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As we continue our commitment to serve our community and protect our land, we would like to thank all of our supporters and visitors.

To all the businesses and friends of the Tenafly Nature Center for their generous donations to our silent auction and ad journal including Mike & Karen Neus.

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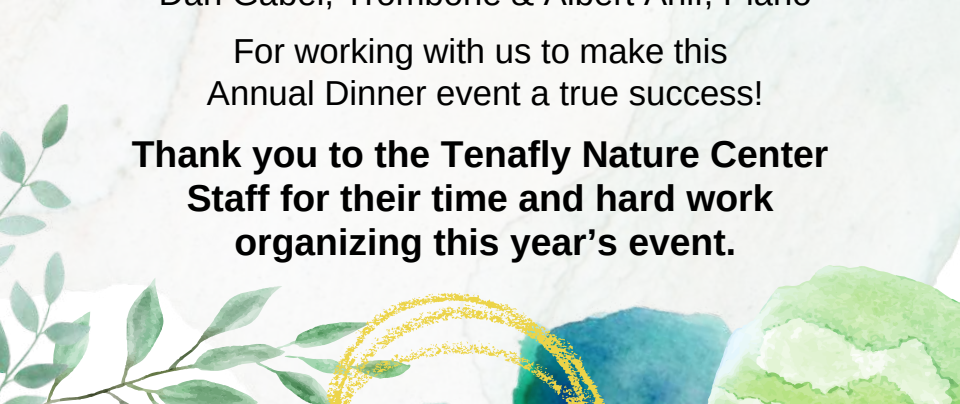
Kimberly Hawkey Trio

Kimberly Hawkey, Vocals,

Dan Gabel, Trombone & Albert Ahlf, Piano

For working with us to make this
Annual Dinner event a true success!

**Thank you to the Tenafly Nature Center
Staff for their time and hard work
organizing this year's event.**





Additional Special Thanks

Lynda Baldini, Nicholas Baldini, Grace Bosco, Denise Driscoll, Diana Flynn, Kevin Kuznetzow, Paul Lefkowitz, Karen Merchant, Anne Picogna, TNC Forest School, and Tenafly High School Interact Club.

Congratulations

**Dad and Grandpa
Love
Al, Tori, Zoe, Carly**



**The Nature Center is one
of Tenaflly's greatest
treasures!**

**We thank everyone
involved in its
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**Special Congratulations
to this year's honorees!**

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June 11

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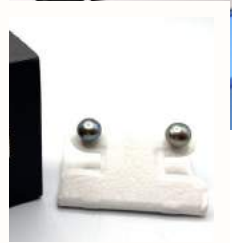
Congratulations

Jon Warms
Eve Bolkin
Abigail Kushman
Jane Murphy

Thank you for your
continued commitment
and dedication to the
Nature Center!

Mayor Mark Zinna

Auction



ONLINE AUCTION

Auction items are displayed on tables in the cocktail area at the event and online. To bid on an item, **SCAN THE QR** code or use the link associated with the item.

You may bid on any number of items and as often as you wish. Increment are as indicated on the online bidding site.



The Silent Auction closes at 9:45 pm Sharp. Each item will go to the highest bidder at the close of bidding, when winners' will be notified via email or text.

Gift Certificates

Auction items that include gift certificates/cards, will be distributed by a staff member in the auction checkout area. Gift certificates/cards are generally valid as indicated on the certificate/card or in the item description.

Payment Options

Auction items must be paid for via online payment system. Cash will not be accepted.

Checkout Procedure

If you win items in the auction or raffle, proceed to the auction checkout area near the entrance. We will do our best to have checkout ready by 10:00 pm. Be prepared to show your paid receipt on your phone and please be patient while others are checked out and items are handed out.

