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#### **Museum Hours:**

Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

#### **For Information**

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Fawntasia! Photo credit: Leo Kulinski, Jr.

# "I Found a Baby Animal: Now What Do I Do?"

#### by Carrie Szwed, Director of Education, White Memorial Conservation Center

Springtime often signifies new arrivals in the world of wildlife. Sometimes we may encounter these baby animals while gardening in our yards, driving down back roads, or going for hikes in the woods. What do you do if you come across a baby animal that is separated from its parent(s) or seems to be in distress? While our natural instinct is to take these youngsters under our wing, it is often better to simply leave these animals alone, attempt to reunite them with their natural parents, or consult a licensed

wildlife rehabilitator. Knowing the natural history and behavior of our most commonly encountered wildlife will help you decide what to do when you find a baby animal.

Does the animal you found truly need help?

Although some baby animals need our help, others may not need "rescuing" at all. Some animal mothers, such as deer, purposely leave their babies in what they consider a safe place while they go search for food. Other parents, such as birds, may allow their youngsters some time to explore their surroundings on their own. If you spot a young animal that appears to be abandoned, do not catch it right away. Take some time to observe its behavior. After observation, if you believe an animal is orphaned or injured, call a wildlife rehabilitator before trying to handle or care for the animal.

Wildlife rehabilitators are individuals who are licensed to take care of injured and orphaned animals. They have an extensive knowledge of local animals and their behavior. Licensed rehabilitators know what is in the best interest

of these animals and can tell you how to help them. Remember – wild animals can be dangerous and may need special handling. Consult the experts before dealing with a wild animal. If you do not know a wildlife rehabilitator directly, you can find a list of



state-licensed rehabilitators on CT DEEP's (Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) website: <a href="http://www.ct.gov/deep">http://www.ct.gov/deep</a>. From their home page, click on "Natural Resources," then "Wildlife," then "Nuisance/Distressed Wildlife." You can also call DEEP Dispatch at 860-424-3333 or contact a local Animal Control Officer.

#### **Baby Birds**

There is a common belief that parent birds won't accept their chicks back if they have been touched by human hands. In reality, most birds have a very poor sense of smell, and cannot detect human scent on their babies. If

you find a featherless baby bird, search the immediate area for its nest. Place the bird back inside the nest. If you cannot find the nest, make an artificial one by lining a small basket or tub with dried grass, poking tiny holes in the bottom for drainage, and fastening it to a

tree. Cool whip or margarine containers often make good "nests." Observe the baby bird in the nest for a few hours, from a distance. Only call a rehabilitator if the parents do not return or the bird appears to be injured. If you find a young bird that has recently acquired its flight feathers, chances are the parents are nearby and are simply letting their "teenager" explore and get the hang of flying.

Some birds may spend up to five days on the ground before they master flight. Once again, monitor the young one for a while and then call a rehabilitator if you feel it needs assistance.

#### **Baby Deer**

Have you ever come across a baby deer lying motionless in tall grass or leaf litter? Where is the mother? It turns out that mother deer will often drop their fawns off in a location that provides shelter or camouflage while they go forage for food. These fawns instinctively know not to wander off by themselves. They may lie in that same spot, concealed from danger, for hours at a time. If you find a fawn that is quietly lying on the ground, there is no need for concern. However, if the baby appears distressed or injured, or if you know the mother has died, contact a rehabilitator right away.

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#### **Baby Raccoons**

There is nothing cuter than a baby raccoon, but be forewarned that they do not make good pets! As they continue to grow and mature, raccoons can become destructive and aggressive. Raccoons are also susceptible to a number of diseases that are harmful to humans, including rabies and roundworm. Therefore, it is not recommended to bring a baby raccoon into your home. If you find a baby raccoon on the ground, it may have just wandered from its den. The mother raccoon may even be watching her curious tyke from a distance. Wearing protective gloves, place the baby in a secure container, such as a cardboard box, and leave it in that location. The container should be deep enough to keep the baby from escaping and wandering further, but will still allow access for the mother to retrieve her baby. Leave the container outside from dusk until dawn, positioned so that predators cannot invade it. If the mother has not claimed her baby by the next morning, contact a wildlife rehabilitator.



