

# Columbia County Soil & Water Conservation District Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center Upcoming Events



## June 8th - 730 am - Bird Walk with Alan Devoe Bird Club! Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center

Come to Columbia County Soil & Water Conservation District for a morning of birding with the Alan Devoe Bird Club! Will Yandik of the club will lead the walk. From wrens to warblers, sparrows to swallows, a multitude of colorful and astonishing bird species can be seen on the Mud Creek trail. All skill levels are welcome. A pair of binoculars is strongly encouraged, a limited number of binoculars will be available for participants who register. Please dress for the weather. All are welcome to enjoy this fun event!



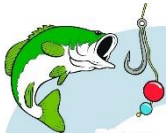
## June 13th - 6 pm - Biomimicry: Using Nature's Ideas to Solve Human Problems! Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center

Do you know the connection between a \$100 bill and a beetle? If not, come to Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center where Dorna Schroeter will tell us about Biomimicry and how scientists, engineers, designers, and even the fashion industry are studying nature's best ideas and mimicking them to solve problems they are facing! Actual bio-inspired products, currently available on the market, will be used in the presentation and available to examine. Attendees will participate in a game that asks them to match organisms with bio-inspired products. All are welcome to enjoy this fun family event!



## June 18th - 630 pm - Reptile Adventure! Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center

Slither on over to Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District for a truly sensational night! Reptile Adventure will be visiting and teaching program participants all about the conservation and protection needs of our planet's reptiles. Learn about all sorts of snakes and lizards, and how you can assist in preserving habitat for these important species. Participants will have a hands-on meet and greet with some of the animals at the end of the program! Please join us for this family night of fun!



## Join Columbia County Soil & Water Conservation District again this summer for Drop in Hudson!

Have you ever wondered what kinds of fish live in the Hudson River? Are you interested in learning how to fish but don't know where to start? Are you looking for something FREE and FUN to do with your family? Come fish with us this summer! Just bring yourself and we will provide the rest. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon with your friends and family! This is a drop-in program, so no reservations are required. All children 18 and under must be accompanied by an adult to fish. Everyone is welcome to attend! **Check our Facebook page for dates and times!**

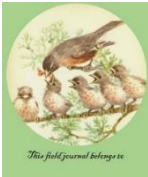
## July 3rd - 1000 am - Astronomy! Claverack Free Library

Join Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District at The Claverack Free Library on July 3rd for a talk about Astronomy with Binoculars! Pamela Price, Certified Wildlife Biologist and Education Program Coordinator at Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center will teach us how to make a Star Wheel to navigate the night sky. We will also learn about what we can see in the night sky and how to use binoculars to get a better view! All are welcome to enjoy this fun family event!



## July 9th - 12 noon - Moon Phases and Oreo Cookies! North Chatham Free Library

Join Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District at the North Chatham Free Library on July 16th to learn about the MOON! Pamela Price, Certified Wildlife Biologist and Education Program Coordinator at Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center will help us discover why the Moon looks different throughout the month. Then participate in an activity using cookies to create each lunar phase! Please join us for the fun event for the whole family!



## July 13th - 12 noon - Nature Journaling Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center

Come to Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District on July 13th to spend part of the afternoon with us drawing inspiration from nature. We will take a walk and make several stops along the way to observe what is happening on the Mud Creek trail and record what we see and hear in our own creative way. Participants are encouraged to combine scientific data collection, drawing, short stories, poetry and more to document their visit. You may bring your own journal or use materials we provide. Please join us for the family fun event!

## July 17th - 1030 am - Astronomy! Valatie Free Library

Join Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District at The Valatie Free Library on July 17th for a talk about Astronomy with Binoculars! Learn about what you can see in the night sky and how you can use binoculars to get a better view! Pamela Price, Certified Wildlife Biologist and Education Program Coordinator at Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center will also teach us how to make a Star Wheel to navigate the night sky. All are welcome to enjoy this fun family event!



