Nurture Nature Center to debut "Sphere Spotlight" Thursdays

The Nurture Nature Center in Easton is kicking off a new "Sphere Spotlight" program 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays starting today.
The series will present high-resolution video about the earth and planetary science on its Science on a Sphere, the center's 6-feet suspended animated globe, one of a hundred in the world.

Today's program is about clouds. NASA is asking the public to help with observing whether areas are cloudy or not. The video includes information about the NASA project and displays beautiful images of cloud cover. Also learn how you can download an app at **http://observer.globe.gov/** and become a globe observer to help NASA. Community members can photograph clouds and record sky observations to help scientists track changes in clouds, water, plants, and other life in support of climate research. Scientists also use the data to verify NASA satellite data.

The sphere is the centerpiece of Nurture Nature Center, a science education center that opened in 2011 to examine the environmental reasons behind flooding after Easton suffered its third major flood in a 22-month period.

In addition to the Thursday series the center will present videos at 11 a.m. every Saturday, on the globe, described as a "reverse planetarium" that creates a 360-degree image of natural phenomena like tsunamis, earthquakes, solar flares and the Gulf stream.

This Saturday the center will premiere "Finding Coral: Discover the Rainforests of the Sea." In the video, learn about the world's corals and the reef habitats they create. Discover where corals are around the world and the impact they make, and find out why coral health is threatened and what you can do to help.

The center is on the second and third floors in a building that was one of Easton's first movie theaters at 518 Northampton St. It is open 6-9 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. Info: 610-253-4432, www.nurturenaturecenter.org.