Honoring



Jon Warms Founders' Award for Conservation

Jon's commitment to the Tenafly Nature Center began when he moved with his family to Tenafly in 1967. Through the years, they enjoyed TNC for trail walks, camps, nature fairs and events. In 2006, he became the TNC liaison for the Tenafly Borough Council, serving in that role for his three terms on the Council and ensuring the Borough's support for the Nature Center. He became a TNC Board Trustee after retiring from the Council and remains an active TNC committee member though he's retired from the Board.

Jon is a graduate of New York University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was a Software Engineering Manager with AT&T, and has been a lab director and assistant professor at the Stevens Institute of Technology. He remains active with the Borough of Tenafly, serving on the Environmental Commission (former Chair) and the Planning Board. He also is a commissioner with the Bergen County Utilities Authority, a Rotarian, and moderator of the Tenafly Library Foreign Policy Discussion Group.

Honoring



Jane Murphy Volunteer of the Year Award

Jane Murphy works for the Department of Health in Rockland County, New York. She has volunteered at the Tenafly Nature Center for the past seven years. Her love for raptors and other birds began about 20 years ago when she first saw Pale Male, the Famous Red-Tailed Hawk in Central Park. Volunteering at the Nature Center has combined her passions — photography and raptors. With photography shows in New. She believes that until one has loved an animal part of their soul remains unawakened.

“My biggest accomplishment in life will never be money.... It will be all the animals I have loved and saved.”



Honoring



Eve Bolkin **Community Partner Award**

Eve Bolkin has been a resident of Tenafly for 24 years and is currently the recording Secretary for the Environmental Commission. For more than three years she has worked with the Tenafly Nature Center to ensure a strong partnership with the Tenafly Environmental Commission on projects such as the Trash-a-thon. She is Vice President, North America General Counsel, Business Operations and Corporate at Capgemini North America, a global leader partnering with companies to transform and manage their business by harnessing the power of technology.

She is a graduate of the New York University School of Law and received a bachelor's degree in English Literature and Spanish Language from the University of Pennsylvania, where she earned Magna Cum Laude honors.

Eve loves to read and write, having two self-published books (*Prejudice and Pride* and *Teen Sensation*) available on Amazon under the pen name, Eve Delson.

Honoring



Abigail Kushman Community Partner Award

Abby is a senior at Tenafly High School whose favorite classes include economics and science research. She has been connected to environmentalism in school and in life, spending the last two summers conducting research in environmental engineering labs. As President of the THS Green Team, she has worked with the Tenafly Borough Environmental Commission and Tenafly Nature Center on projects including the Trash-A-Thon, Tenakill River Clean-Up, town composting, and obtaining recycling bins for downtown Tenafly. Abby's volunteer work includes an internship at the Community Chest of Englewood, where she introduced a local CSA program. As a volunteer at Temple Emanu-El of Closter, Abby received the Youth Shem Tov award for founding the THS Combating Antisemitism Club, joining the National Jewish Youth Climate Movement Board, and serving as a StandWithUS Leventhal Intern. In Fall 2023, she will attend Cornell University with an intended major of Environment and Sustainability with a concentration in Business.

Celebrate Earth Day at Tenafly's **TRASH-A-THON**

Sunday, May 7

Rain Date: Saturday, May 13

1:00 - 4:00 pm



Join Tenafly Nature Center, Tenafly Environmental Commission, Tenafly's Green Team, and Tenafly High School's Green Team to lend a hand for a good community cause!

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**Congratulations to our daughter
Abigail Kushman on receiving the
Community Partner Award!**

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rooted & spread your wings! Keep
shining your light & love beautiful girl!
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**Dear Eve,
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Conservation



Education



Recreation



Community

Some members regularly use the trails, attend programs, volunteer their talents and serve on committees; others read the newsletter or call the staff to ask nature questions.

However you participate, being a member of TNC creates a local community -- and together, we can "Enrich our lives through nature".

Consider Joining Today

**Dear Eve,
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**Eve Bolkin**

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Kate and Emery**

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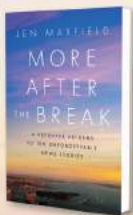
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**Congratulations to tonight's  
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and Jane Murphy**