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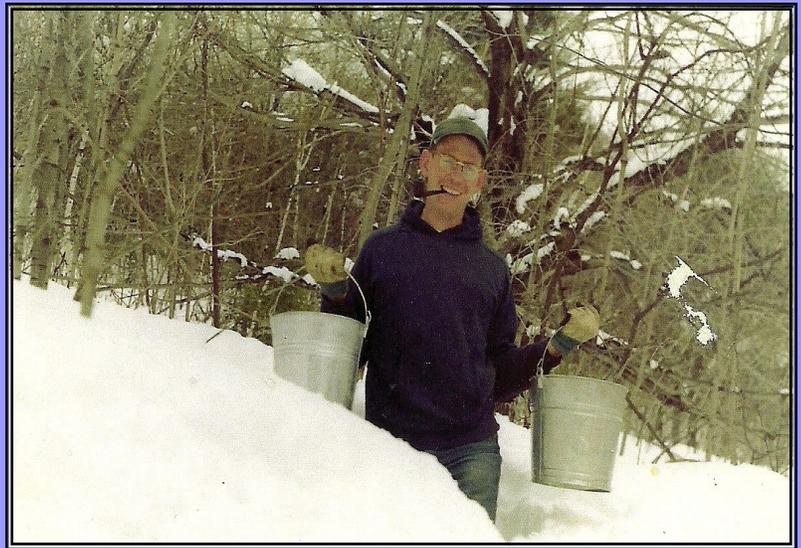
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Gathering Sap the Old Fashioned Way: Douglas Griswold of Winchester, Connecticut shows how it was done in the good old days (circa 1960). Photo courtesy of Gerri Griswold

Maple Passion

By David K. Leff

Maple sugaring is a New England icon. Galvanized buckets hanging from trees above snow covered ground and rising steam from an evaporator are among the most enduring, endearing and engaging images of the region. Substantial syrup is produced in other states and by far most comes from Canada, but in the public mind New England is the maple capital.

Sugaring highlights and fosters a surprisingly wide range of classic New England characteristics. Among them is respect for deep history, Yankee ingenuity, connection to nature, affection for rural simplicity, sustainability, a strong work ethic, determination to prevail, hope for the future, savvy marketing, self reliance, coping with variable weather, and delighting in homey foods. And while there's much nostalgia and some hyperbole embedded in such attributes, they also remain remarkably viable. They are qualities from which people in all walks of life and living anywhere in the world can draw inspiration.

"Is it real maple syrup?" That's my first question in an unfamiliar restaurant when I order pancakes, perhaps with a side of bacon and a couple bull's eye eggs. Not long ago, I perched myself on a stool in a silvery train-car style eastern Massachusetts diner circa 1950 where the menu promised old fashioned, home-style blueberry waffles. Perhaps not as good as what I could make in my own kitchen, but I was away from home and hungry. Besides, where better to have old-timey

comfort food than a venerable eatery with gleaming stainless accents and terrazzo floors. "For an extra buck you get maple made just a few miles away in the next town. Otherwise it's the fake stuff—Aunt Jemima, I think," the ponytailed waitress



said. I was glad to spend a little more. Otherwise it would have been an omelet and home fries.

Despite the region's long association with maple sugaring, even here in New England you have to ask if it's the real deal, because some cost-conscious restaurants don't serve it. If you've grown up on maple syrup or acquired the taste later in life, you can't stomach so called "table" or "pancake" syrup. They may advertise maple flavor, depict quaint cabins on their label, or have "Vermont" in

their name, but they are viscous, cloying and have a manufactured aftertaste. Maple syrup is made from the pure, clear sap of maple trees. While table or pancake syrups are not made from tables or flapjacks, as the name seems to suggest, they are generally concocted from corn syrup and may use sodium benzoate, cellulose gum, and artificial flavor with propylene glycol, sulfites, and dextrose. Used to be that sometimes a miniscule amount of actual maple syrup was added, but that seems largely a thing of the past. Sure, real maple syrup is a bit pricy, but when you discover the labor that goes into making it, it's a bargain. I spent more than a decade of frenetic days, long nights, sweat and aching muscles finding out by running a small sugarhouse in the old mill village of Collinsville, Connecticut, once a world capital of axe and machete manufacture.

