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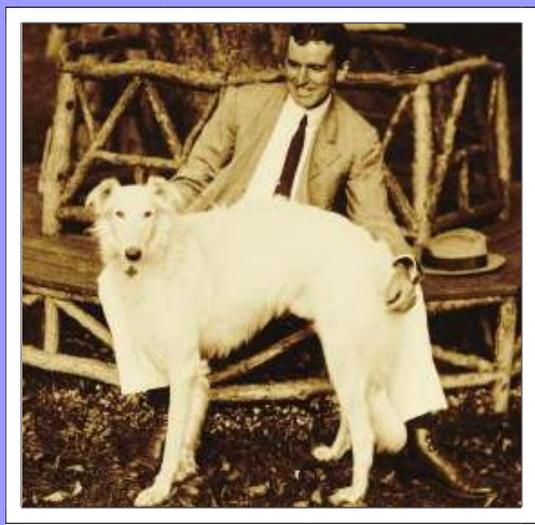
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Alain White and Countess Elka, Summer 1910

THE WHITE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION - 100 YEARS OF CONSERVATION 1913-2013

By Keith Cudworth, Executive Director, The White Memorial Foundation

The following is an excerpt from the introduction to a soon to be published account of the first 100 years of the White Memorial Foundation. The book which is titled, *The White Memorial Foundation The First 100 Years—The Legacy of Alain and May White*, will be available for purchase in May 2013.

“The story goes that on a tranquil summer day in 1908, Alain C. White and his friend William Mitchell Van Winkle were out fishing on Bantam Lake. Alain asked his friend, “Wouldn’t it be wonderful to preserve this lake, river, and countryside as we see it now?” Alain’s question was not just an idle dream. It was an idea indicative of the conservation trends at that time. Teddy Roosevelt was the president in 1908, and with his vision, millions of acres were being preserved as forests and parks. This trend toward conservation was not lost on Alain.”

“The answer was, of course, yes, and with the help and support of his sister, May, Alain began purchasing property surrounding Bantam Lake. In 1913, on the 50th anniversary of their family’s settling in Litchfield, The White Memorial Foundation, Inc. was founded in memory of their parents.”

“A 501(c)(4) non-profit organization, the Foundation currently comprises 3,960 acres of forests, fields, wetlands, rivers, streams, and ponds, located in the towns of Litchfield and Morris, Connecticut. The property includes 60% of the shoreline around Bantam Lake, the largest natural lake in the state. Thirty-five miles of roads and trails cross the Foundation and are available to the public free-of-charge, with the hike around the Little Pond Boardwalk being the most frequented. Hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, biking, horseback riding, bird watching, camping (at two family campgrounds and group sites), and fishing are quite popular. A recent survey showed that visitors make over 54,000 trips to the property each year, much as Alain and May White would have wanted. Through The White Memorial Conservation



*May, (L) John Jay, (seated) and Alain White
Circa: 1895*

Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and the Foundation’s education arm, thousands more visit the Museum, housed in the Whites’ former residence, or attend one of the Center’s many education programs.”

From a conversation between two friends in 1908 to the incorporation of the White Memorial Foundation on May 22, 1913, to what is now one of the premier nature centers in Connecticut, the Foundation has had an interesting journey with many changes along the

way. Land was bought, some later sold, with several thousand acres given to the State of Connecticut. The almost 6,000 acres given to the State is now part of the park and forest system. Kent Falls and Macedonia State Parks as well as Mohawk State Forest were all once White Memorial properties. Early on, the Foundation ran a convalescent home and opened the shoreline of Bantam Lake to recreation by providing families with sites to pitch their tents each summer. These tent sites eventually were replaced by the cottages one sees on North Shore Road and on Marsh Point and make up some of the Foundation’s 120 tenants. Also a working forest, in addition to planting hundreds of thousands of trees, the Foundation’s operations have produced lumber, firewood, fence posts and for a few years charcoal and maple syrup. For a time, White Memorial even raised minnows in Heron Pond. In the end though, the conservation of the land for future generations has been the main reason for its being.

