

# TROUT LAKE NATURE CENTER



Last Chance!



Trout Lake Nature Center's

# JUNGLE FEAST

## Go to Silent Auction

*Limited time only. Auction ends Oct 9th at 7 PM.*

Our Jungle Feast is coming up on Thursday, October 9 from 6 to 8 PM and has a silent auction as part of the event. Use the button above to visit the auction and bid. The auction closes at 7:30 PM on Oct. 9. All proceeds are used to support our Education Complex Expansion to meet current and future needs.

You don't have to be present to bid or win. Items can be picked up at the event or later at the Trout Lake Nature Center within 10 days.

Items were contributed by a number of people, organizations and businesses to make this auction a success. It is a great place to find gifts for the upcoming holidays or just to enjoy for yourself.

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## October Naturalist Programs

### All About Purple Martins October 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Alex McMichael from the Clermont Martin Watch, also known as the Purple Martin Landlords, will present a program about purple martins. Learn about the natural history of the purple martin along with an understanding of its migration season. McMichael will talk about the focus of the Clermont Martin Watch and their busy season which goes from January through July.

**Are you interested in having purple martins as part of your habitat?** Come to the program at Trout Lake Nature Center.



### Telescopes: Exploring the Skies October 25 from 2 to 4 PM

Unleash your curiosity and embark on an extraordinary journey learning and using telescopes with Bill Heim. Heim will explain about the different types of telescopes, their uses and advantages and disadvantages for each type.

After the presentation and discuss, join Heim in the parking lot for a chance to practice using telescopes. Come to the program at Trout Lake Nature Center for an enjoyable afternoon learning about telescopes as part of our Naturalist series.





## The Fairy House Challenge is Back

Entries are due between Nov. 5 and Noon, Nov. 7

With all the development taking place in northern Lake County, many of our fairies have been displaced and come to TLNC looking to have a new home. You can help by building a fairy house for these fairies and entering our Fairy House Challenge.

**What is a fairy house?** They are small structures that fairies, gnomes and woodland creatures live in. Fairies are nature lovers and environmentalists. They live lightly on the earth. Their houses are built sustainably, using natural and dropped materials, to blend into the habitats where they live.

Use the button below to learn about the Challenge, age categories and how to build your fairy house and to register for the Challenge. You must register to be part of this Challenge and businesses are asked to pay a \$25 impact fee. Entries should be brought to TLNC between Wednesday, November 5 and noon, Friday, November 7. [Judging will take place at the Special Nature Magic and Craft event on Saturday from 1 to 3 PM.](#) Have your family and friends come to this event to vote for your fairy house

[Fairy House Challenge](#)

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## Last Nature Sprouts of the Year

October 22 from 10:30 to 11:30 AM

Author Alexandra Vollman will read aloud of her book *Nature Says Hello*. The reading will be followed by a nature hike to gather materials for the children to make a nature creation. This program is designed for -2 to 5-year olds to have a positive experience with nature and the outdoors. Children must be accompanied by an adult and should dress for playing outdoors and getting dirty. Adults are required to register their child(ren). Program is limited to 20 children with their adult(s).

Due to the timing of holidays, there is no program in November or December but all little ones are invited to visit TLNC.

[Register for Sprouts](#)

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## Pack Walks Resume

Sunday, October 26 from 1:30 to 2:30 PM

All well-behaved canines are invited to bring their handlers to a walk on the trails at TLNC. Dogs improve their social skills with group walks. Yes, even dogs need good social manners to get along with other dogs and people.

All dogs must be well-mannered, have all shots, be on a 6' non-retractable lead. Their handler is responsible for pick up after any deposits the dog may leave. Although water and a dog bowl are available at TLNC, handlers may want to bring their own.

No reservation is required but a \$5 entry fee is charged per vehicle. TLNC dog or people members enter for free.



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### **Nature Magic and Craft Event** **Saturday, November 8 from 1:30 to 3 PM**

This day will feature hands on activities where you can marvel at the science of nature that resembles magic or check out a craft using or about nature.

Learning activities include: Water fireworks, Cartesian diver, examining butterfly wings with a microscope and more. Crafts include wood burning, book folding, wildfowl sculpture, pine cone holidays, etc. Guest author Alexandra Vollman will be doing activities for children too. You also vote for the winning fairy houses at this event.

No reservation is required but a \$5/vehicle entry fee is charged. TLNC members' vehicles enter for free.

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### **Bye Gone Cemetery**

In honor of the season, we have created a small cemetery to draw attention so some of the species that have gone extinct in Florida and the world. Learn about these species and the causes for their demise.

Come check out this little cemetery on your next visit to TLNC. The cemetery will be up during the month of October.

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## **End of Year Giving**

As the year draws to a close, we hope you will support the Trout Lake Nature Center with an end of year gift as you complete your end of year giving. Once again, the Trout Lake Nature Center will participate in the Mt. Dora Community Trusts' (MDCT) Giving Week which starts on [Giving Tuesday, December 2 to December 8](#).

Make your donation to the MDCT designating TLNC as your charity of choice. Portions of your donation will be matched increasing the impact of your donation. Donations can be made online or with a check. The exact website will be provided closer to the event. All donations for Giving Week must be made during this week. If you chose to send a check to us, we will bring all checks received to MDCT on Monday, December 8 by Noon. **All checks must be made out to the MDCT with TLNC in the memo.**

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## Upcoming Programs

**November 18, 10 AM to Noon, Inspired by Nature** water color painting for children. Children will learn to paint a blue crab. Use the button below to learn about and register for this class and upcoming water color painting classes.

[Water Color Classes](#)

**November 18, 1:30 to 3 PM, Dish Garden Planting with Natives.** Jenna Workman guides you through creating a dish garden using native plants. You must register to attend this hands on program. Use the button below to register.

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