#### **Baby Squirrels**

If you find a baby squirrel on the ground, check to see if the squirrel has any obvious broken bones. It may have taken quite a tumble out of a nearby tree. If the squirrel appears injured, is cold to the touch, or is surrounded by flies, contact a wildlife rehabilitator right away. If not, give the mother squirrel time to retrieve her baby. Place the baby in a shallow container at the base of a nearby tree and ob-

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serve it from a distance for at least two hours. Don't be alarmed if the baby is crying; this may help its mother find it. If the baby has not been retrieved by nightfall, contact a wildlife rehabilitator. If a rehabilitator is not available, it is okay to take the baby squirrel inside where it can stay warm and be protected from predators overnight. Do not, however, try to feed the baby or even give it water or milk. Keep it in a quiet, isolated location until a rehabilitator can be reached.



#### **Baby Rabbits**

An unfortunate statistic is that less than 10% of wild baby rabbits raised in captivity will survive. Therefore, be absolutely sure the babies you find actually need help before handling or transporting them. Baby rabbits found on the ground are not necessarily orphaned. A rabbit's nest is often just a divot in the ground lined with fur and grass. Baby rabbits stay in or around this nest 24 hours a day, while the mother rabbit comes back to nurse and care for them only once at dawn and once at dusk. To help determine if the mother is visiting, put twigs across the nest in a tic-tac -toe pattern and check back to see if the twigs have moved. If you suspect the babies are truly orphaned, or if they have been injured, contact a rehabilitator immediately. Do not attempt to feed or give the babies water or milk. Rabbits are extremely sensitive to any kind of disturbance and need to be cared for by a trained professional.



#### Born to be Wild

When possible, it is always better for baby animals to be raised by their natural parents than by humans. Growing up in their natural environment, among other wild animals, allows babies to learn the skills necessary for surviving in the wild and recognizing their friends and foes. If a natural upbringing is not possible, a wild animal should be raised with expert care by a rehabilitator, who will ensure the baby has minimal contact to humans and our environment. That way, the baby will not "imprint" or become dependent on humans, and can eventually be released back into the wild where it naturally belongs.

As cute as animals can be, they will always have wild instincts and may demonstrate unpredictable behavior, which is why they should not be kept as pets. It is actually illegal to keep most wild animals in captivity without a permit. If you do currently possess a wild animal, consult a rehabilitator to assess whether that animal is capable of surviving on its own if released.

New life abounds in the spring, and many of us are eager to see these wild wee ones grow up healthy and strong. With a community of compassionate individuals, plus assistance from trained wildlife professionals, the next generation of wild animals can look forward to a great future.

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The Connecticut Community Foundation, Give Local Greater Waterbury & Litchfield Hills is a 36-hour online community giving event that encourages donors to lend their support to the nonprofit organizations that work every day to make our community stronger.

Every dollar donated to the Conservation Center from 7 a.m. on April 25th to 7 p.m. on April 26th will help defray the cost of the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Nature Day on September 23, 2017! Your donations will be stretched with bonus funds provided by the Connecticut Community Foundation and generous Give Local sponsors. We are also eligible to win amazing cash prizes during the event!

Watch our website <a href="https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center">www.whitememorialcc.org</a> or read your <a href="https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center">https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center</a> <a href="https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center">https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center</a> <a href="https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center">www.whitememorialcc.org</a> or read your <a href="https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center">www.whitememorialcc.org</a> or read your <a href="https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center">https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center</a> <a href="https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center">https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center</a> <a href="https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center">https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center</a> <a href="https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center">https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center</a> <a href="https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center">https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center</a> <a href="https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center">https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center</a> <a href="https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center-">https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center-</a> <a href="https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center-">https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center-</a> <a href="https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center-">https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center-</a> <a href="https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memorial-conservation-center-">https://givelocalcof.org/npo/white-memor

# Make a Difference

In her continuing series, **Zoë Greenwood** helps you find small ways to help the environment.

Over and over I am stopped at the grocery or department store to be told by someone who regularly reads this feature that they had always wanted to; fill in the blank: recycle; upcycle; donate; garden without pesticides; compost, but they just didn't know how to begin. Okay, I get that, sort of. Wanting to make a change in how you live is really the first step. Actually, it's the first step to any change. After that, it just takes tenacity and commitment and true desire, not lip service. I think most people think that making a more environmentally aware, healthy choice, is difficult. It isn't. Or at least, it doesn't have to be hard.

