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Museum Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Busy at Ongley Pond ~ Photo credit: Leo Kulinski, Jr. www.leokulinskijr.com

Beaverland: How One Weird Rodent Made America *By Leila Philip*

AUTHOR STATEMENT

I write to know about the world and my place in it. I write to better understand and connect with worlds, ideas and realities that are not my own. I research and document and observe as rigorously as I can, then I sit down at my desk and try to make sense of all that I have taken in. For me, writing is always a journey with a wonderfully uncertain end; I write to discover what I don't know yet. I strive to find the story, then shape that story with words and share. We live in a time of ongoing environmental crisis and fear is an appropriate response once we acknowledge the extent to which we have altered every aspect of life on earth. But so is hope. In writing *Beaverland* I discovered the natural wonder of beavers and the powerful ways they restore damaged environments. Beavers demonstrate the incredible powers of resilience and healing available to us as concrete solutions to help us meet the urgent challenges of climate change. Beavers can teach us. We can learn.

As I describe in my book, *Beaverland: How One Weird Rodent Made America*, the American beaver is one of the greatest conservation comeback stories of our time (check out the story of the Idaho beaver drop). And as we face the urgent need to create strategies of climate resiliency, beavers have a whole new role to play. It may seem trite to say that beaver can be part of a North American climate action plan, but they are highly

"Lyrically written, meticulously observed, and exhaustively researched, *BEAVERLAND* is going to break your heart—and then heal it with compassion, beauty, and wonder." —**SY MONTGOMERY**,
New York Times bestselling author of *The Soul of an Octopus*

LEILA PHILIP **BEAVER LAND**

How One
Weird Rodent
Made America



Beaverland by Leila Philip has been chosen as
a Barnes & Noble
"Best Science Book of 2022."

Publishers Weekly calls *Beaverland*,
"A triumph of popular nature writing"

*Philip will give a virtual talk about her book
on February 11 at 4:00 p.m.
See page 2 for details.*

skilled environmental engineers and at latest count 6 - 20 million of them were living in North America. Beavers can certainly help us fight climate change... if we do more to welcome them back.

Q: How are beavers tied up in America's past?

They're an extraordinary lens into our history. Explorers came here to look for beaver fur, and the American empire began with the conversion of natural resources, starting with their fur. We almost wiped them out. But through luck, the beavers' natural resilience, and then some really good environmental policy, they were restored to their landscape.

Q: Did that restoration have ecological benefits?

Yes. In the early 20th century, they were brought back to Connecticut, and beavers began to show us the extent to which they could repair extremely damaged river systems. When we took the beavers out of the landscape, the wetland systems began to dry and degrade. Many of the environmental problems we face today have to do with water, with river systems that are so degraded that even when it rains, the water rushes right out into the ocean instead of seeping back into the ground, hydrating everything it needs to hydrate or filling the aquifer.



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Q: You write in the book that beavers make you hopeful. Why?

Leila: They're extraordinary problem-solvers. When they have a hole in a dam, they just repair it with whatever they have at hand—a rock, a stone, some fiber-optic cable. They'll just stuff that in. Mike Callahan, who heads up the Beaver Institute, sent me a picture of a beaver dam built around a pickup truck, which I thought was one of the best examples of our moment. I lie awake at night, worrying about the environment and the future, and I think beavers are just an extraordinary story of hopefulness. Because this is nature's resiliency, doing what it can do, if we either leave it alone or give it the opportunity. We are in a moment where I think we need to adapt. And beavers are incredible adapters.



The Artful Lodger
Author Leila Philip in her element.

**BEAVERLAND BOOK TALK
WITH LEILA PHILIP**

Award-winning writer, Leila Philip, joins us for a virtual discussion about her new book on February 11 at 4:00 p.m.

BEAVERLAND highlights, though history and contemporary storytelling, how this weird rodent plays an oversized role in American history and its future. Philip follows fur trappers who lead her through waist high water, fur traders and fur auctioneers, as well as wildlife managers, PETA activists, Native American environmental vigilantes, scientists, engineers, and the colorful group of activists known as beaver believers.

Copies of *Beaverland* are available in the Gift Shop.