A couple tablespoons or so of golden syrup hardly seemed sufficient when drizzled over my goodly stack of waffles punctuated with dark blue fruity dots, but I poured it gingerly over the crispy grid of squares, knowing what little I was using took about a quart-and-a-half of sap to create. Like gold mining, where tons of rock are crushed, sifted and treated to produce a few ounces of precious metal, a sugar maker gathers large quantities of sap that by boiling and other clever innovations drives off the water and concentrates the sugar. Maple syrup is nothing more than condensed maple sap.

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The only added ingredient—leaving no taste, color or odor—is the sugarmaker’s considerable labor. And usually that labor is itself the producer’s principal reward, for few earn much cash at it. Only a tiny percentage of big sugarmakers using thousands or even tens of thousands of taps will make a good living. The vast majority, hobbyists and small operators, make little or no money.

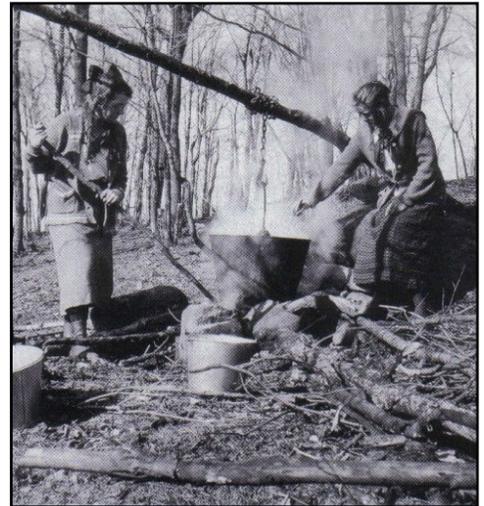
In spite of sugaring’s demanding bull work that might harden and obscure metaphysical notions, sugarmakers are a remarkably philosophic group. Regardless of the number of taps or size of the evaporator, sugaring is a seasonal rite of passage, a species of secular religion attaching a person to the larger cycles and rhythms of nature and life. Sugarmakers describe it as an addiction, a fever, even a contagious disease. It’s easy to get hooked, almost impossible to stop. Getting a few dollars for their



work is rewarding, but for most producers it’s not their principal motivation.

“You can be successful at any size,” says maple impresario Bruce Bascom of New Hampshire, one of the nation’s largest producers, packers, wholesalers and equipment dealers, “it just depends on what you want to get out of it.” As with a vegetable garden, a person can grow a few tomatoes and cucumbers, plant corn and rows of radishes sufficient for his family and a few friends, or can expand enough for sales at a roadside stand or get even bigger and wholesale the crop. One tap or a hundred thousand, sugaring can be a life changing experience.

Backyard sugaring remains a time-honored activity that can stay home-bound and close knit or grow into a large company. With a season that lasts only about six weeks, maple lends itself to the devoted amateur demonstrating that the passions of our free time are not necessarily frivolous, but can represent the best in dedication and craftsmanship. “It can be brutally hard work and the hours beyond exhausting,” Bruce told me, “but the sap run is short enough to withstand.” Until the advent of new technologies in the 1980s making large quantities easier to process, it was almost always part-time, something that dairy and other farmers did to make a few dollars in mud season so they could buy seed and other necessities. To this day, only a relatively few are in the maple business year round.



**WHITE MEMORIAL CONSERVATION CENTER
ANNOUNCES ANNUAL YEAR-END APPEAL
BY GERRI GRISWOLD**

I am eternally grateful to Alain and May White. Each day as I pass through the pillars of Whitehall, I think about what would have happened to this precious land had they not preserved it for us. I imagine the thousands of children who have been nurtured through 35 editions of *Family Nature Day* and inspired by programs with Education Directors Gordon Loery, Jeff Greenwood, and now Carrie Szwed. I am in wonder of the myriad exciting, cutting edge projects Research Director James Fischer and his team of interns address year round revealing secrets about the flora and fauna in our Sanctuary. I am in awe of the handful of men who lovingly maintain

over forty miles of trails throughout the Foundation and still have time to fix the Boardwalk, harvest timber, build picnic tables, and replace light bulbs. As for myself, you inspire me to stretch my imagination to bring you the most diverse programming the Conservation Center has ever seen; robust offerings as simple as a fireside reading of nature poetry, to lavish fetes celebrating the Bantam River, Woodcocks, and Bats. We believe in our hearts we are doing the best to serve this precious resource and you.