Let's go shopping. Grocery shopping. First, figure out what you will need for the next few days. You don't want to waste the gas and time to go back to the store for something you forgot. Consider making a typed grocery list that you copy and just circle what you need when things are getting low at home. That way, you don't have to reinvent the list for every trip. What is in the freezer or on the shelf that needs to be used up or can be made into two meals? Take your reusable bags. (By the way, be sure to wash them at least once a month.) Figure out what other errands need to be done this week. Bring the library books, the check to cash and the dry cleaning with you. Now, plan your route. Does it make more sense to drop off the books at the library, then go to the bank, drycleaners and make grocery shopping your last stop? Is the weather right to stop at the store first and then do the other errands? Will the ice cream melt or is it cold enough to keep it firm? Not brain surgery, just common thoughts and common sense.

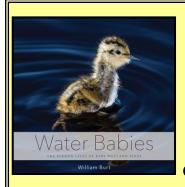
Now, we are in the grocery store. Carrots are on your list. Organic carrots cost a bit more than the others, usually. Even so, it is well worth the extra cost because now you are not only feeding your family, you are cutting down on pesticides and fertilizer. How about bananas? Organic costs about ten cents more a pound. However, I have found that organic bananas last much longer and taste fresher than the other option. Really, how much banana bread can you eat anyway? Grass fed local beef? Check. How about a couple of vegetarian meals this week? The closer you eat to the bottom of the food chain, the better choice environmentally. Local milk that will last well past its "sell by" date. Eggs? Free range. Bread? On sale. I can freeze one loaf. Oops, the family doesn't really like pre-frozen bread. Can I get one loaf to make into French Toast? Being frozen won't matter there. Great. Oh wait, we need laundry detergent. Before you reach for the brand you see

advertised on TV, read the label. Do you really want that stuff near your skin? Remember, it is your biggest organ. Toilet paper. Let's get the stuff made from recycled paper. Paper towels? Do you really need them? Can you use more rags? Cleaning products. What about using white vinegar?

The same process is true wherever you shop. When you go into a department store, ask yourself if you really need another shirt or do you just want it? Can you go to a consignment shop instead? I'm not trying to deprive you, I just want you to think and make a decision instead of always doing what you have done in the past. Instead of giving more "stuff" as gifts, consider giving more experiences. How about a coupon for a home cooked meal or a dozen cookies or a walk or the movies?

And on and on. What we are really doing is deciding. Deciding what we want to expose our families to. Deciding what we want in our homes. Deciding that we want to make a difference, then doing it. Plus, you feel really good doing it and it gets easier and easier. Start small. We have been doing this stuff for longer than I can remember. It becomes a way of life. All it really takes is practice to make a difference.





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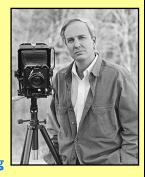
present William Burt

"Water Babies: The Hidden Lives of Baby Wetland Birds"
Lecture and Book Signing

Saturday, May 13, 2017 7:30 P.M. Carriage House

WMCC, FNC, LHAS Members: \$10.00 Non-Members: \$15.00

Call 860-567-0857 or register online: www.whitememorialcc.org





# **Lumber Donation from Iffland Lumber**

White Memorial would like to publically thank *Iffland Lumber Company* in Torrington for their generous donation of pressure treated lumber. On January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 we received two truckloads of wood, totaling 3,400 board feet.

Many of the boards will be put to good use on our Little Pond Boardwalk rebuilding project this coming summer. We will also be able to use it for many other projects around the property, including gate posts, information signs, building repair, and maintenance. White Memorial is blessed to have a local company that willingly contributes to the goals of our organization.

# WAKING UP IS HARD TO DO

## By Marlow Shami, Community Outreach Coordinator, White Memorial Conservation Center

We are a part of nature, not apart from nature. This concept is easy to grasp in theory, but difficult to embody. Academic achievement, accumulation of cool stuff, an ever growing personal factoid database, social status - these are the crown jewels of what our society bases personal value upon. If these areas of endeavor are habitually visited without pause, reflection and checking in with our gut, they usually act as a surrogate. This proxy, blind to our authentic needs, morphs

under the radar into a numbing insulation. A gap grows between our little self and infinite self – the web-of-life, our planetary kin.