The talk is free on ZOOM and Facebook Live. Zoom guests register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0LfVVePTQvuDngB4lqNtRA

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

*"Acts of creation are ordinarily reserved for gods and poets, but humbler folk may circumvent this restriction if they know how."
— Aldo Leopold*

Had it not been for Alain and May White, Litchfield County would look very different. Our lives would be very different. The Whites were land conservation pioneers during a time when saving open space was incomprehensible. They purchased properties that would become Kent Falls, People's State Forest, Campbell's Falls, Mohawk Mountain, among others, and gifted them to the State of Connecticut. They saved this land for us. They preserved 4,000 acres of open space in Litchfield/Bantam/Morris and created The White Memorial Foundation. This included 60% of the land around Bantam Lake, Connecticut's largest natural lake. They did this for us.

The Whites engaged children near and far by establishing campgrounds on the lake and by hosting tea parties and staging play productions in the backyard of their summer home, Whitehall (now the Nature Museum). They believed deeply that time spent in Nature is



*Top: Alain White in His Carriage
Bottom: Enjoying the Legacy of Alain and May White.*



good for our bodies and souls. They ensured that this "medicine" would be available to us in perpetuity.

The work we endeavor at White Memorial marches in step with the White's vision: Research, Conservation, Recreation, and Education. We care deeply about upholding the legacy our founders created, and hope that our hikes, summer camps, virtual junkets around the world, musical evenings, live animal presentations, campgrounds, research of our property, and the myriad programs we develop with you in mind, thrill, inspire, and fill you with the wonders of Nature.

Your tax-deductible donation, no matter how small, to our Annual Year End Appeal supports our devotion to continue serving your interests. You can also donate securely online by stopping by our Facebook and Instagram pages, or by visiting our website: <https://whitememorialcc.org/product/donation/>. Be sure to indicate that your donation is for the Annual Appeal.

Carrie, Jamie, Erin, Kelly, Ronnie, and I deeply thank you for your consideration and steadfast support and wish you Happy Holidays.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AT THE WHITE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION 2022

BY MIKE BERRY, FOREST MANAGER

Community service has been an important component of keeping our grounds and trails maintained and tidy. We kicked off the volunteer calendar this spring with the Family Campers and RVer's out at The Point Folly Campground, helping us clean up and paint to get ready for the 2022 camping season. They do a wonderful job every year and are a huge help in getting the campground prepped for opening day in May.

The second half of the year saw an increase in volunteer groups and projects. On August 22, White Memorial sponsored a trail maintenance day. We were accompanied by six wonderful volunteers who helped prune back brush, remove a fallen tree, and rebuild water bars on the Plunge Pool foot trail. This dedicated group spent three hours on a warm August day helping us, and they did it with smiles on their faces. We would like to give a heartfelt thank you to Dom DeNigris, Jani Golding, Gary Golding, Suzanne Newell, Gene Newell, and Margaret Horgan for giving up your Saturday morning to help us out.

In January we were contacted by Nathan

Misluk, a Life Scout with Troop 75, out of Terryville CT, about the possibility of conducting his Eagle project with us. Nate decided the best project would be to finish



Manchester Scout Troop 123 gives the Ongley Pond Boardwalk a face lift!

the last section of boardwalk out at Mallard Marsh. Nate planned for a few months and raised \$1234.12 towards the cost of materials. He organized a "Go Fund Me" fundraiser and set up a booth at Family

Nature Day to raise money and explain his project. On October 29th Nate, along with 15 other scouts and scout leaders from Troop 75, finished the final 122 feet of boardwalk to complete a project that was started by another Boy Scout in April of 2019. We would like to thank Nate for his hard work and are honored to have Nate complete his Eagle Project with us.

Multiple school groups ran community service projects in 2022. September kicked off the season. The Taft School was the first group, with the football team bringing 50 students as well as their advisors. This huge group helped with various tasks including invasive species removal on Windmill Hill, Family Nature Day prep with the museum staff, pruning and nail-pounding at the Little Pond Boardwalk, and weed removal around bat houses and blue bird boxes. In October Enfield Montessori School came with 28 volunteers. Students helped cut bittersweet and pull honeysuckle, and Japanese barberry from Windmill Hill. We are grateful for their 3 hours of work.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Nature's Nursery Series

First Thursday of Every Month
(Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr. 6)
Ages 3–6 years
4 - 5pm

Members: \$9/child per session or \$30 for the series
Non-members: \$13/child per session or \$50 for the series

Every session includes a story, a live animal, and an activity or craft. *Adults, please stay for the duration of the program. Meet in the Ceder Room.*

After-School Adventures

Grades 1-3: Tues., March 7, 14, 21, 28
Grades 4-6: Weds., March 8, 15, 22, 29
3:45 - 5pm



Admission is FREE thanks to a generous sponsorship from the Torrington Savings Foundation.

