

Spooky Season at the Sanctuary

Haunted Hikes Brought the Scares & Spectators

Over three weekends in October, the GCBS hosted their 17th annual Haunted Hikes. A hair-raising walk through the trails of the sanctuary left more than seventeen-hundred people throughout the community in the Halloween *spirit*.

Haunted Hikes has changed quite a bit over the years, with the current setup providing a mild scare option for the littles and a big scare walk for those who expect to scream. Next year the event expects to be the best yet, with new trails, photo-ops and a new way of completing the hike. Exciting things to come!

We, the GCBS Board Members, want to thank all who volunteered, as we couldn't do this without you; and we also hope you enjoyed providing the scares. We also want to thank everyone who came out for the hikes, and we hope to see you again next year.



September Sighting

We are no stranger to owls, hawks, parrots, and more here at GCBS, but we are always in awe when we come across our resident Cooper's Hawk. According to AllAboutBirds.org, the oldest recorded Cooper's Hawk was a male and at least 20 years, 4 months old. He was banded in California in 1986, and found in Washington in 2006.



Donations

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in our community, we rely on donations to support maintaining our lands and to stay open to the public. Donations are tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations.

Visit the [How to Help](#) section of our website to donate today!

You can also mail checks to: P.O. Box 7507, Garden City, NY 11530



Upcoming Events *join us*

Winterfest

On January 11th at 4pm we will celebrate our 17th annual Winterfest at the GCBS. With our message of hope, we will remind you that ALL WINTERS MUST COME TO AN END! Not just seasonal winters, but the "winters" of all our problems.

That is why at Winterfest we will let go of our baggage from the past year as we move forward into this year. We are creating conscious space in a ceremony where we may honor our intent to release. It makes the process of letting go easier and much more effective. Winterfest is about healing old wounds and starting new beginnings.

A Year of Celebration

Lookout for our next newsletter, where you can expect it to be full of exciting events to come this year as we celebrate our 30th anniversary. Three decades of serving the environment and our community deserves a season of celebration!

Cheers to a healthy and happy New Year!

