

**ELCCT's Volunteer of the Month:
Alexis Laskowski**

Alexis lives and grew up in Bristol. She fondly remembers participating in programs at Barnes Nature Center when she was younger, which encouraged her interest in nature and animals. She began volunteering at Barnes Nature Center during the summer of 2016. She has returned to volunteer again this summer, helping out with the care of the resident animals and acting as a docent, greeting visitors and assisting with the general upkeep of the nature center. Alexis is currently majoring in Biology and minoring in Classics at Colgate University. When she is attending college in New York she does some volunteer work at nearby animal shelters and at a local elementary school. She is also an officer of the college's Crafters Club. During the upcoming fall semester she will be studying abroad in New Zealand, taking four classes at the University of Otago on the south island. She is excited to see New Zealand's diverse wildlife and beautiful environment. In the future she also hopes to do independent research of some kind using a grant offered to her by the Alumni Memorial Scholar program of her university. During her free time she enjoys reading, drawing, camping, and hiking.