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## Flanders Fall Festival to Present Entertainment All Day

**WOODBURY** – On Sunday, October 5, Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust will host its 28<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Festival from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Van Vleck Farm Sanctuary on Flanders and Church Hill Roads in Woodbury.

The event will feature a wide variety of nature- and farm-related displays and activities, including hayrides and guided nature walks, as well as entertainment by performers of music and magic.

The entertainment lineup features the following:

**Talons! A Bird of Prey Experience, 10 AM and 3 PM, Natalie's Field**

**Peter James the Magician, 11 AM and 2 PM, North Barn**

**Soft Crouton and the Cat Food Explosion band, 11:30 AM, Trail House**

**"Reptiles Rock": Rainforest Reptile Show, Noon, Studio/ Welcome Center**

**The Offbeats Drumming Group, Noon, Sugar House**

**"Musical Menagerie" with Tom Hanford, 1 PM, Trail House**

"Rainforest Reptile Show" will let children meet and interact with a variety of species ranging from insects, tortoises, frogs, snakes and lizards to four larger animals, including the American alligator. Everyone will have the opportunity to handle both the snakes and alligator after the program. "Talons: A Bird of Prey Experience," will exhibit even more wildlife, with flight demonstrations of raptors such as owls, falcons, kestrels and hawks.

Local musician Tom Hanford will be performing his “Musical Menagerie”, a wonderful collection of animal songs that is sure to captivate everyone young and old. His program will combine music, story telling and Tom’s colorful painted masks. He is a visual artist, musician, children’s performer and teacher. Tom will perform from 1 to 1:45 PM at the Trail House.

Magician Peter James, who has specialized in entertaining children for over 18 years, will perform his sleights-of-hand. Peter performs yearly for the United Way, Boy Scouts of America, and is a member of “The Society of American Magicians” and “The International Magician Society.” The Off Beats, a drumming group specializing in African and Middle Eastern rhythms, will hand drums will perform at Noon at the Sugar House.

The Flanders Fall Fest, held rain or shine, is free to current members. For nonmembers, admission is \$8 per adult and \$4 per child ages 6 to 12; children 5 and under are admitted free.

For more details call 203-263-3711, ext. 10, or visit Flanders’ website at

[www.flandersnaturecenter.org](http://www.flandersnaturecenter.org).

The festival is sponsored by the Naugatuck Savings Bank and the Timex Corporation. All proceeds will go toward supporting Flanders environmental education and land trust programs.

Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust is a nonprofit organization that focuses on environmental education, and on the acquisition, preservation, and stewardship of open space. Through its land trust initiatives, Flanders actively works to protect important natural sites and the area’s landscape character and quality of life. Through its land trust, Flanders manages over 1900 acres of preserved land in Woodbury and neighboring towns. Educational programs for children and adults are offered at the Van Vleck Farm Sanctuary, Flanders’ main campus in Woodbury. Trails at its major nature preserves are open to the public at no charge from dawn to dusk. For more information, call 203-263-3711. Flanders Welcome Center is located at the corner of Church Hill and Flanders Roads in Woodbury.



Talons present Lorrie Schumacher with one of her birds of prey that will be present at the Fall Festival.

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