Your tax deductible donation, no matter how small, to our Annual Year End Appeal will indicate that we are

servicing your interests in the best possible way. You can mail your donation to WMCC Year End Appeal, 80 Whitehall Road, P.O Box 368, Litchfield CT 06759. You can also donate securely online by visiting our website <https://www.whitememorialcc.org/get-involved/donate/>. Be sure to indicate that your donation is for the Annual Appeal.

Carrie, Jamie, Lois, Marlow, and I thank you for your generosity. We wish you very Happy Holidays and hope to see you and your family frequently in 2017 along the trails and at our beautiful programs for children and adults.



SHINE ON!!!! THE 35TH ANNUAL FAMILY NATURE DAY!

What a sparkling day for our event! A persistent drought this year almost ensured we'd have beautiful weather! Wall to wall animals colored the day with Bald and Golden Eagles, a peregrine falcon, every reptile imaginable, a porcupine, flying squirrel, fox, and Brian Bradley ending the day as seems to be a tradition now with his free flying birds of prey. *The Zolla Boys* played world class blue grass music. Education / Activities Committee member Heather Twyeffort filled in the gaps with fiddle playing and student musicians from Litchfield High School, organized by Dean Birdsall, added their sounds to Family Nature Day as well. The Ceder Room lawn rippled with activities for the youngsters. The 3rd Annual Turtle Race kept guests on the edges of their seats! Attendance was robust with 1221 children and adults gracing the grounds. Our raffle was



Artist and Puppeteer Robin McCahill entertains kids of all ages with her enormous Phoenix puppet! Photo credit: Katherine Griswold

again a huge success with 856 of 1000 tickets sold. Clark Pickens of Windsor emerged the first prize winner of a trip for two to Iceland in January donated by Krummi Travel.

The Conservation Center is deeply grateful to the generous donors who gave their time and resources to make the 35th Annual Family Nature Day a rousing success: Northwest Community Bank, Litchfield Bancorp, Krummi Travel LLC, The Connecticut Community Foundation and the donors in the 2016 Give Local fund raiser, the kindest, most wonderful anonymous donor who fills our hearts with love and our Nature Day coffers with funding, and of course

an incredible, unflappable, legion of volunteers. This event could not happen without our families, friends, and the best team of givers anyone could ever dream to have, our Education and Activities Committee!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS FOR THE KIDS



Nature's Nursery Series

First Thursday of Every Month
Ages 3–6 years
4–5pm

Members: \$7/child per session
or \$25 for the whole series
Non-members: \$12/child per session
or \$45 for the whole series

Every session includes a story, a live animal, and an activity or craft. *Parents, we ask that you stay for the duration of the program. Meet in the Ceder Room.*



After-School Adventures

Grades 1-3: Tuesdays in March
Grades 4-6: Wednesdays in March (except the 1st)
3:45–5pm

Members: \$8/child per session
or \$28 for the whole series
Non-members: \$13/child per session
or \$48 for the whole series

Go on a new adventure! Learn about local wildlife and have fun at the same time! *Parents are welcome to stay, but it is not necessary. Meet in the Ceder Room.*

“Sense-sational” Spring Break Camp

Monday, April 10 - Thursday, April 13
Grades 1-3: 9:30am-12:30pm
Grades 4-6: 1:30pm-4:30pm

Members \$20/session or \$70/week
Non-Members \$30/session or \$110/week

Compare your senses to those of wild animals while playing games, making crafts, and exploring WMF property. Meet live animals too! *No parents allowed. Meet in the Ceder Room.*

27th Annual Museum Sleep-In

Friday, April 28, 5:00 P.M.
to Saturday, April 29, 12:00 Noon
For Kids in Grades 4-6

Members \$55.00
Non-Members \$85.00

Take part in a real-life “Night at the Museum!” Go on a night hike, sit by a campfire, meet live animals, and sleep by your favorite exhibit. *No parents allowed. Meet in the Ceder Room.*

Advanced registration is required for all programs. Please call 860-567-0857 or visit whitememorialcc.org.

