

# THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY NATURE CLUB



## WILDLIFE TREE FEEDERS

### CRANBERRY WREATH

- Cut a 12-16 inch length of medium gauge florist wire
- Bend one inch of one end of the wire into an "L"
- At the other end of the wire, begin stringing fresh cranberries
- Note: (1) do not use berries that are soft  
(2) run the wire through the top & bottom of the berry, not the sides
- String fruit until there is about one inch of wire left and twist both ends of the wire together to form a wreath
- Refrigerate until ready to use

### RAISIN ICICLES

- Cut a 1½ to 2 foot length of dental floss and thread with a needle
- Tie a knot at the end of the string and thread the raisins
- Tie the top end with raffia or colorful ribbon to hang
- Store in cool, dry place

### CITRUS CUPS

- Halve an orange or grapefruit and remove the juice and pulp
- Make three holes spaced equally around and near the cut edge of the citrus
- Thread a 10 to 12-inch piece of ribbon or raffia through each hole and secure with a knot
- Tie the three loose raffia ends together no more than five inches above the fruit cup
- Make a small hole in the bottom center of the cup for drainage
- Fill the cup with bird seed or nuts
- Store in a cool, dry place for one to two days before hanging

## **PINE CONE FEEDER**

### **Ingredients**

1 cup rendered suet  
1 cup chunky peanut butter  
3½ cup yellow cornmeal  
Birdseed mix  
Pine cones (white pine works well)  
Raffia

- Tie raffia around the pointed end of a pine cone, about 2 to 3 cone scales down from the tip, leaving two tails for hanging
- Melt/render suet in a pot over low to medium heat (ground suet melts more quickly)
- Strain liquefied suet through cheesecloth to remove any tissues that might spoil
- Add peanut butter to rendered suet, stir until melted and blended
- Add cornmeal to mixture and blend until it has a doughy texture
- When mixture has cooled, pack mixture into the pine cone openings. Do not cover the entire cone, but leave the ends of the cone scales exposed. This makes it easier for birds to grasp and hang onto the cone.
- Sprinkle or roll suet-covered cone in bird seed
- Label and store unused suet/peanut butter mixture in refrigerator

## **DRIED FLOWER BOUQUET**

- Cluster together several stems of different dried flowers and seed heads
- Use ribbon or raffia to tie their stems together
- Arrange the flowers so that the center stem is one of the longest and the outer stems are among the shortest.
- Small sunflowers, wheat, barley, and millet make good bird food

## **SUET BAGS**

- Cut onion or bulb bags into 12" x 12" squares
- Fill with chunks of raw suet
- Tie with ribbon or raffia to hang
- Freeze until ready to use

## **INDIAN CORN**

- Tie ribbon or raffia around three corn husks leaving two ends for hanging