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FLANDERS AUTUMN FEST: A DAY OF FUN

Woodbury, CT - Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust is celebrating the change of seasons by hosting its autumn festival for the entire family, "Flanders Autumn Fest: A Day of Fun" on Saturday, October 3, 2009 from Noon to 4 PM at the Van Vleck Farm Sanctuary, located at the intersection of Flanders and Church Hill Road.

The celebration at one of the region's leading nature centers features free tractor rides; stories, games and crafts for the children; displays of mineral specimens and fossils; and a variety of other exhibits. Flanders staff and volunteers will conduct special demonstrations, throughout the afternoon.

"Curious Creatures" will present an educational program, providing hands-on opportunities to interact with and learn more about various species of reptiles, amphibians, insects and mammals. Festival-goers will have the chance to observe live tree frogs, lizards, geckos, skinks, snakes, turtles, tortoises, chinchillas, rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets, hissing cockroaches, an emperor scorpion and a tarantula. "Curious Creatures" will be at Flanders Autumn Fest from Noon to 4 PM, with presentations scheduled for 12:30 PM and 2:30 PM.

Entertainment includes music by Joe Mangini and also by The Offbeats Drumming Group, a hand drumming ensemble performing rhythms from throughout the world on instruments from different countries. A variety of food will be available for purchase from local vendors.

In addition, the trails on the 200-acre Van Vleck Farm Sanctuary will be open for self-guided walks to view the expansive autumn vistas. Admission to the Autumn Fest is \$5 per person, \$10 per family and \$20 for groups of eight or more. Free parking is available on the grounds. Proceeds from the Autumn Fest go to support the educational activities of Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust, a nonprofit organization.

For more information, call 203-263-3711, x. 10 or visit www.flandersnaturecenter.org.



One of the Curious Creatures presenters with a snake.

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