## July 24th - 1000 am - Man on the Moon! Claverack Free Library

Join Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District at the Claverack Free Library on July 24th to learn about the MOON! Pamela Price, Certified Wildlife Biologist and Education Program Coordinator at Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center will help us discover why the Moon looks different throughout the month. We will also celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11 - and learn about how Neil Armstrong took the first steps on the moon's surface on July 20, 1969 as the world watched on television! Then learn to make a Moon Phase Calendar and Calculator so you can figure out what time of day and where you can see your favorite moon phases! Please join us for this fun event for the whole family!



## July 30th - 8 pm - Binocular Astronomy! North Chatham Free Library

Join Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District at The North Chatham Free Library on July 30th for Binocular Astronomy! Learn about what you can see in the night sky and how you can use binoculars to get a better view! Binoculars are a great addition to your stargazing sessions. Consider this: on a clear, dark night out in the country, your eyes can see approximately 3,000 stars, but when you use even modest 7x35 binoculars, that number rises to roughly 100,000 stars! Pamela Price, Certified Wildlife Biologist and Education Program Coordinator at Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center will give some tips on what we might see and how to use binoculars for astronomy. Then we will go outside, let our eyes adjust to the darkness and try to navigate the night sky. Dress for the weather, bring a pair of binoculars, a blanket and your curiosity for this family night of star gazing fun!



## August 9th - 1030 am - Owls of Columbia County! Valatie Free Library

Join Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District at the Valatie Free Library on August 9th for an Owl Experience! Pamela Price, Certified Wildlife Biologist and Education Program Coordinator at Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center will give a brief talk about what makes owls **OWLS** - and much more. Find out what actions we can take to create a brighter future for our Columbia County owls and us. We will also have some owl pellets for students to dissect so we can learn what the owl ate! All are welcome to enjoy this fun family event!



## August 13th - 630 pm - Liquidity - The Value of Wetlands Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center

Have you ever wondered about wetlands? Come to Columbia County Soil & Water Conservation District for a night of wonderful wetlands! Laura Heady of Hudson River Estuary Program/Cornell University will join us as we watch **Liquidity** a short documentary exploring the values of wetlands. This free program will explore the diverse wetlands of the Hudson Valley, their economic and environmental values, and why it makes good sense to conserve them for future generations. Then we will take a relaxing walk along the 1.5 miles of nature trails. Mud Creek provides the perfect setting to see the frogs, birds, cattails, and many other interesting plants and animals that call our wetlands home. Please dress for the weather and wear shoes that can get wet. All are invited to join us for this fun and informative event!



## August 15th - 1230 pm - Astronomy and the Sturgeon Moon! Philmont Public Library

Join Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District at The Philmont Public Library on August 15th for another Astronomy talk! Pamela Price, Certified Wildlife Biologist and Education Program Coordinator at Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center will teach us about what we can see in the night sky and how to use binoculars to get a better view! We will also learn about the origins of full moon names including Sturgeon Moon and Grain Moon since tonight will be the August full moon! Then we will learn how to make a Star Wheel to navigate the night sky. All are welcome to enjoy this fun family event!



## Columbia County Fair at Chatham Fairgrounds!

August 28 through Labor Day,  
September 2  
Don't forget to visit our booth  
at the Columbia County Fair in  
Chatham.  
We have interactive displays  
and goodies to give away. Hope  
to see you there!



Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District provides educational programs and services to help residents and communities manage and protect the natural resources of Columbia County. These events are **FREE**, but **REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED** - on Facebook, or by contacting Pamela Price by phone - 518-267-3313 or email - [pamela.price@ccswcd.org](mailto:pamela.price@ccswcd.org).

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## Columbia County Soil & Water Conservation District also sells Bluebird Houses!

These houses are available for purchase during business hours. Tax is included in the following prices:

Blue bird house - regular	\$14.00
Peterson houses	\$16.00