Over the next year, as part of celebrating the Foundation’s first 100 years, several events are being planned. More on those will be forthcoming in the next few months. Much will be nature oriented but we will also look at the history of the Whites and White Memorial. For golfers there will even be a tournament at the Litchfield Country Club, which is located on White Memorial Foundation land.

This anniversary year will also be a time for the Foundation to look at acquiring other important conservation lands adjacent to its current holding. The Foundation is currently and will continue through 2013 to evaluate which properties, adjoining our current holdings, to actively look into acquiring for conservation.

One hundred years is indeed a long time but as Board of Trustee President Arthur Diedrick wrote in his foreword to the upcoming 100th Anniversary book, “This year we celebrate the 100th Anniversary with the conviction that The White Memorial Foundation and Conservation Center will last for many 100-year anniversaries.”

Repairing White Memorial's Woods Roads

In 2005 White Memorial began a ten year project to improve its over 20 mile system of woods roads. These are the narrow roads which run through the property, that were originally used for horses and carriages. Time had taken its toll, and although significant maintenance had taken place over the years, much of the original gravel was gone and drainage structures were often not functioning. To make the necessary improvements, the staff surveyed each road and put together a comprehensive plan. Inland wetlands permits were obtained and the work began.

Completed entirely by White Memorial's maintenance staff, the work was finished this past fall, two years ahead of schedule! During those eight years, over 5,800 tons of gravel

were added to the roads, which translates to 11,600,000 pounds! In addition, 3,450 feet of road edge drainage ditch were dug and 239 waterbars were built. Waterbars are used to drain water off roads to minimize erosion. Several culverts were also added. We are happy to say that by and large the work has exceeded all expectations. Without these improvements, the two tropical storms last year and the numerous other significant rain events would have had a greater impact on the property.

Costs of this project were significant. Over \$88,000 was spent on gravel, with the total cost including labor at over \$131,000. As with most Foundation projects, this work was self-funded.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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

Travel. Going places. It seems like hubby and I have spent an inordinate time traveling this past summer and fall - too much really. Not all of it was travel that we chose, but rather was chosen for us through family commitments. Between two surprise birthdays (one 60, one 75); a surprise 60th wedding anniversary; one bridal shower; three weddings; a family reunion; caring for a family owned property out of state (five trips); a mother in New York and an aunt in NJ we spent a lot of time in the car! Oh yes, did I mention that we *also* went on vacation and drove to get there? I'm tired just thinking about it. I have, however, become pretty verse in pointing out upcoming travel obstacles, like road construction and lane merges, so that is a good thing.

Which got me thinking, "If only someone else was going the same place that I am going at the same time, or even a near time." That led me to a conversation with James Fischer, White Memorial Conservation Center Director of Research and an all around great guy. Because most of us live in a rural area and because there is little or no mass transportation here about, it makes it even harder for us to conserve transportation. There are few buses and no subways at all! Jamie has come upon an easily navigable web site called www.nuride.com/ where for free you can look up people who have previously registered and who go the same place every day or every week. There are 14,259 current NuRide members in Connecticut. Let's say you and a lady that lives one road over go to Torrington every week to shop at Target. You always go on Thursday; she usually goes on Wednesday *or* Thursday. You often go about 7 pm and she usually goes about 7:30. What you do is contact her and both arrange a time to go together, *saving half the gas*. Also, with-

out doing much at all, you may have just made a new friend, at least one who looks at life through the same glasses that you do, someone who cares about the environment.

All of this brings up a whole raft of other possibilities. I have a friend that works in Waterbury. I hate to drive to Waterbury, however, I do like to support Savers, a thrift store that is nice and clean and well lit and whose profits go to support Big Brothers and Sisters. I always have a bag or box of "stuff" to take to Savers. She and I meet for dinner or coffee or at church, I give her the bag and she drops it off on the way home from work. So, in that one exchange, I have: helped the environment by not throwing away useful items; saved gas and thus also helped the environment; visited with a friend and helped an organization that I really like and possibly helped someone who will buy my item, thus reusing it and saving a bunch of money doing so. Pretty neat for a bunch of stuff that I didn't even want anymore.

