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LESLIE KENNEDY FLYS LIKE A BUTTERFLY IN NEW EXHIBIT

June 6th, 2015 –With Summer swiftly approaching the weather is getting warmer and Long Island's wildlife is buzzing around in full force. This time of year isn't about the birds and the bees though; it's all about the birds and the butterflies at Sweetbriar Nature Center's Butterfly, Bird, and Wildlife Craft Festival. Legislator Leslie Kennedy (R-Nesconset) had the opportunity to visit the festival at Sweetbriar Nature Center and be a part of the festivities in celebration of Long Island's wildlife.



(Leslie Kennedy with Sweetbriar Nature Center workers)

The festival showcased birds and butterflies from Long Island's natural habitats for the community to enjoy. Also available at the Festival were crafts and plants for sale, made and grown by local artisans. "This festival is a celebration of Long Island's natural heritage, with local wildlife and plants, I really enjoy participating in these events that celebrate our unique landscape, and the talent of our local craftsmen" said Legislator Kennedy.

This Festival had the unique distinction of hosting the grand opening of the Butterfly house, an exhibit with over 100 types of butterflies. Visitors are welcome to walk through the exhibit in order to learn more about these unique creatures that call this new exhibit home. In addition books were collected for the under privileged in conjunction with an organization called Book Fairies, and animal rescue groups were on site with animals ready for adoption. "I was glad to see that people came to the festival not only to enjoy themselves but to give back, by donating books to those in need, or by adopting a rescue animal, it's important that we strive to help each other and give to those in need"



(Leslie Kennedy and John Kennedy with festival attendees)

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