## Winter of 2025

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"Hope is the thing with feathers, that perches in the soul, and sings the tune without the words, and never stops at all..." - Emily Dickinson



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# 2024 Season that's a wrap

Our season began in April and came to end the final weekend of September. Thanks to our Volunteer Corp, we were open every weekend that weather permitted. So much gratitude for those who watch the gate, as well those who give to the GCBS in other ways, see pictures below.



Left: GCBS neighbors and budding philanthropists, Julian & Luca gave proceeds from their lemonade stand to the GCBS Right: Scales family provided tremendous help with cleaning up at the end of the season

#### **Dropseed Donation**

Local native plant nursery, Dropseed Native Landscapes, donated numerous plants to the GCBS as their season ended. Located in Malverne, we found this nursery to not only be generous, but full of beautiful native plant life and a great small business to support. Thank you, Dropseed!



#### Want to be part of something bigger?

If interested in joining our Board of Directors or a leader of our Volunteer Corp, please reach out to us at

gcbirdsanctuary@gmail.com

#### Let's Give Thanks

## Validation Day our way of saying thank you

On August 14<sup>th</sup>, the GCBS Board Members hosted the annual Validation Day event to celebrate all our 2024 volunteers; playing many roles like watching the gate, clean up, Gardening Tuesdays, bird counts, scout projects and more. It was an evening of BBQ, yard games, appreciation, and enjoyable conversation.

## Leadership Changes

#### **Creator of the Volunteer Corp Retires**

For the past three years Board Member Jeanne Dippel served as the Volunteer Corp Captain. The GCBS being open every in-season weekend to the public is a direct result of her work developing the Volunteer Corp and maintaining. We cannot thank Jeanne enough; her hard work and dedication has left a lasting impact.

If you are interested in the role of Volunteer Corp Captain, email <u>gcbirdsanctuary@gmail.com</u> for more info.

#### Volunteer Turned Board Member

The GCBS welcomes Umberto D'Urso to the Board of Directors. After years of donating his time maintaining the sanctuary, Umberto decided to join the board to help in a different way. Of course, you can still find him on the trails trimming trees and clearing paths, but we are excited to have Umberto join us at the table. Welcome, Umberto; we are lucky to have you!