None of this is brain surgery. It only takes a minute to adjust the way you've always done things. Call a friend and go shopping together or sign up for the website that Jamie suggested; keep a bag near the door for returning things to the library; recycle magazines by dropping them off at the Senior Center on your way home from work; arrange to add your "little errands" into your "big errands" and do them together. Tell a neighbor that you're going to the store and offer to pick up a few items for them and on and on and on. Not too hard, any of it, and it all *makes a difference*.



23rd Annual Museum Sleep-In

Friday, April 26, 5:00 P.M. to Saturday, April 27, 12:00 Noon
Members \$55.00 Non-Members \$75.00

Call the Museum 860-567-0857 for a registration form or visit our website
www.whitememorialcc.org

HEART WARMING, RECORD BREAKING THE 31ST ANNUAL FAMILY NATURE DAY!

A perfect early autumn day and a program bulging like Noah's Ark packed with animals heralded in the 31st Annual Family Nature Day, September 22, 2012.

We knew by noon that something very special was happening as a record breaking crowd of 1274 surged through the stone pillars at Whitehall and into the arms of Mother Nature.

The *New York Wolf Conservation Center* brought along their superstar white wolf, Atka. Brian Bradley aka *Skyhunters in Flight* dazzled the crowds with his free flying raptors. *Riverside Reptiles'* Brian Kleinman showed the soft side of lizards and snakes and Gerri Griswold came armed with a precious porcupine named *Pacer* and her always captivating Big Brown Bat. The music of *Jennifer Moncuse* and *Andes Manta* swelled through the surroundings. Great food, *Bunnell Farm's* wagon rides, a variety of vendors selling wonderful hand crafted items, and information booths that featured bees, birds, insects, astronomy, farming, zoos, water conservation, and energy conservation entertained and informed. The children's nature craft tent buzzed with non-stop activity. A splendid time was had by all!

The Conservation Center Staff and the Education & Activities Committee are deeply grateful to **Northwest Community Bank, Litchfield Bancorp, Krummi Travel LLC, Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation, The Connecticut Community Foundation, and an anonymous donor** as well as a legion of volunteers for their generous contributions which fueled this spectacular event!



*Atka the Wolf draws crowds at the 31st Annual Family Nature Day.
Photo credit: Katherine Griswold*



"I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields, that it kisses them so gently?
And then it covers them up snug, you know, with a white quilt;
and perhaps it says "Go to sleep, darlings, till the summer comes again."

- Lewis Carroll, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking-Glass*

WHITE MEMORIAL CONSERVATION CENTER ANNOUNCES ANNUAL YEAR-END APPEAL

2013 marks the 100th Anniversary of The White Memorial Foundation. Imagine that! One hundred years ago Alain and May White had the most extraordinary forward thinking vision of preserving these 4,000 acres in perpetuity. I often wonder what each of the 60,000 individuals who amble our trails each year is thinking when they indulge in this wonderful gift. I also think how grand it would be if each and every one of them became Center members supporting the Whites' vision of using this property for conservation, research, and education. Dreaming is free but keeping the wheels of our conservation, research, and education engine surging forward is not.

Our 2012 calendar was brimming with nature walks, watercolor classes, musical coffee houses, and wildlife tracking programs. Your inner child emerged at our first Adult Museum Sleep-In which celebrated the life and work of Aldo Leopold. A charming porcupine named Pacer needled her way into the hearts of hundreds of guests interested in learning about and seeing this elusive Connecticut native. We celebrated The Bantam River together and serenaded bats together. Sizzling blues guitarist Jimmy Griswold left the Activity Shed in one

piece after a monumental concert. We toured the path of a devastating Springfield, Massachusetts tornado with Tom Alena one year after this catastrophic weather event. Our third annual *Iceland Affair* enticed curious crowds to indulge in the food, nature, farm animals, and music which define a nation committed to sustainability. We liked lichens. We saw stars.