Every session brings a new adventure, such as exploring secret places, meeting live animals, and doing fun outdoor activities. *Adults can stay, but it is not required. Meet in the Ceder Room.*

Babies in Backpacks

Third Thursday of Every Month
(Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 20)
Ages 6 months - 2 years
10 - 11am

Members: \$9/child, Non-Members: \$13/child

Come enjoy the great outdoors in a way your little one can get excited about! There will no expectations of a mile mark or speed, just exploring. *Adults must stay for the duration of the program. Park in the horse trailer area next to Ongley Pond and meet in the Pollinator Garden.*



SENSE-sational Spring Break Camp

Tuesday, April 11–Friday, April 14
Grades 1-3: 9:30am-12:30pm
Grades 4-6: 1:30pm-4:30pm

Members: \$25/session or \$90/week
Non-Members: \$40/session or \$150/week

Compare your senses to wild animals while playing games, making crafts, meeting live animals, and exploring White Memorial. *Adults can stay, but it is not necessary. Meet in the Ceder Room.*

Advanced registration is required for all programs. Please visit whitememorialcc.org or call 860-567-0857.
Please inquire about financial aid as needed.

The 40th Annual Family Nature Day!

One could not have asked for more sublime weather as a backdrop for the 40th Annual Family Nature Day on September 24, 2022! Sunny, autumnal ...simply divine.

Thirteen-hundred lovers of Nature rolled up Whitehall Road for an audience with opossums, reptiles, amphibians, birds of prey, bats, edible insects, and native turtles.

The white tent pitched on the Ceder Room Lawn kept children up to their elbows in nature crafts throughout the day. Circling the tent were a vast number of sister organizations sharing their expertise on birds, astronomy, bats, primitive skills, wolves, goat husbandry, geology, music, literature, wood carving, Native American studies, among others.

Our "Upscale Tag Sale" Online Auction raised over \$8000. Lively bidding ensued over antiques, dinners, travel vouchers, art, books,

furniture, owl prowls, collectibles both old and new, and jewelry, while our Annual Raffle sold out well in advance of the event. Twelve-hundred tickets vaporized. When the dust settled, Bruce Lavoie of Watertown held the first prize winning ticket for an unforgettable trip to Chilean Patagonia in November 2023!

Family Nature Day would only exist on paper without an army of 50 volunteers and our Education and Activities Committee that create such a warm and wonderful environment for families.

White Memorial is also deeply grateful to the sponsors who donated to the day: Krummi Travel, LLC, Gayle Moraski, The Connecticut Community Foundation / Give Local, Rae Lynn Giannaccio in memory of her parents Ray and Jean Packard, Kathy and Bill Schweitzer, Gerri's Birthday Facebook Fundraiser, and a Kind Anonymous Donor.



*Ferncroft Wildlife Rescue
Stole the Show with their Opossums!
Photo credit: Jennifer Giantonio*

COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

November saw the return of Taft School with 27 volunteers who helped us with some fall clean up in the main area. We are so lucky to have groups like Taft that are so dedicated and return to help, time and time again. On November 19th,

9 volunteers from Manchester Scout Troop 123 braved the chilly morning and worked for 2.5 hours replacing an old foot bridge on the Ongley Pond trail. We hope the hard work helped to keep them warm for some of their weekend campout at the Pine Grove 2 campground.

So far in 2022 we are up to 340 hours of volunteer time performed for the Foun-

dation. The White Memorial Foundation is very grateful to have help and support from the community. If you are interested in volunteering your time or you are part of a group looking to volunteer, please contact Forest Manager Mike Berry:

mike@whitememorialcc.org.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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

I've been at this for a long time, since 1977, to be exact. Holy cow, does that mean that I am the longest involved? Could that even be possible? Who knew it would just keep going and going, always changing yet somehow always the same? What am I talking about? Why, volunteering at White Memorial Conservation Center, of course! I've "done" lots of things over the years. Everything from weeding the nectar garden to working in the library (no longer even a JOB!); covering the store; cleaning out closets; reorganizing the basement work area; working at Nature Day; reading stories; helping at the Museum Sleep-In; being on the Education Activities Committee; being on the Conservation Center Board and, of course, writing these pieces for the newsletter. There were other things, too: book sales; bake sales; tag sales. You get the picture – lots of different things, over a lot of time. I've always felt a deep kinship with this place; always felt like in some small way, I was paying Alain and May back for all they have given us over the years. Saying "thank you" if you will. Keeping things running smoothly behind the scenes so that the staff can do *even more* to get the word out!