Internship Opportunities in White Memorial's Research and Conservation Programs

by James Fischer, Research Director

College students pursuing degrees in Natural Resource Management, Conservation Biology, Ecology, and Evolutionary Biology participate each summer as interns with White Memorial's Research and Conservation Programs. Students experience a variety of wildlife and habitat projects first hand. Schools encourage students to participate in internships as a form of informal education experiences.

Our professional relationship with interns is unique, primarily because the skillset of this profession is very unique and the passion it requires from its' professionals is deeply rooted. Internships are often students' first work-place experience which focuses on a profession that students have only dreamed of prior. Students increase their skills in this unique profession and see how they can channel their passions towards accomplishing important conservation objectives. Student's

experience something new every day. There are no benchwarmers, whether they are working alongside other interns and professionals or independently pursuing their own project. Christian Wiles-Lafayette conducted a freshwater snails inventory on the property in 2016 (<http://wmfsnails.blogspot.com/>), including measuring several habitat characteristics such as water quality parameters. Freshwater snails are indicator species for critical habitats that provide us with clean water and are important prey for many predators such as fish and birds.

Students work alongside professionals on a variety of projects that inventory and monitor wildlife species and their habitats. The summer of 2016 initiated a cou-

ple new inventory projects. We documented a total of [39 dragonfly and damselfly species](#) as part of an initial survey. Students photographed microscopic organisms that dominated each of the [cyanobacteria blooms](#) in Bantam Lake and other waterbodies on the property. We conducted driving transects throughout the property to [record bat calls](#), which adds to White Memorial's monitoring

list is just a short summary; many additional projects are accomplished throughout the year.

Ultimately, students develop their future career goals due to things they observe and experience. White Memorial's Research and Conservation Programs are benefited by their participation because they enhance each project by asking questions about each project and

wanting to analyze the data. We explore a variety of questions and new ways to answer them as we work on the projects in the moment. Guiding students through the projects encourages us to effectively manage each project to accomplish immediate objectives in the field and explore ways we can accomplish broader objectives in the office. The students' presence essentially increases our productivity and we are fortunate to see some of them return many years later where they help us as collaborators.

Students interested in the program can download an application from [White Memorial's website](#) and send it to James Fischer, WMCC Research Director. Students must be in good academic standing. Students achieving school credits for their internships are strongly encouraged to develop a product that demonstrates an independent project. All interns, whether they are earning credits or not, participate in job shadowing throughout their internship. Internship expectations are laid out in the beginning of each internship period and then self-evaluated, as well as by their staff supervisor. This process ensures that internships are rewarding and productive experiences for both students and White Memorial staff.



*Molly Mullen conducting a dawn survey for marsh birds on Bantam River.
Photo credit: Andrea Petrullo*

efforts. This information was shared with other professionals on a variety of websites.

Wildlife monitoring projects include broadcasting recorded calls to elicit responses from [secretive wetland birds](#). Interns check cover-boards for amphibians and snakes, which include rarely observed species that the property conserves. We continue to monitor Emerald Ash Borers, an invasive beetle that kills ash trees, using a [native wasp that pre-dates the EAB beetles](#). Students are introduced to a variety of new experimental designs and research approaches with our work on [earthworms](#) and how they disturb the soil ecosystem, native plants, and ticks populations. The aforementioned



What a severe yet master artist old Winter is....
No longer the canvas and the pigments,
but the marble and the chisel.

~John Burroughs, "The Snow-Walkers," 1866



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: EXPLORATIONS CHARTER SCHOOL

STORY AND PHOTO BY GERRI GRISWOLD

Larry Shortell has been teaching at *Explorations Charter School* in Winsted for nine years. Explorations has an Adventure Education aspect and Jobsite Program for students in grades 9 – 12. “The program hooks up kids with a job they may want in the future; hairdresser, restaurant work etc. When I came to White Memorial I thought it was amazing! I saw horseback riding, canoeing, hiking. It was perfect. I wanted to bring my students and tie the property into Explorations’ work program.” Shortell has been working with White Memorial Foundation Superintendent, Lukas Hyder, for five years. The impact his students have made on the property and how the property has impacted them is beautifully evident. “Volunteers seem to flourish because they are outside. They are the ones with chores to do at home.” Shortell continues, “The reason I like it so much is that this is the first time these students use tools; saws, sledgehammers. It opens them up to the future when they will have their own homes. At White Memorial we do things that are real and productive. We



Clearing Paths to the Future
Larry Shortell (top left) and some of his outstanding volunteers from *Explorations Charter School*.

can see the results at the end of the day.”

