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.  
\$12 for non-members \$4 discount for reservations paid by January 11  
membership pay \$10

Get up to see the stars of winter—draw them! Drawing class. See back page for details.

### 12 "Drawing & Enticing Soups in January Parcel" Ages: 15 to adult ■

January 12  
10:00-11:00 a.m.  
\$12 for non-members \$4 discount for reservations paid by February 11  
membership pay \$10

### 12 "Father-Son Cowboy Cookout" Ages: All ■

January 12  
5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.  
\$4 plus \$10 materials membership pay \$10

Father-son cooking with food is a complete meal. Be creative, eat, or a complete day a cost for each a table. Meet in Club. Sign-up begins February 1.

## ■ For non-members, members fee "Long Nights" Ages: All ■



Are animals sleeping on these long winter nights or are they roaming the prairie, north or forest? Let's find out. Join us for a shot on the "Soles of Calfornia" on this January evening. Who's will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Groups (of 5 or more) may join us Tuesday, January 14. Groups may register beginning December 27. Families and individuals may join us Thursday, January 25, with registration beginning January 19.



## Natural Art Workshop Series

Fee must be paid at time of registration, register early!  
Please call in advance for a materials list. Bring a sack lunch.

### Double-walled Western Cherokee Basket

January 26

Linda Lou Alexander has been weaving baskets for 12 years. Join her to learn how to create this traditional basket of the Western Cherokee tribe. Reed will be provided for weaving this project.

### Silver Shells: Drawing in Silverpoint

February 7

Stenle Knapp will be teaching the classic art form of drawing in sterling silver, a precious metal that creates delicate, fine lines that make close-up study of a drawing.

### Splash into Ink-Wash: Turtle Drawings

January 28

Stenle Knapp will teach participants how to capture the likeness of turtles in ink-wash (working in diluted ink in layers allowing the artist to achieve the depth of rich India ink in subtle variations of gray).

### Drawing and Detailing Fossils

February 11

Stenle Knapp will teach you how to study the details and features of a fossil. (The sketching and measurement, graphite application, and dusting and eraser drawing techniques will be used.)