Tanglewood Nature Center

2020 Annual Report

To lead and support education and preservation efforts in our region to achieve a heightened awareness, understanding, enjoyment, and caring for our natural environment.
## 2020 Board & Staff

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<td>Ian McLaughlin</td>
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<td>Community Relations</td>
<td>Bridget Sharry</td>
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<td>Jamie Ziegler</td>
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<td>Educator &amp; Camp Director</td>
<td>Maggie Groce</td>
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# 2020 Financials

## REVENUES

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## EXPENSES

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<td>Marketing</td>
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2020 Highlights, 2021 Hopes

This is an Annual Report like no other, of course because it was a year like no other.

We are thankful that even though we had a really tough year, we also had a year that made us realize how relevant and how needed our organization is. We realized how deep your support goes. We have received gifts and donations from so many people - from our faithful regulars, some who haven’t given in a little while, and some brand new members. I have signed each thank you note and mentally hugged every one of you. Sorry if you aren’t a hugger :)

ELAINE SPACHER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
We have tried to keep our mission out front at all times, which means we have kept doing our “thing” - animal care, programming, keeping the trails in decent shape, and communicating with the public. In March we began weekly Facebook live programs, each featuring an animal or nature topic. We all recorded videos at home and other natural places for our YouTube channel for people to enjoy. I checked my home Eastern Bluebird boxes in one of my videos. In another I picked up trash on my road on Earth Day. Each of our staff members contributed to the weekly live posts. We recorded a few of our regular programs and shared the link with groups, and we did live virtual programs with libraries and afterschool programs.

Summer came, and somehow, miraculously, we were able to have summer camps! Not with the numbers of children we are accustomed to, but we had kids here all summer in 2020 - masked, distanced, but here in person and outdoors a lot! The parents needed it, we needed it, and most of all, the kids needed it.

In the fall, according to community need, we began hosting a Virtual Learning Pod in our Lodge. Our intent was to host the Pod through the end of 2020, but we passed that time and continued hosting the kids here for their virtual learning 3 days/week through April 2021! The Pod was a small but tight knit group that likely will remember the pandemic and their time together at Tanglewood for their entire lives.

We have been teaching programs during the afterschool time in the Elmira City School District 4 days/week. When the schools were virtual, we were virtual; as they started being in person, so did we. We bobbed and wove our way to spring, which is where we are now. We are seeing hope. Our staff is vaccinated, as is a growing number of the general public. (Check out our #VaxUpFLX participation!) Covid cases will hopefully continue to fall in the US.

We opened our nature center to the public on May 1st, 2021.

We have summer camps filling again, and we are scheduling programs with schools and libraries too, but this time most of them are in person! We hope to resume our regular field trip schedule next year, and we also hope to be able to host an in-person fundraiser. We miss seeing all of our friends. It has been too long!

And although we have been busy just trying to get through all this like the rest of the world, we have allowed ourselves a minute or two to explore some new possibilities at our facility - is an EV charging station, maybe a canopy walkway in our future?

Stay with us and stay tuned. We aren’t going anywhere, thanks to all of you!
Members

Membership sustains the Nature Center – your support and the support of our community keeps the mission alive, the trails in shape, the animals fed, and the bills paid. This year, members gave even more extraordinarily and ensured that Tanglewood would make it through the pandemic. Thank you.

**Individual $40**
- Nancy Bird
- Susan Bonyak
- Meghan Bourke
- Susan Bowes
- Ellen Boyd
- Pamela Brayton
- Ruth Bruning
- Barbara Butterfield
- Ann Cady
- Philip Carpentier
- Marcia Christian
- Nancy Compton
- Jacqueline Egger
- Geoffrey Ehman
- Timothy Frawley
- Marianne Frei
- Barbara Friedman
- Bobbi Furnas
- Lettie Ann Gilmore
- Jerry Hayek
- Renee Herrick
- Mary Hoffman
- Dorothy Hoos
- Barbara Hull
- Kim Huston
- Douglas Iszard
- Michele Johnson
- Megan Kelley
- Julie Kriston
- Aimee Lester
- Gary Martelli
- Deanna Middaugh
- Gail Norwood
- Emma R. Novotny
- Mary E. Passage
- Brianna Riesbeck
- Peter Rocchi
- David Rouse
- Thomas Seward
- Heather Stanton
- Beatrice Stephens
- Martin Strong
- Marilynn Sullivan
- Ann M. Thorne
- Ellen Tracy
- Lynda B. Williams