We are committed to providing you with the most diverse and compelling programming to be found anywhere. If there is something you would like to see on our calendar just give us a call or email: info@whitememorialcc.org !

Enclosed in this newsletter is a contribution card and envelope. A donation, no matter how small, will indicate that we are serving your interests in the best possible way.

You can also support the Conservation Center throughout the year with **Planned Giving** and by using **Sterling Planet**. Information is available through our website or call for details!

The Center Staff thanks you for your kind support. We wish you very happy holidays and hope to see you frequently in 2013 in the Museum, at our programs, and along our trails as the White Memorial Foundation celebrates its 100th Anniversary!

White Memorial Initiates New England Cottontail Habitat Management

by James Fischer, WMCC Director of Research & Lukas Hyder, WMF Forest Superintendent

The New England Cottontail is a rabbit species that adapted and evolved to New England's ecological processes and habitats. This species has become rarer throughout its range, which was historically found throughout southern New England but is now limited to only a handful of populations in the states of CT, MA, and NH. Yet when you look out into your backyard, you probably observe cottontail rabbits often! These rabbits are most likely the Eastern

Cottontail, which were introduced to New England and have spread rapidly. Differentiating these two species is quite challenging because it requires examining skull characters, some subtle pelage characteristics, or using molecular techniques from tissue or fecal samples.

These cottontail species do not hybridize. The habitat of the two species differs slightly mostly by size alone, both species require dense shrubby vegetation but New England Cottontail require very large tracts of shrubby habitat (50 acres +). Eastern Cottontail can tolerate small patches of shrubby habitat, which explains why they can tolerate most people's backyards. Connecticut is inhabited by the largest remaining populations of New England Cottontail. What is alarming is how much suburban habitat is being created in CT and how this fragments the remaining populations of New England Cottontails. Fragmenting and isolating each population increases the chances of losing each fragmented population.

These issues have led some national conservation groups to petition the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list the species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). New England Cottontail's candidacy has prompted local conservation groups to intervene by managing the species' habitat with the intention of increasing the population abundance and viability before the species is listed. Once a species is listed under the ESA it generally is very

unlikely that it will be removed from the list due to the low feasibility of conserving very rare species. Nevertheless, having the ESA states that as a society we wish to conserve all species even the rarest. Therefore, it is vital that people intervene while the species has a chance to rebound and while the populations are still viable thus insuring the long-term conservation of New England Cottontails for future generations.



New England Cottontail: Photo credit Leo Kulinski, Jr.

White Memorial has joined the cause of slowing the decline of New England Cottontail by managing habitat on our property. The Apple Hill section will be managed autumn 2012 - 2014 with the intention of creating a large shrubby habitat through a timber harvest. The vegetation already exhibits some shrubby habitat, but it has started to change, so this management strategy will increase the shrubby habitat. The existing fields will continue to be mowed and brush piles will be constructed so that rabbits can find food and shelter. Invasive plants will be controlled and native plants will be encouraged. The main goal of this project is to create a habitat that is similar in structure to shrub dominated habitats that New England Cottontail adapted and evolved to in this region. Fires, floods, and other disturbances used to occur throughout New England, to which the vegetation would regenerate afterwards initially as very shrubby. People now suppress fires and floods because these

disturbances negatively affect our livelihood, which means we need to create this habitat by using methods like mechanical tree harvesting. Another goal of this project is to have a habitat that encourages a wide variety of shrubland wildlife species, many of which are also declining in Connecticut and throughout New England. These species include birds such as Brown Thrasher, Blue-winged Warbler, and Chestnut-sided Warbler. New England Cottontail is not

the only species that needs our help but it serves as a habitat indicator for a whole suite of species that also require our intervention before they become vulnerable to being lost forever.

