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Have a nocturnal moth ball in the Greenbelt

It's on occasions like this when it's so cool to be on NYC's greenest borough: Staten Island Museum is celebrating National Moth Week by joining forces with City Parks to host nocturnal activities in the Greenbelt starting 8:30 p.m. tonight.

Those who think moths are just pale cousins of the flamboyant butterfly are in for a surprise. Moths come in a variety of vivid hues, from green to orange to purple and back again.

"Moths are incredible and, in my opinion, way cooler than butterflies," says Claire Aniela Arthurs, Staten Island Museum's manager of education. "They do all of the same cool stuff, metamorphose, fly, pollinate, and are a food source — but they do it all at night, and therefore often go unnoticed."

Arthurs also wants to set

the record straight: There are only a handful of moths that are responsible for eating clothes.

Curator of Science Ed Johnson's night hike is only part of the celebration. Mike Shanley, president of Friends of Blue Heron Park, will create a "wall of moths," and Taylor Jones will present his collection of amazing local and exotic moths.

Plus, Deep Tanks Butoh Dancers will present a new segment of their "Moth Ball" project at 10 p.m. Note: Bring a flashlight. Cameras, containers and "science notebooks" are optional.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and free for children under 12. To learn more about National Moth Week, visit NationalMothWeek.org. For more info about the Greenbelt Nature Center, at 700 Rockland Ave., visit SIGreenbelt.org.