Some of the projects the students have enjoyed: Cutting and installing boards for our beloved Little Pond

Boardwalk, clearing trails around Ongley Pond, rerouting trails near Pine Island, and invasive plant removal. Explorations students were instrumental in clearing brush around the Ice House ruins and in blazing and clearing trails at our newest acquisition, Slab Meadow. Shortell really appreciates the staff here as well. “Lukas or Mike (Berry) give us an assignment and we work independently. Teaching independence is what we do at Explorations.”

What the Students Have to Say

Will Frome: *I think White Memorial is a great place. It's amazing to help out here.*

Gunther Gundlach: *It's a really nice place and an honor to help out here. You don't see a place like White Memorial every day.*

Cody Martin: *I grew up in this area. It's nice to give back to the property and the community.*

Joel Perriello: *The past three school years have been amazing. I love this place!*

Marshall Shields: *White Memorial has changed me a lot. It's nice to get out from the bleak city landscape. There is no place like it. It's still a Sanctuary.*

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

IN HER CONTINUING SERIES, ZOË GREENWOOD HELPS YOU FIND SMALL WAYS TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

Father Time. Time in a bottle. Passing time. Not enough time. Timeless. Time is short. Time magazine. Vacation time. Sick time. Precious time. Personal time. Free time. Overtime. There certainly seems to be an inordinate number of time sayings in our everyday speech. And yet, what do people complain about on a daily basis: “not having enough time to...” Really, not enough time? Isn't time measured the same for everyone? Aren't we all given twenty four hours each calendar day? I once overheard a friend quip to a colleague, “If you can't get it all done in a twenty four hour day, consider working nights.” Isn't that really the case? It is not so much that we don't have enough time, it is what we prioritize and how we spend our time that matters.

Sure, for most of us, we spend a large chunk of our day in work related activities, either working, getting ready for work or commuting to and from work. Even there, however, it matters how we spend our time. Is having to work past quitting time and then ordering pizza for dinner because you spent work time

checking your personal email, Facebook or Twitter accounts, really worth it? Wouldn't it be better to spend a little of your time grocery shopping or putting something in the crock pot before you leave a better use of your time? It would certainly be better for the environment and your health.

I admit, I am a bit obsessed with time management and schedules. I have charts and lists for nearly everything, either already processed or still designed in my head. For me, that is a good use of my time, because I want to be able to spend a fair bit of the time I have left on this planet doing good for others and doing good for this planet.

It takes a mind shift to use time wisely. It takes some preplanning. It takes setting some limits. Limits for things like watching television (it does have an off button, after all). Limits for social media (sorry Leo and Gerri). Limits for texting and talking and Pinterest and Bejeweled or Portal. If we are able to limit our time spent doing those things, maybe we will have more time for meaningful face to face conversations, doing things for an

elderly neighbor or watching the sunset. Smelling the flowers, in other words.

I have actually had people come up to me and complain that they “just don't have time to recycle or reuse bags at the grocery store.” I don't get how much harder it is to put something in the recycle bin rather than the trash can. Many recycling programs in our area are even single stream...we don't have to separate any more. I just don't get how hard it is to remember your grocery bags. If you put your keys on them, the next time you go out, you will see them and remember to take them. Put the bag to go to Goodwill in the garage. Stop on your way to the grocery store, you go right by the bin. Caring for the environment and making a difference is not brain surgery, people. It is taking the time to rethink your commitments and the way you spend your time. It is taking the time to care. Take time, make time, to *make a difference*. We can't afford not to.



Winter Calendar of Events

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

JANUARY

1/2 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
Museum Closed

2017!

5 **Nature's Nursery Series: See page 3**

7 **Guided Meditation and Woods Walk**
with Marlow Shami



Dress for the weather! Bring a mat or blanket. 10:00 A.M., A. B. Ceder Room

12 - 18 **Museum Children Free Week***
Courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. John Morosani
In Memory of Remy Edmund Morosani

14 **Family Ice Fishing Workshop**

CT DEEP Fisheries experts teach you everything about water, fish & fishing, how to think like a fish and have some safe fun! An outstanding opportunity to learn from the best in the classroom and on the ice! Bring a lunch and dress for the weather!