Shrub dominated habitats are ephemeral because as the trees grow they create a tight canopy that shades the forest floor and prevents some other plants from growing. The aforementioned wildlife indicates that most shrublands are viable habitats for only 15 years. Until that time, CT

DEEP Wildlife Division will monitor the vegetation and White Memorial will monitor the birds, mammals, snakes, and other wildlife species that indicate when the right time will be to manipulate the vegetation in the future. The information collected will be incorporated into other management plans that are implemented throughout the New England Cottontail's range. This process of future strategies learning from previous management is referred to as adaptive management. For adaptive management to work effectively, all organizations must rely on a collaborative relationship. The agencies and organizations collaborating on this project thus far include CT DEEP Wildlife Division, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and The Wildlife Management Institute. Please feel free to visit Apple Hill to see how this effort is helping all the wildlife that relies on this management effort.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

NICKI HALL

STORY AND PHOTO BY GERRI GRISWOLD

“MICE RULE MY LIFE! I have caught fifty mice; one a night. I live in a mouse house! All were white-footed and one Red-backed Vole.”

Meet Nicki Hall. Where most people would look at this situation as something out of a 70’s horror film, Nicki smiles, laughs, and looks upon it as an opportunity to learn.

She was born in Hartford and as a child lived in a home bordering Elizabeth Park. “On Friday and Saturday we got on our bikes and just learned every path and bridge.” Being a city girl, Nicki’s exposure to nature was limited. “My parents weren’t really outdoors people.” But the call of the swamp behind her home and a teacher that allowed Nicki to have a terrarium in class really inspired her. “When I was in second grade I didn’t want dolls. All I wanted were hip boots.” A fiercely independent Scottish Grandmother and Miss Downey, the “Nature Woman” at the nearby Children’s Museum helped to nurture the Nicki we know today.

When Hall became a teenager “I lost it.” She seemed to lose interest in nature and in college took a degree in Political Science. She married young and had two sons. Hall began hanging bird feeders at her home and her sons took an interest in who was coming over for dinner which led to the family learning bird identification. One of her sons is now a biologist and for almost two decades was the research coordinator for Project Puffin. Today he works managing endangered seabirds and their habitat on

the Pacific Coast. “He knows for my birthday to take me birding!”

In her 30’s and with the children in school Hall began pursuing an MS degree in biology. “I was going to write my thesis on salmon restoration”....but



*Saint Nick!: Nicki Hall loves mice!
Photo credit: Gerri Griswold*

something happened and she never finished. When her successful career as a team builder came to a close and retirement kicked in...so did Nicki, “I wanted to give something back.” She began working with CT DEEP Biologists Shannon Kearney and Geoff Krukar. She contacted (Conservation Center Board Member) Henry Perrault because she wanted to “do what I wanted to do on a

volunteer basis.” Perrault told Nicki, “I know this guy (WMCC Research Director) Jamie Fischer who you should meet. He’s got his fingers in so many pots!”

When asked what her favorite aspect of the natural world is today Hall answers quickly, “Birds are the top dog right now but I can be taken by any topic and run with it.” I’ll say!

Nicki stepped into our world and since then has participated in Fischer’s raptor survey; she has cataloged our herbarium and has digitized our breeding bird information and is looking at another breeding bird survey and perhaps a winter raptor survey...and about that MS...“Never getting the MS really bugged me”, says Hall. Jamie said to Hall, “Have you ever heard about the online environmental studies program at Green Mountain College?” Nicki: “I enrolled! It is easy to finish a Masters in Environmental Studies.” Her thesis will be about birds. “You never quit! Retiring sucks!”

Nicki Hall is a whirlwind. She is tenacious. She is unstoppable. She is a woman on a mission. “Now I am focused on something that matters. I think my goal is to be a contributor. We are in a really crucial place in our environmental world. If I can make a difference that’s what matters.”



BEFORE THE WHITES—SANFORD COTTAGE

BY LEE SWIFT, ASSISTANT CURATOR OF ARCHIVES AND LIBRARY, LITCHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Purchased by Alain and May White in 1913 as part of the South Farms Inn property, the Sanford house, which was built by Joseph Sanford about 1789, had been the home to four generations of the Sanford family. It was sold out of the family in 1894, purchased by Charlotte Schermerhorn in 1897, and then became part of the South Farms Inn and known as “Sanford Cottage”.