So many of the chronic problems unique to our amazing species are environmentally rooted physiological problems. A robust body of empirical research underlines the imperative nature of this connection.

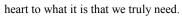
I've spent the better half of my adult life personally and professionally investigating this disconnect, having grappled with many a challenges rooted in this dis-union myself. Homo-sapiens are the only species with the cognitive ability to choose to

cooperate, or not, with the rest of our ecosystem. Interspecies cooperation is homeostasis in action. Nothing is static in nature, hence the need to check-in with our personal inner compass often. How else to stay on an authentic course? The distractions of a consumer culture are infinite. As you build your knowledge base of what is needed to be healthy and awake, discernment frees you! You can draw your life outside the box, cherry picking your genuine goals, friendships, stuff, and social accounterments.

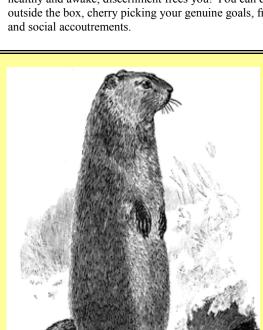
The strategy of re-calling our relationship within this fantastic family of plant, animal and all the elements that comprise our world, is simple and complex.

Earth calls us to pay attention. To what? How so? Those chronic ailments endemic to our society: depression, anxiety, obesity, high blood pressure, heart disease, drug addiction, are more often than not,

rooted in this sensory disconnect. These maladies communicate to us just like a compass does to a lost sailor if we pay attention. Sickness can also be guidance. Nature is not a panacea to our ills. It will, however, provide a personal road map to what we need in order to live a full and joyful life. When we set our intention and attention to the job of noticing what is going on within our whole body and the world holding us at that very moment, we notice the sensory anchors that tether us to earth. Our mind alone cannot do this for us. Our many sensory anchors, once welcomed into our consciousness as valid and real, paradoxically open our mind and



Navigating the constantly shifting landscape of our lives requires our inner compass to awaken. We do this by simply paying attention without judgment or expectation. Join me in an experiential Wake-Up program this spring. Enjoy a meditation, activity to enhance the Waking Up process, group discussion, and nature connection. April 15: Part 1 and June 24: Part 2 attend one session or both. Meet in the Ceder Room located within the Conservation Center at 10:00 am.



# 27th Annual Museum Sleep-In

April 28 - 29, 2017 5:00 p.m. Friday to 12:00 noon Saturday

Kids in Grades 4-6, join us for a real-life "Night at the Museum" experience!

In addition to having a slumber party amongst the exhibits in the Museum, we'll embark on a night hike, gather around a campfire for stories and songs, make some special crafts, explore Ongley Pond, and so much more.

In the morning, you'll be treated to breakfast and a special program featuring live animals! No parents allowed!!!

Bring a friend and make new ones too!

Cost: \$55/member, \$85/non-member (Covers all materials, snacks, and breakfast)

Registration begins March 15 and must be received by April 21. First come, first served.

DON'T DELAY! This program is limited to 25 participants. Confirmation will be sent along with a checklist of things to bring. Event will occur rain or shine.

For more information, please call us at 860-567-0857 or visit us at www.whitememorialcc.org.

This program is conducted by the Conservation Center's Education and Activities Committee.

# **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: MIKE DOYLE**

Story and Photo by Gerri Griswold

Mike Doyle is a local yokel. Early on he lived in Thomaston, kept his horses in Milton (and rode our trails) and today makes his home in Morris. Years ago, Mike had an interest in woodcarving. His interest in the hobby was sparked by a neighbor who carved decorative decoys. One day his friend handed Doyle a block of wood and a passion was born. Bird watching was another passion. While serving on a commission for the town of Morris Mike met retired WMCC Education Director, Jeff Greenwood. It was the early 1990's. Doyle's hobbies prompted Greenwood to invite him to Family Nature Day. Mike did it, "just to give back." For years Doyle had a reserved table near the Museum entrance where he would engage children and adults in the art of woodcarving.

As an avid birdwatcher, Mike would report his sightings to former research director, Dave



On the Watchtower: Mike Doyle at Point Folly

Rosgen. "Dave suggested I report my findings on EBird (Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology's Online Database)." I am extremely grateful to Mike for his efforts as many of his sightings grace our notables list on a weekly basis in our email newsletter. the Habitattler! Doyle pretty much birds every day. "I start out my day birding. That is the icing on the cake." Doyle's favorite haunt in winter is Point Folly but when the campers arrive for the summer he heads to Little Pond especially for warblers and finds Catlin Woods and Five Ponds the best for thrushes.