FREE admission. Pre-registration required. Register online or call 860-567-0857. 9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
A. B. Ceder Room and Bantam Lake



14 **Art Opening and Reception:**
Paintings and Shadow Boxes
of Mary Hawvermale

4:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room
Pre-registration is required.



16 **Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
Museum Closed

21 **The World According to Gerri**

Spend an hour globe trotting through the lens of Gerri Griswold. Visit Mexico, Budapest, Prague, Paris, London, Amsterdam, St Petersburg, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Chilean Patagonia, and of course her beloved Iceland 2:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room

28 **Cut It Out! The Local**
History and Practice of
Ice Harvesting

Ice once harvested from Bantam Lake was used throughout the year! Visit the Museum display on ice harvesting, walk to the old ice house ruins, and watch Jeff Greenwood and James Fischer demonstrate ice cutting the old fashioned way! Gerri Griswold mans the canteen! **Dress for the weather!** Please pre-register. 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M., Meet in the A. B. Ceder Room.



FEBRUARY

2 **Nature's Nursery Series: See page 3**

4 **Nevermore: Remembering the Dodo**
with Gerri Griswold
Film: From Billions to None
See page 7 for details.



11 **Meet the North American Porcupine**

The world's third largest rodent needles her way into your heart! 2:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room.



16-22 **Museum Children Free Week***

Courtesy of The Laurel Ridge Foundation
In Memory of Francesca M. Thompson, M.D.

18 **Become a Bona fide Backyard Bird**
Counter with Carrie Szwed &
Donna Rose Smith

February 17 - 20 is the Annual Great Backyard Bird Count. Learn how to ID common birds. Then apply your new skills at our feeders and at home! 10:00 A.M., A. B. Ceder Room



18 **Maple Passion: Book Signing, Talk,**
and Pancake Luncheon
with David K. Leff
See page 7 for details
and registration.



20 **Presidents Day**
Museum Closed



24 **Star Party!**

Program and star gazing.
7:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room.



25 **Winter Sunset Silhouette Scene:**
Watercolor Workshop
with Betsy Rogers-Knox
See page 7 for details and registration.



MARCH

2 - 8 **Museum Children Free Week***

Courtesy of Arthur and Tara Stacom Diedrick
in Honor of Claire and Matthew Stacom

2 **Nature's Nursery Series: See page 3**



After School Adventures!!!!
Tuesdays and Wednesdays March
See page 3 for details.

4 **Winter Walk through Catlin Woods**

Gerri Griswold leads the way!
10:00 A.M., Meet in front of the
A. B. Ceder Room.

11 **NATURE TRIVIA NIGHT!**

with Carrie, Jamie, and Gerri
See page 7 for details and registration.



18 **The History and Practice**
of Falconry

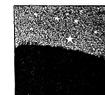
with Gerri Griswold & Brian Bradley
See page 7 for details and registration.



23-29 **Museum Children Free Week***
In Memory of Louise W. Willson

24 **Star Party!**

Program and star gazing.
7:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room.



25 **Winter Tree Identification with WMF**
Forest Superintendent Lukas Hyder
Meet in the Museum parking lot. 10:00 A.M.

25 **Early Spring Stroll through Camp**
Columbia and the Solnit Parcel

Join Gerri Griswold for hike through this historic property. Dress for the weather!
10:00 A.M., Meet in the A. B. Ceder Room.



Paintings and Shadow Boxes of
Mary Hawvermale

January 14 - March 31, 2017
A. B. Ceder Room
White Memorial
Conservation Center

Opening Reception
Saturday, January 14, 2017
4:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Pre-registration required

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

Adult Nature Study Workshops and Saturday Workshops: Winter 2017

You can now register online for these programs: www.whitememorialcc.org



Nevermore: Remembering the Dodo Bird
 Film: *From Billions to None*
 Saturday, February 4, 2017...LUNCH INCLUDED!
 1:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room
 Members: \$20.00 Non-members: \$30.00

The Dodo was a flightless bird from the island of Mauritius. Its closest relatives are pigeons and doves. They became extinct in the late 17th century due to human population. Also included is a screening of the film *From Billions to None* about the Passenger Pigeon. Bring a soup bowl and place setting. A light luncheon will be served!