Lying along the east side of Route 63, the Sanford farm consisted of 96 acres, mostly in Morris, with almost half

of the acreage either plowed fields or meadow. All that remains of the Sanford house is a stone foundation at the top of Schermerhorn Hill, just south of the Morris/Litchfield boundary.

Today, the Heron Pond, Fawn Pond and Mattatuck trails wind through the woods that for over 100 years was farmland, and for the last 99 years has been preserved as part of the White Memorial Foundation.

*The Sanford House c. 1890
Photo courtesy of the Morris Historical Society*



Winter Calendar of Events

For more information on any of our programs, please call us at 860-567-0857

JANUARY

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
Museum Closed **2013!**
- 5 Keeping Your Home Warm: Everyday Low-Cost Strategies with James Fischer**
2:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room
- 12 - 18 Museum Children Free Week***
Courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. John Morosani
In Memory of Remy Edmund Morosani
- 12 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. 10:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.
A. B. Ceder Room and Ongley Pond



- 13 Wildlife Tracking at White Memorial**
Three Red Trees School of Natural Living instructors, Andrew Dobos and Deneen Bernier take you wildlife tracking through the winter woods. Meet at the Museum. 10:00 A.M.



- 18 Museum Cleaning Party**
Many hands make lighter work
Dinner Bribe! 6:00 P.M.
Call 860-567-0857 to volunteer.



- 19 The Magic of the Snowy Owl**
See page 7
for details and registration.



- 20 Cross Country Ski Trip Along the Lake Trail with Robyn Dinda**
Meet in the Museum parking lot.
10:30 A.M. For more information call Robyn at 860-567-0738.

- 21 Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
Museum Closed

- 26 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! **Dress for the weather!** Please pre-register. 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M., Meet in the Museum.

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

- 27 Moon Set Sunrise Hike Up Apple Hill with Leo and Gerri**
5:15 A.M. (yeah...you heard it right)
Meet in front of the A. B. Ceder Room all bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. Breakfast!

FEBRUARY

- 2 Winter Tree Identification with Lukas Hyder**
Meet in the Museum parking lot.
10:00 A.M.



- 3 Winter Sunset in Watercolor with Betsy Rogers-Knox**
See page 7 for details and registration.



- 8/9 2nd Annual Adult Museum Sleep-In: A Sense of Wonder**
See page 7 for details and registration.

- 9 Wildlife Tracking at White Memorial**
Three Red Trees School of Natural Living instructors, Andrew Dobos and Deneen Bernier take you wildlife tracking through the winter woods. Meet in the Museum.
10:00 A.M.



- 15 Star Party!**
Program and star gazing.
7:00 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.

- 16 Winter Walk through Five Ponds with Gerri Griswold**
Meet in the Museum. 2:00 P.M.



- 18 Presidents Day**
Museum Closed



- 19 School Vacation Day Programs**
Call the Museum in mid-January
for details 860-567-0857.

- 23 Aurora Borealis: The Ultimate Cosmic Experience (DVD)**
2:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room

MARCH

- 2 - 8 Museum Children Free Week***
Courtesy of Arthur and Tara Stacom Diedrick
in Honor of Claire and Matthew Stacom

- 2 Forest Park Zoo: Zoo on the Go!**
See page 7 for details and registration.

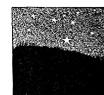


- 2 "All Things White" An Evening Celebrating The 100th Anniversary of The White Memorial Foundation With Jeff Greenwood and Lee Swift**
See page 7 for details and registration.

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



- 16 Winter Birds & Early Spring Migrants**
with Litchfield Hills Audubon President Fran Zygmont
Meet in the Museum parking lot. 7:00 A.M.