"The idea that we are so fortunate to have White Memorial. For me, to get out really early in the morning to see the sunrise. It's quiet. Get your priorities straight. It would be so difficult to do that without these spots that White Memorial has preserved for us."

Mike is a quiet man but his actions as a volunteer on behalf of White Memorial ring loud and clear and are deeply appreciated.



Behold, my friends, the spring is come; the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun, and we shall soon see the results of their love! Sitting Bull

# "Sense" sational Spring Break Camp

Monday-Thursday, April 10-13

Grades 1-3: 9:30am-12:30pm Grades 4-6: 1:30-4:30pm

Members: \$20/child per session or \$70/child for the whole week Non-Members: \$30/child per session or \$110/child for the whole week



Kids in Grades 1-6: Looking for a great way to spend your spring break? Why not spend it in the classroom—the OUTDOOR classroom that is! Compare your senses to those of wild animals while playing games, making crafts, and most importantly, getting outside! Meet live animals too. Snacks will be served between adventures. Kids-only event. Meet in the Ceder Room. Advanced registration is required.

Registrations begin March 6.

# Summer Nature Camp

#### Wee Discoverers

Weekly 2-hour programs for children ages 4-5 featuring stories, songs, crafts, and outdoor adventures. Sign up by session or for all five. Dates: Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25, Aug, 1, and 8

#### **Nature Adventurers**

Week-long sessions featuring outdoor discovery, games, books, songs, and crafts that help kids learn about the natural world around them. For children entering grades 1-2. Sign up by week or for all 3 weeks. Dates: July 10-28

### **Natural History Explorers**

Week-long sessions for children entering grades 3-9 that immerse them in nature. All-day outdoor adventures both on and off White Memorial property. Dates: July 10—August 11 (dates dependent on grade level)

Details available on our website. Registrations begin April 15.

To register for these programs, please call 860-567-0857 or visit www.whitememorialcc.org

# Spring Calendar of Events

For more information on any of our programs, please call us at 860-567-0857 or register online: www.whitememorialcc.org

# **APRIL**

# 1 CT DEEP CARE Family Freshwater Fishing Class A. B. Ceder Room & Ongley Pond

10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Pre-register: 860-567-0857 or register online: www.whitememorialcc.org



#### 1 Art Show Opening: The Avian Photography of Nick Hawvermale 4:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room

Pre-register: 860-567-0857 or register online: www.whitememorialcc.org

8 <u>Impressionist Spring Trees</u> <u>Watercolor Class with Betsy Rogers-Knox</u> See page 7 for details!



10 - 13 "Sense"sational Spring Break Camp See page 4 for details!

14 Good Friday MUSEUM CLOSED



15 Waking Up is Hard to Do: Part 1 With Marlow Shami

10:00 A.M., A. B. Ceder Room See page 4 for details.

16 Easter Sunday MUSEUM CLOSED



20 - 26 Museum Kids Free Week
In Memory of Louise W. Willson \*

21 Star Party!

Astronomy program with stargazing to follow, 8:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room



22 Early Morning Walk to Mallard Marsh with Marlow Shami

8:00 A.M., Meet at the A. B. Ceder Room.

25 / 26 GIVE LOCAL! A Day of Giving! See page 2 for details!

**28/29 27th Annual Museum Sleep-In** See page 5 for details.

29 Early Morning Walk to Little Pond with Gerri Griswold

6:00 A.M., Meet at the A. B. Ceder Room.

\* Free admission to Children ages 12 and under when accompanied by an adult.

# MAY

Nature's Nursery Series!

One Thursday a month from May through
August. This one hour program is
designed for children 3 - 6 years old.
Advanced registration is required.
Space is limited. Call 860-567-0857 or visit
www.whitememorialcc.org



5 WMCC Annual Meeting 3:30 P.M., Office

6 Walk, Don't Run! Tackling the Litchfield Hills Road Race with Gerri Griswold

10:00 A.M., Park in the Litchfield Municipal lot. Meet "At the Corner", Pre-register by calling 860-567-0857 or register online: www.whitememorialcc.org

6 Tree Bark Identification Workshop with James Fischer

Dress for the weather! Wear comfortable shoes! 1:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room.

