

Members and Friends,

We often say that there is magic in the autumn season. The slow changes in the colors we see, the temperatures we feel, the sounds we hear, and the excitement we have for things we haven't experienced since last year. At Baltimore Woods, we also know that there is another type of magic in nature – the magic of the hummocks and hollows of a forest floor, the wonder of how a short hike down a trail can ease our tensions and worries or how a fallen leaf can have a little bit of every color in it, and how a child's imagination can come alive and transform an ordinary walk through the woods. Join us in celebrating the magic of this unique season - kick things off with our [Naturalist Blog](#) and find new ways to seek out every day magic no matter your age. There are some new activities on our [Nature in Your Hands...at Home](#) page to get you started and new videos coming all week long on our [social media](#)!

We are also celebrating the beginning of an exciting project at Baltimore Woods this week – creating a stone dust accessible trail that will not only restore a previous stone dust pathway through the Faust Garden but also expand this route to include forest and fields along the Backyard Wildlife Trail and Harrison Loop! This dream is becoming a reality thanks to Skaneateles Rotary taking the lead on a grant that brought four local rotary clubs together to improve accessibility to nature. **We are incredibly grateful to our partners at the Skaneateles Rotary, Skaneateles Sunrise Rotary, Marcellus NY Rotary, and Camillus Solvay Geddes Rotary Club** who each contributed funds which were matched by the **Rotary District 7150**.

This project will take several weekends to complete and requires some temporary trail closures October 11, 12, 17, and 18. Please plan your hikes those days to avoid the Backyard Wildlife Trail and Harrison Loop. If you have any questions, the Interpretive Center is staffed Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm – call 315-673-1350 or email [info@baltimorewoods.org](mailto:info@baltimorewoods.org).

Thank you for all your continued support and for celebrating the seasons with us,

[The Staff at Baltimore Woods Nature Center](#)

*P.S. Is your membership up to date? Annual membership renewal is the best way to continue to support Baltimore Woods Nature Center's work to steward the trails and preserve, provide environmental education programming that helps connect people of all ages to nature, and keep our community connected to nature. You can log-in to your [membership profile](#) to renew anytime, or call 315-673-1350. Thank you for being one of the hundreds of members that keep us going and growing every year!*

