

# Nature Study Workshops and Saturday Live and Virtual Programs: Summer 2021

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**Meeting with Monsters: A Guide to the Beasts of Iceland**  
 Saturday, July 10, 2021, 2:00 pm  
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Artist / Author Jón Baldur Hlíðberg introduces you to Icelandic folklore which contains a wealth of tales about weird animals and ferocious monsters. These creatures terrified Icelanders for centuries but have not been noticed recently. Their peculiarities will be described in detail. Jon's illustrations shed additional light on this fascinating folklore.



**Poison Ivy Facts and Myths with Donna Katsuranis**  
 Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 7:00 pm  
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Poison Ivy is frequently mis-identified, with often painful – and sometimes tragic – consequences. This informative talk will focus on how to recognize one of the least friendly plants in the landscape, and how to manage the situation when it is encountered. We'll also discuss the science behind the allergic reaction to the oils.



**Volcanos with Tom Alena**  
 Saturday, July 31, 2021, 3:00 pm  
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This presentation dives deep into the earth's interior to take a look at what causes volcanic eruptions and why they differ. We'll look at rock and ash samples brought back from Iceland, and explode a few home-made volcanos for some educational entertainment!



**An Evening of Jazz with South Lake**  
 Saturday, August 14, 2021, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
 Activity Shed  
 All Tickets: \$10.00

Bring a picnic and BYOB. A sultry summer evening of soothing jazz standards from the American Song Book with South Lake is on tap. Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Lerner and Lowe, Rogers and Hammerstein, Gus Kahn, Sammy Cahn, Irving Berlin...Nobody writes music like this anymore!



**Meet the North American Porcupine with Nicole Morin and Gerri Griswold**  
 Saturday, August 28, 2021, 10:00 am  
 ZOOM: Register online: [www.whitememorialcc.org](http://www.whitememorialcc.org)  
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Wildlife Biologist Nicole Morin returns from *The Wild Center* in Tupper Lake, New York [www.wildcenter.org](http://www.wildcenter.org) with Stickly, a North American Porcupine! Learn all about this fascinating rodent in a one hour presentation that covers everything from world porcupine species to adaptations, diet, habitat, and range of this unusual mammal.



**Hurricanes with Tom Alena!**  
 Saturday, September 18, 2021, 3:00 pm  
 ZOOM: Register online: [www.whitememorialcc.org](http://www.whitememorialcc.org)  
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As we near the peak of hurricane season in the northern hemisphere, learn why Connecticut is so susceptible to these tropical storms. We'll examine the weather conditions that steer these beasts up the coasts, and what to look for on the forecast maps that help block their approach.

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People returned, in some part, to simpler ways of doing things, of simpler distractions and lifestyles. A somewhat simpler way of living, if you will, and they liked it! They discovered that the "old way" had merit and could be very fulfilling. Doing it yourself became a social movement of its own.

I know a lot of people started composting. A lot more cleaned out closets and donated the "found" items. A lot of people didn't shop much because there was nowhere to go anyway

so they didn't need new clothes, and trying to do everything from scratch was just too time consuming. Those are all good things; all worthwhile endeavors. But, when push comes to shove, which ones will remain? Will you still compost? Recycle? Garden? Practice all the things you learned? Will you still spend a lot of time with your kids trying to come up with "new" ways of entertainment? Or will they be on their own for school and home-work? Will you still be involved? Along with the frustration, did you also have some enjoyment? Did you connect with your family in a different way?

We have all been through this Covid together. What are we going to keep? What have we learned? We have all had many more than eight months to try and form a new habit, one that makes a difference in our personal lives and in the life of this planet. We have all made a difference. Won't you still try really hard to keep on .....*making a difference*?

