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MANGANO ANNOUNCES SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES AT GARVIES POINT MUSEUM AND PRESERVE

Glen Cove, New York – Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano today announced that Nassau County will host Spring Break Activities program from **Tuesday**, **April 11**th **through Saturday**, **April 15**th and a special Earth Day program on **Saturday**, **April 22**nd at Garvies Point Museum and Preserve. The event schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, April 11th:

Beginner's Bird Watching Walk: (11 a.m. & 1 p.m.)

Join us as we observe our favorite birds of field and woods during their spring return. Learn about "field marks" for a quick ID, their habits, and how they act. Plus learn how to use binoculars. Feel free to bring your own, we have some available if needed. Program suitable for children and adults.

Craft: Recycled Bird-house: (10 a.m. - 3 p.m., on-going) Make your own bird feeder using recycled materials so you can enjoy observing our feathered friends all year long.

Film: *Birding for Kids* (30 min.)

Wednesday, April 12th:

Pond Study: (11 a.m. & 1 p.m.)

Explore the world of a pond habitat! Join our Naturalist led walk to our fresh water pond to observe, collect and identify the diverse life found in a pond environment. Participants will get to use special pond dipping nets and handheld magnifiers! Hands-on program, exciting and educational for people of all ages. Sneakers or boots recommended.

Craft: Pond Critter Sand Art (10 a.m. -3 p.m., on-going) Kids love using colored sand to make art work! Choose from a selection of animals that live in the pond habitat.

Film: All About Amphibians (23 min.)

Thursday, April 13th:

Spring Nature Walk: (11 a.m. & 1 p.m.)

Be a natural detective! Join us as we discover the plants, trees, and animals that inhabit the spring woods. Fun and educational for all ages.

Craft: Fern and Leaf Prints (10 a.m. - 3 p.m., on-going) Make a beautiful work of art using ferns and leaves and paint your imagination!

Film: All About Plant Pollination (23 min.)

Friday, April 14th:

Water Energy Program: (10 a.m. & 12 p.m.)

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Witness the power of moving water and observe how it sculpts the landscape in this exciting stream table demo, plus optional short walk down to the shoreline. Fun for kids!

Craft: Sand Mosaic (10 a.m. - 3 p.m., on-going) Create beautiful artwork using sand, the most common sediment size on Earth!

Film: *Bill Nye, The Science Guy: Erosion (26 min.)*

Saturday, April 15th:

Dinosaur Day: (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Explore the world of dinosaurs! Learn about dinosaurs from our Geologists, see and touch real fossils, dress up like a dinosaur, try out our "fossil" dig, PLUS make your own "fossil" to take home! Play activities for younger kids and awesome fossils & expert info for older kids & adults! *\$5.00 per person, 3 years & younger free, includes all activities & museum admission. Free for current members.

Saturday, April 22nd:

Earth Day Terrarium Craft: (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

Celebrate Earth Day and make an enclosed ecosystem that can last for years! Includes everything you need: glass jar, plants, soil, pebbles. \$8.00 per participant, in admission to museum admission. \$5.00 per participant for current members.

Garvies Point Museum and adjoining 62-acre preserve are located at 50 Barry Drive in Glen Cove. Directions: LIE exit to Glen Cove Road or Route 107 North to Glen Cove Firehouse, turn right, three traffic lights turn left. Follow the brown and white directional signs.

Museum General Admission is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children 5-12 yrs. Crafts and programs are appropriate for all ages. **Programs and Crafts on April 11**th – **April 14**th are included with museum admission. Special Event Admission of \$5.00 per person for Dinosaur Day includes all activities and admission to the museum for that day. On April 22nd, the event price is \$8.00 per participant, in admission to museum admission. \$5.00 per participant for current members. Proceeds go to the Friends of Garvies Point Museum and Preserve. For more information about Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, please call: (516) 571-8010/11 or visit the website at: www.garviespointmuseum.com.

For more information about Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation and Museum, please call **(516) 572-0200** or visit the website at: www.nassaucountyny.gov/parks.

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