An evening with things that flutter, delight

A group of 40 attends Moth Night to learn about these nocturnal insects

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A team of entomologists with flashlights made a trek through a trail at the Greenbelt Nature Center to search for moths and other nocturnal creatures Saturday night.

There were a few shrinks — the camel crickets, large with long legs were the creepiest — but mostly unruffled curiosity ruled.

"I saw a weird butterfly. It looked like a moth," said Hunter Malloy, 9, who attended at the Greenbelt Nature Center. "I didn't expect to see so many moths."

"I saw a spider with three legs," said Aidan Marks, 9, another participant.

At the Greenbelt Nature Center, participants were able to see a variety of moths, including the giant silk moth, the caterpillar, and the butterfly. The event was sponsored by the Staten Island Museum and the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space.

The Greenbelt Nature Center offers a variety of educational programs and activities for children and families. For more information, visit their website at greenbeltnaturecenter.org.

OTHER INSECTS

- Cadis fly
- Canker
- Dogwood long-legged moth
- Flower moth
- Grizzled skipper
- Holly leaf roller
- Large Promotion
- Ladybug
- Long-tailed skipper
- Mosquito
- Ridge skipper
- Slender skipper
- Spotted orange skipper
- Swallowtail
- Tawny Emperor
- Wood nymph

With their flashlights, not bug box and lots of curiosity, the Malloys of Grassmere — Shea, 7, dad, John, and Hunter, 9 — came well prepared for Moth Night. For more photos of Moth Night, check our online report at siadvance.com/entertainment.

SOUTH BEACH

Families head back to the Boardwalk

Summer series that runs through Aug. 31 has fireworks, rides, movies

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Staten Island families have been coming back to the beach. Now, Mark Tracinhis is bringing them back to the boardwalk — the South Beach Boardwalk.

Tracinhis, one of the local entrepreneurs of The South Beach Boardwalk, said the boardwalk has been a hit with families.

"The boardwalk welcomes tourists from around the world with its outstanding views of the Verazzano Bridge and passing cruise ships," said Tracinhis. "It's a must-see destination for families.

"The goal is to allow Staten Island families to enjoy an afternoon or evening without leaving the island, a healthy walk along the boardwalk in the family, running in the sand and bringing the community to the most fabulous outdoor location on Staten Island," said Tracinhis.

"The boardwalk features a variety of events, including family nights, fireworks, and specialty foods.

"Numerous communities, restaurants, and events are planned, including health screenings, awareness and yoga on the beach demonstrations, and special events.

"Weekend events are scheduled for Aug. 13 and Aug. 31. For the latest info and event schedule, call 466-1677 or visit backtothepointboardwalk.com.

"Northfield Bank is the sponsor of the Family Fun Community Initiative." Other sponsors include: Nissan Cars, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space; Jeep Brand; "Uncle Louie's"; HealthPath; "Coney Island"; and others.

"It's all happening right here in Staten Island," said Tracinhis. "There's something for everyone.

"It's a great way to spend a day at the beach, and it's all right here in our backyard.

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