**Senior Family $45**
- Jon & Sandy Bauer
- Jack & Susanne Benjamin
- David Boor & Ellen McHugh
- Mary Boris
- Lynda S. Brand
- Calvin Brewer
- Linda & Joel Buice
- Pam & Bill Caroscio
- James & Lois Carter
- Gerry & Carolyn Caruso
- Tim & Judith Smith Coleman
- Vinnie & Carole Collins
- Nancy & Dennis Cooper
- Louis & Anna Devillers
- Noreen & Reiner Dieg
- Albert & Jackie Draht
- Stephen J. & Carol Eberhard
- Carol & John Farrell
- Anne & Art Field
- John Nolan & Cheryl Fritz
- Richard & Gail Gerard
- Mark & Sandra Gibson
- Marion Gordon
- Elizabeth & Thomas Gorman
- Jared & Bonnie Harrison
- John Heitmann
- Bill Carey & Betsy Hilfinger
- Kay Hover
- Edward & Laura Hunkele
- Cathy & Ed Jadoski, Jr.
- Paul Junusik
- Lynn Kaemmerer
- Joyce Kane
- Dr. Richard L. Kapral
- Felix & Rita Kapron
- Theresa Taylor & Richard Kennedy
- Richard & Marcia Kimball
- Robert & Karin Kurcoba
- Harold & Joyce Lefever
- Michael & Marilyn Lepak
- William & Barbara Lock
- Bill Maloney
- John & Barbara McGlenn
- Robert & Theresa McNamara
- F. Joseph Meriwether
- Jo Douglas & Mike Michalko

**Senior Family, cont.**
- Ann Milholten
- Jon & Susan Moehlmann
- Jeri Moore
- Cindy Moran
- John & Sharon Neidrich
- Stanley & Stacey Oparil
- Gary & Carol Packard
- Jean & Tony Papandrea
- Mary Jane & Charles Paternoster
- Martha Pierce
- Sheila Reed
- Frank & Claire Rhodes
- Ruth & Mark Riesbeck
- Maria & Jerry Rupp
- Duane & Michelle Saxton
- Jean Schauffler
- Mike Scullin
- Steve & Anita Seaberg
- Thomas & Barbara Sekella
- David & Patricia Silvernail
- Lynn & Peter Smith
- Michael & Patty Stephens
- George Strothmann
- Connie & Louise Sullivan-Blum
- Gayle Temple
- Ronald & Mary Tucker
- Mimi Updegraff
- Margaret Weidemann
- Diane & Richard Wilbur
- Tom & Shirley Wingert, Sr.
- Earl & Sally Wright
- Michael & Nancy Yonko

**Family, $50**
- Daniel & Jane Agan
- Lawrence & Yvonne Albee
- Laura Alvarado
- Michelle & Chris Alvarez
- Ben & Nicole Amstler
- Cathy & Howie Bachman
- Cody & Gretchen Barlow
- Leslie & Christopher Bames
- Searra & Kurtis Bayer
- Russell & Christine Beach
- Beth & Christopher Bell
- Amy & Mike Belosky

**Family, cont.**
- Laura & Jim Bennett
- Tonia Billbe
- Kathryn & Micah Bingham
- Kerry & Joseph Bocko
- Christine Bohart
- Megan & John Bower
- Nikki & J. P. Bower
- Matt & Anne Brand
- Melissa Brate
- Martin & Karen Breinlinger
- Tatyana & Luke Brown
- Leah & Casey Brown
- Robert & Marie BUTcher
- Stephen Butts
- Jessica Cannella
- James & Miriam Capriotti
- Lisa Chalk
- Victoria Chan
- Victoria Cicci
- Melissa Colacino
- Margaret & Matthew Collins
- David Crist
- Lori Crumb
- Kevin & Laura Cummings
- Angela & Tymon Daniels
- Jamie Dauphinet
- Keri Davis
- Kimberly & Brian Doty
- Kathy & Thomas Dubel
- Logan Emery
- Stacey Esslinger
- Patrick & Kari Flynn
- Corina Forsythe
- Tom & Betsey Fortier
- Tracy Lee Frost
- Stephanie Galeano
- Laurie & Sean Garner
- Maura & Corey Garrison
- Breanna Savard & Maxwell Garten
- Michelle & Josh Giacchino
- Carey Gillis
- Todd & Claire Warren Ginnan
- Sarah Grossman
- Michael & Michelle Halperin
1973 Patron Circle $1,000 +
William & Ann Bishop
Dean & Janice Butts
Joseph & Giuliana Calderone
Duke & Wendy Carroll
Janet & Brian Chilson
Mary Muse & Kevin Coughlin
Charles & Trudy Craig
Kintu & Yulonda Early
Jim & Sharon Emmick
Thomas & Deborah Fennell
Charles & Muriel Friend
Frank & Linda Gudas
Gene Herber
Harry & Jennifer Hillman
Linda Hillman
Jon & Donna Homuth
Conrad Wolan & Kelly Hume
Deborah & Donald Lauper
Robert McKinnon
Janet & John McLaughlin
Arthur & Beverly Morrell
Kevin Orvek
Mary Anne & William Perks
Thomas & Katherine Roehlke
Bonnifer & Leslie Schweizer
Stuart & Lucy Schweizer
Alan & Maria Winston

Corporate Falcon $100-249
Cameron Manufacturing & Design
Bobby K Entertainment
Mirion Technologies Corporation
James D. Barrett Funeral Home

Corporate Hawk $250-499
Banfield Baker Corporation
Ray Jewelers
Simmons Rockwell Auto Plaza, Inc.
Wild Birds Unlimited

Corporate Owl $500-999
Chemung Supply Corporation

Corporate Eagle $1,000 +
Cook Painting
Howell & Company, F. M.
PS Graphic Design
Chemung Canal Trust Company

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Anderson Foundation
Chemung County Room Tax
Community Foundation
Corning Incorporated Foundation
Delores Crumb Charitable Fund
Payroll Protection Program
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