Maple Passion: Book Signing, Talk, & Pancakes with David Leff
 Saturday, February 18, 2017
 LUNCH INCLUDED
 1:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room
 Members: \$20.00 Non-Members: \$30.00

Maple Sugaring gives readers an intimate look at the art and science of America's favorite sweet. Leff is a former maple sugar maker and board member of the Connecticut Maple Syrup Producer's Association. The author will be signing copies of his delicious book. An "All Things Maple" lunch will be served. Bring your own place setting!



Winter Sunset Silhouette Scene in Watercolor Workshop with Betsy Rogers-Knox
 Saturday, February 25, 2017
 1:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room
 Registration Fee: Members: \$35.00 Non-Members: \$45.00

Explore fun watercolor techniques in a simple step-by-step painting depicting a country scene at sunset. All levels welcome. Materials supplied For Ages 10 and up.



Nature Trivia Night with Carrie, Jamie, and Gerri
 Saturday, March 11, 2017...DINNER INCLUDED
 7:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room
 Members: \$10.00 Non-members: \$20.00

Are you even remotely prepared to test your Nature Knowledge at our very first Nature Trivia Night? Teams of up to six will compete for a "valuable" prize. A chili supper will be served. BYOB and your own place setting! Are you afraid of the challenge brought forth by our team of experts? Come on, Brainiacs! We DARE you!



The History and Practice of Falconry with Gerri Griswold and Brian Bradley
 Saturday, March 18, 2017.
 2:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room
 Members: \$20.00 Non-members: \$30.00

Griswold and Master Falconer Bradley team up for an overview of the brilliant facets of this ancient sport. Travel through Falconry's history from its beginnings in Mesopotamia to the steppes of Mongolia with the Golden Eagle hunters of today. Bradley will discuss the human / bird relationship, training and equipment, and fly one of his birds.

Clip & Mail

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- ___ **Winter Sunset Watercolor Workshop**.....Member: \$35.00 Non Member: \$45.00
- ___ **Nature Trivia Night**.....Member: \$10.00 Non Member: \$20.00
- ___ **History and Practice of Falconry**.....Member: \$20.00 Non Member: \$30.00

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Please circle one: member non-member

Payment enclosed: Program fee: \$ _____ Membership fee: \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Become a member of the White Memorial Conservation Center and take advantage of the member discount, along with free admission to the Nature Museum, a discount in the Gift Shop, and receipt of the quarterly newsletter and calendar of events. Your tax-deductible fee will help sponsor programs like these. A Family membership is \$60.00 annually. An Individual membership is \$40.00 annually.



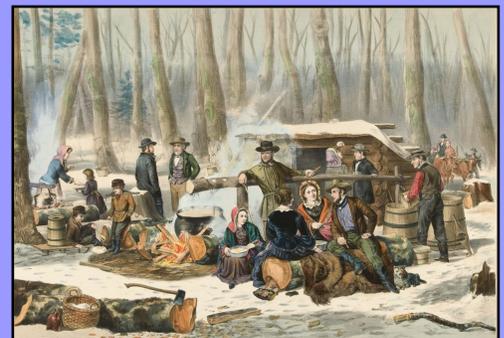
For more information call 860-567-0857.

**Make Check Payable to WMCC
 Mail to: WMCC
 P.O. Box 368, Litchfield, CT 06759**



I am passionate about tea, running, the idea that we are bound only by the limits of our imaginations, and maple syrup.

~ Misha Collins



Teachers, Homeschool Parents, and Other Group Leaders,

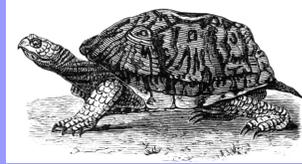
White Memorial Conservation Center has established a tradition of providing quality environmental education programming since 1964. Let us help you incorporate environmental education into your curriculum or enhance your current studies.

Education programs can be conducted at White Memorial or at your facility.

The Program Possibilities are Endless...



Amazing Adaptations
CT's Native Wildlife
Do the Locomotion
Endangered Species
Habitat Chat
Pond Prowl
Take a Hike
The Power of Plants
Wildlife in Winter
...and over a dozen more!



We are also happy to
design a program that
caters to your needs.
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