# Discover the nature of things

Here's a partial listing of nature/interpretive centers in the Observer & Eccentric cov-

mes offer educational programs on a regular basis for a small fee. Exhibits also change

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Environmental
Interpretive Center, University
of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901
Evergreen Road, between Ford
Road and Michigan Avenue,
Dearborn

Road and Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Free admission. (313) 593-5338.

5338.
Highlights: Exhibit of the Rouge River watershed, feeding stations for wildlife, and ceramic tiles created by children on what nature means to them. Nature trails, Rouge River, pond, meadow and grounds of the Fair Lane

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Free admission. (734) 261-1990.
Highlights: Exhibits of Rouge River history, live rep-tiles and amphibians, Henry Ford and his cottage indus-tries, and Native Americans cultures. Easy access to Hines Park is nearby.

Marshlands Museum and Nature Center at Lake Erie Metropark, 2481 W. Jefferson between Woodruff and Huron River Drive, Brownstown Township.
Open 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. (734) 397-5020 or (800) 477-3189.

Daily vehicle parks entry fee is \$4; annual permit, good for all Metroparks, is \$20, \$12 for senior citizens at least 62 years of age. No additional charge Highlights: Displays of nounted birds and firearms,

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mounted birds and firearms, plus nature trail.
■ Interpretive Nature Center and Farm Learning Center at Kensington Metropark, Kent Lake Road exit at 1-96, Milfort!

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Farm Learning Center open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily;
Interpretive Nature Center 1-5 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Threshot whough Sunday (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178.
Daily whiche parks entry fee is \$4; annual permit, good for all Metroparks, is \$20, \$12 for senior citizens at least 62 years of age. No additional charge for nature or farm center.
Highlights: farm center barn, animals, gardens; nature center and displays. Nature center and any animals, gardens; nature trails.

Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center, Toy Parks & Recreation, 6855 Coolidge, between Square Lake Road and South Boulevard, Troy.
Open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thready through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Free admission, (248) 524-3567.
Highlights: Exhibit of birds and duck decoys, wildlife viewing room, library. The center is gateway to 100 acres of preserved land and nature trails.

Lewis Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road, between Clarkston Road and Seymour Lake Road, Independence Township. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tresday through Sunday, (248) 525-6473. Daily parks webiledents; \$8 for nonresidents; annual permit is \$25 for county residents, No additional charge for nature center.

nature center. Highlights: Interactive exhibit on the essential ele-

wildlife.

Dinosur Hill Nature
Preserve, 333 N. Hill Circle, off
Tienken Road between
Rochester Road and Livernois,
Rochester.

Nature center open 9 a.m. to
noon Monday, 9 a.m. to 9 finday.
Grounds open dawn to dusk
daily, Free admission. (248) 66-0999. Highlights: Working indoor

Highlights: Working indoor beehive, some animals and maple sugar tapping exhibit. Grounds include woods, Faint Creek and nature trails.

■ Interpretive Center at Stony Creek Metropark, off 26 Mile Road, between Washington/Dequindre and Mound, Shelby Township. Open 1-5 p.m. weekdays, 10 am. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, (586) 781-424 or (800) 477-7756.

Daily vehicle parks entry fee is \$4; annual permit, good for all Metroparks, is \$20, \$12 for senior etitizens at least \$2 years of age. No additional charge for interpretive center.

Highlights: Display of Naive American artifacts; live snakes and amphibians. Nature study area, trails adjacent.

■ Interpretive Center at Indian Springs Metropark, off White Lake Road between Cuthbert and Teggerdone, White Lake Road between Cuthbert and Teggerdone, White Lake Roam between Cuthbert and Teggerdone, White Lake Roam between Cuthbert and Teggerdone, White Lake Roam between Cuthbert and Teggerdone, Open 1-5 p.m. weekdays, 10 am. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, (248) 625-7280 or (800) 477-3192.

Dally wehicle parks entry fee is \$4, annual permit, good for all Metroparks, is \$20, \$12 for senior citizens at least \$2 years of age. No additional charge for interpretive center.

Highlights: Mounted animals native to Michigan, plus live reptiles and amphibians. Nature trails nearby.

- compiled by Doug Funke

### Songwriter looks beyond herself

Susan Enan's concerned about more than topping the charts. While she'd like to become a hit with acoustic music fans it's important for the emerging songwriter to get the message out about being part of a community. Enan tries to fit in no matter where her travels take her. Born in England, she studied music at the University of Liverpool for three years before heading off to Northern Ireland seven years ago. Her series of 11 Midwest concerts includes Trinity House Theatre in Livonia on Wednesday, April 23.

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House Theatre in Livonia on Wednesday, April 23. She's introducing her third self-released EP Moonlight/Skin, Bone & Silicone recorded in Oxford, England except for a live track from a Liverpool Summer Pops concert. Enan's frest EP, Inside in 1998, was the first to be released by an unsigned artist in Northern Ireland. "My music is mellow.