11 - 17 Museum Kids Free Week Courtesy of Tara and Arthur Diedrick \*

13 Spring Migrants Bird Walk with Marie Kennedy
9:00 A.M., Meet in the Museum parking lot.

13 <u>William Burt: Water Babies:</u>

<u>The Hidden Lives of Baby Wetland Birds</u>

Lecture and Book Signing

See page 7 for details.



20 <u>A Musical Evening by the Fire</u> with Ian Campbell See page 7 for details.



25 - 31 Museum Kids Free Week Honoring Helen Ryan Donnelly \*

26 Star Party!

Astronomy program with stargazing to follow. 8:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room



27 <u>Wild Edible Plants with Andy Dobos</u> See page 7 for details.



29 Memorial Day Museum Closed



# JUNE

1 Nature's Nursery Series!

One Thursday a month from May through
August. This one hour program is
designed for children 3 - 6 years old.
Advanced registration is required.
Space is limited. Call 860-567-0857 or visit
www.whitememorialcc.org

3 Museum Open House in Celebration of Connecticut Trail Days! Free admission 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

3 Celebrate Connecticut Trail Days! Geology Walk Through Five Ponds with Tom Alena

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Meet in front of the A. B. Ceder Room.

3 Amphibian Amble with Carrie Szwed Join Carrie on a jaunt to find those sleek and slimy creatures we call amphibians! 2:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room

8 - 14 Museum Kids Free Week
In Memory of Louise W. Willson \*

10 Exploring Topsmead

Meet Gerri at Topsmead State Forest
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.,
You must pre-register for the house tour.
Call 860-567-0857 or register online:
www.whitememorialcc.org

11 Litchfield Hills Road Race Museum Closed



17 <u>Icelandic National Day!</u>
Volcano Lecture ~ Travel Lecture
Weenie Roast
See page 7 for details.



23 Star Party!

Astronomy program with stargazing to follow, 8:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room



24 Waking Up is Hard to Do: Part 2 With Marlow Shami

10:00 A.M., A. B. Ceder Room See page 4 for details.

24 Wild Edible Plants with Andy Dobos
See page 7 for details.



29 - July 5 Museum Kids Free Week In Memory of Louise W. Willson \*

# SPRING 2017 WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

YOU CAN NOW REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.WHITEMEMORIALCC.ORG



April 8 Impressionist Spring Trees: Watercolor Workshop

1:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room Members: \$35.00 Non-members: \$45.00

Betsy Rogers-Knox helps you create a whimsical painting depicting spring trees in the forest! For all skill levels. All supplies included. For ages 10 and up!



## May 13 William Burt: Water Babies: Presentation and Book Signing

7:30 P.M., Carriage House

WMCC, FNC, LHAS Members: \$10.00 Non-members: \$15.00

Sponsored by WMCC, Flanders Nature Center, and Litchfield Hills Audubon Society. World renowned photographer and author, William Burt discusses this beautiful book which takes you on a journey into the lives of elusive waterfowl. A reception and book signing in the Museum follow the presentation.



#### May 20 A Musical Evening by the Fire with Ian Campbell

7:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room

Members: \$10.00 Non-members: \$15.00

Ian's music is influenced by singer songwriters like James Taylor, Jackson Browne, and Joni Mitchell and modern day folkies: Patti Larkin, Eddie from Ohio, and Cheryl Wheeler. Ian's music is about making your way through life as an American kid, and now an adult who always 'feels' like a kid. Ian is always interested in finding the light through songs of love, growth, journey, killing, lost innocence, and learning. Pack a picnic! BYOB!



## May 27 & June 24 Wild Edible Plants with Andy Dobos

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., Meet in front of the Museum.

**CLASS IS LIMITED TO 20!** 

Members: \$10.00 Non-members: \$20.00

Andy Dobos will help you learn some common, easily identifiable edible wild plants and how to responsibly harvest and prepare them. We will walk through field, forest and wetland edge, all almost within sight of each other. Bring notebook, camera, and protection from the elements.



# June 17 <u>Icelandic National Day! Presentations and Weenie Roast with Gerri Griswold and Tom Alena</u> 4:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room

Lectures are free. Weenie Roast: Members: \$10.00 Non-members: \$20.00

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