- 20 Saving Walton Pond**
Naturalist Judy Witzke from Winding Trails in Farmington tells the amazing story of how she and an army of volunteers executed a seemingly impossible task of catching and cataloging every living creature at Walton Pond in preparation for dredging and cleaning this body of water. The story will amaze you!
7:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room



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

- 23 Early Spring Walk to the Cathedrals**
Gerri Griswold leads the way!
2:00 P.M. Meet in the Museum.

- 29 Good Friday**
Museum Closed



- 30 An Evening with the Blue Yodels with Special Guests Tom & Gerri**
See page 7
for details and registration.



- 31 Easter Sunday**
Museum Closed



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Adult Nature Study Workshops and Saturday Workshops: Winter 2013



The Magic of The Snowy Owl
 Saturday, January 19, 2013, 2:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room
 Registration Fee: Members: \$15.00 Non-Members: \$20.00

Documentary film from the acclaimed PBS series *Nature* features some unusual behaviors never before captured on film. After the film Brian Bradley will answer your questions about Snowy Owls and share his own magnificent Snowy Owl Juneau with you!



Winter Sunset in Watercolor with Betsy Rogers-Knox
 Sunday, February 3, 2013 1:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. A. B. Ceder Room
 Registration Fee: Members: \$30.00 Non-Members: \$40.00

Learn to paint a winter sunset in watercolor with internationally celebrated botanical artist Betsy Rogers-Knox. Step-by-step instructions, all levels welcome, ages 12 and up. Supplies included!



2nd Annual Adult Museum Sleep-In: A Sense of Wonder
 Friday & Saturday, February 8/9, 2013, 6:00 P.M. – 12:00 P.M.
 Registration Fee: Members: \$70.00 Non-Members: \$90.00
 ALL MEALS INCLUDED...BYOB!

Bring your sleeping bag, your onesie, love of nature, sense of childlike wonder, and hearty appetite to this wonderful event! Celebrate the life and times of Rachel Carson with author David Leff, and thespian Ilvi Dulac. Accommodations in the Museum or Carriage House!



The Zoo in Forest Park: Zoo on the Go!
 Saturday, March 2, 2013, 10:00 A.M., A. B. Ceder Room
 Registration Fee: Members: \$10.00 Non-Members: \$15.00

A sterling opportunity to experience a fascinating and interactive live animal presentation with Teralyn LaChance, Assistant Director of Education at the zoo. Come face to face with a variety of animals! You just never know who you'll meet! Fun for kids of all ages!



All Things White: Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the WMF
 Saturday, March 2, 2013
 7:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room, DINNER INCLUDED!
 Registration Fee: Members: \$50.00 Non-Members: \$75.00

WMCC Education Director Jeff Greenwood and historian Lee Swift take us on a pictorial journey celebrating Whitehall in the grand days of Alain and May White. Before the presentation, enjoy an all white dinner prepared by Chef / Sommelier / Adventurer Horst Antosch and good old Gerri Griswold. All white attire suggested!



Coffee House: The Blue Yodels with Special Guests Tom & Gerri
 Saturday, March 30, 2013, 7:00 P.M., A. B. Ceder Room
 BYOB and your own snacks or dinner!
 Registration Fee: Members: \$15.00 Non-Members: \$20.00

Enjoy a dizzying array of acoustic jangly pop, retro-country, Brit invasion, and rockabilly music. Meteorologist / geologist Tom Alena and WMCC Director of Administration / Bat Lady / Porcupine Purveyor Gerri Griswold will join the Blue Yodels for merry making!

Clip & Mail

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<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Park Zoo: Zoo on the Go.....	Member: \$10.00	Non Member: \$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> All Things White: 100th Anniversary Celebration....	Member: \$50.00	Non Member: \$75.00
<input type="checkbox"/> An Evening with The Blue Yodels.....	Member: \$15.00	Non Member: \$20.00

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 \$50.00 per year and individual is \$35.00.

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

For more information call 860-567-0857.

In seed time learn,
 in harvest teach,
 in winter enjoy.

- William Blake



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