Ireland.
"My music is mellow, thoughtful and hopeful," said Enan who has performed in England, Ireland and the U.S. She opened for Roger McGuinn in Grand Rapids

McGuinn in Grand Rapids last year.

"It yo write music that's hopeful because there's so much that isn't hopeful. We do have control over our own lives. We can make a good choice or bad choice. That's how you can affect your own community. It's about being nart of something larger like a community. Enan hopes eventually to become part of an American community, at least for half of the year. The other six months she'll ternain in

onths she'll remain in Ireland, a place she's grown



"There was a large Irish culture in Liverpool when I was at University and it made me want to go there to absorb the music," said Fana, a classically trained musician who plays acoustic guitar, flute and piano. "I would move anywhere for music I've been to America four or five times now, America - I love it. There's an infrastructure for musicals and infrastructure for musicals and infrastructure for musicals and infrastructure for musicals and infrastructure for musicals in the more more friendships. It's more community divien. I have a lot of close friends in Belfast. A friend was the inspiration for the title cut of Enans latest EP. The song actually appears twice with different instrumentation. Each features her smooth, soft voice carressing every word.

"My inspiration comes from fings people say or think about. It comes from so many different places," said Enan. "I try to visualize a seene.

different places; said Eman. It ye to visualize a scene. Moonlight is about a friend in another part of the world. The moon is a common thing to share. The new CD is pretty much ballads, quite mellow. This is the first one trying to

trish-based song-writer Susan Enan brings her acoustic music to Trinity House Theatre in Livonia, SUSAN ENAN

What: Performs music from her latest CD When: 8 p.m. Wednesday,

Where: Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. 6 Mile Road Livonia

Tickets: \$10, \$7 theater members, call (734) 464-6302

promote all originals. At age 16 I was writing songs. The guitar was a way to get them out. It's easier to carry around than a piano.
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Now I m getting into folk music. I started listening to Woody Guthrie at University and that pushed me on. I listened to 1940s interviews he did. I was inspired by Bob Dylan, a brilliant songwriter, and early on by Bono's words from U2."

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## There's an Easter brunch suitable for so many tastes

Easter brunch is a popular tradition locally, and restau-rants are accommodating with meals to suit every palate's desire. Here's a sampling of

desire. Here's a sampling of offerings near you:

B Loving Spoomful, 27925
Golf Pointe Blvd., Farmington Hills. Reservations recommended for seatings at 2, 4:30 or 7 p.m. Price is \$29,955 per person; kids under 10 are \$7,955. Menu includes Caesar salad; country duck; fried red

tomatoes; sweet corn and shrimp bisque; puree of but-ternut squash and mush-roome; smoked beef tender-loin; pan seared lake whitefish; chicken; fresh seafood pasta with lobster cream sauce and sauteed Swiss chard; New Orleans spiced eattlish; dessert. (Extra charge for beef) Call (244) 489-490.

B McCormlek & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant, 2850 Coolidge Highway, Prices range from \$6\$ to \$15\$.
Beginning at 11 am. the restaurant will serve Easter omatoes: sweet corn and

dishes like salmon in orange butter, amelets to order and a ham and beef carving station. Call (248) 637-6400.

Encore Restaurant, 18500
North Park Drive in Southfield located in North Park Towers. Cost is \$22.95 for adults and \$311.95 for kids 6-12. Foods include honey-glazed ham, an omelet station, intricate salnds, call (248) 567-3888.

Camp Tironderoga, \$2278
Rochester Road in Troy, between Square Lake and Long Lake roads. Adults' and

children's menu. Menu includes blue cheese harvest salad; stuffed portabella mushrooms; ham, traditional turkey dinner; filet mignon; prime rib with an jus; mod flounder. Desserts include fresh chocolate chip cookies, a bunny sundae and more. For reservations call (248) 828-BUCK. Prices vary. Open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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Haggerty, Novi, (248) 349-4000, \$30.95 adults, \$25.95 seniors 65 and older, \$15.95 children 5-12, no charge for

children 4 and under. Brunch served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. includes breadfast items, prime rib, lamb, ham, peel-and-cat shrimp, fruit, cheeses, salads, baked serod, desserts and childrens buffet.

Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train, on Fontiac Trail just north of Maple Road in Walled Lake.

On Easter Sunday, a three-course family lunch is being served, Departure time is noon; \$38 adults, \$18 children. Menu items include mixed green salad with almonds; rousted children 4 and under, Brunch

chicken; glazed ham; mashed red skin potatoes with gravy, vegetables, bread and sweet potato pie for dessert. Reservations required.

regenators, order and sweet potatop je for dessert. Reservations required. Also at the Star Clipper, on Saturday, April 19, children can eat with the Easter Bunny on the Cottontail Express. The noe-hour train ride begins at noon or 2 p.m. and includes items like hot dogs at an additional cost. Each child receives with her from the Easter. a gift bag from the Easter

Bunny. Call for reservations for either event, (248) 960-9440.

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