So, maybe by now you are wondering how you can help. Are there any jobs that still need to be done? You bet! There are tons of things to do beyond animal care and trail maintenance. We have those jobs pretty well covered by a few hearty souls.

Do you have a friendly face; like to help

people; have favorite trails on the property; know good places to eat lunch and are welcoming? Can you spare a Saturday a month or every other Wednesday afternoon? Then, the greeter/gift shop is the place for you! There you get to answer people's questions about the White family; take admission; sell maps and goodies from the store and answer the phone. This is currently *our most desperate need*! Are you aware that our sweet Kelly has difficulty taking a Saturday off?



Plus, she can't go to the staff meetings on Wednesday and can't easily take a sick day because the rest of the staff have their duties to attend to and there isn't a volunteer? Yikes!

Do you like to hike at White Memorial? Do you enjoy seeing families outside? How about a hike co-leader with one of the staff? This job could be done monthly, quarterly, yearly. It can even evolve into leading hikes on your own or adding a midweek hike where there isn't one now. You might even get to pick which trails to use.

How about that trip to Ireland you took before Covid? Would you like to share your favorite parts with a group via Zoom or in person? Just think of it as telling your friends

about your trip- it doesn't need to be scary, just fun. Just share your favorite parts of the trip.

Do you regularly hike with snowshoes or on skis? How about leading a bunch of other people over your favorite trails? How about gardening? The Nectar Garden needs to be weeded on a regular basis, at least monthly, if not more often. You don't need to even start this job before spring.

Is the pond your thing? Do you like to see what can't regularly be seen...those things in the mud at the bottom of the pond? You say you don't know what those things even are? You're in luck! We have a bunch of guides to help you identify bugs and such. Sign up to "do" a Pond Prowl.

Have you been learning about New England spring wildflowers? How about sharing your new knowledge with others by leading a spring discovery walk?

Would you rather do something less strenuous but just as important? I just finished cutting out shapes for Kelly to use for the craft part of her next "Babies in Backpacks" walk. Took me about forty minutes. My hand didn't even get sore.

I know you're busy. Everybody is busy. It's just making volunteering at the center for a few hours a week or a month a priority. It's making a difference in the *best possible way*! Call the Center at 860-567-0857 or email gerri@whitememorialcc.org to sign up now! You'll be glad you did! You'll

make a real difference!

A Very Special Event & Fund Raiser to Honor David K. Leff on February 18

By Gerri Griswold

The celebration begins with a road trip to Norfolk, Connecticut's "Ice Box." The Lodge at Camp Iwakta is your destination. Afternoon arrival, an outdoor fire, David Leff's Maple Cocktail, apple cider donuts prepared by Gerri Griswold, and a special roasted venison appetizer prepared by Jody Bronson. A hike through the property will lead us to sunset. Retire to the Lodge, a cozy fire, and comfort food dinner followed by David's favorite dessert...PIE! Then sit by the fireplace and enjoy a selection of readings from the works of David K. Leff - <https://davidkleff.typepad.com/> delivered by Special Guest John Dankosky and Gerri Griswold. You are invited to choose a passage or poem written by David to read as well.

This memorial honoring our friend and colleague, David K. Leff, is limited to 15 fortunate individuals. Cider, Maple Cocktails, appetizers, sparkling water, and dinner are included. Please bring your own place setting and BYOB. Dress for the weather. Wear sturdy boots and bring hiking poles.

There is no fee for this program, but your donation in any amount to the White Memorial Conservation Center will help create a "Museum Children Free Week" in Memory of David.

A total donation of \$3000 will reserve in perpetuity the week of April 6 – 12 (David's birthday was April 9) in honor of David from his friends. During this week, children ages 12 and under

are admitted to the Museum free of charge when accompanied by an adult.

Please register by calling 860-567-0857 or register online: [https://white-memorial-conservation-center.square.site/product/winter-tales-by-the-fire-remembering-david-k-leff/1126?](https://white-memorial-conservation-center.square.site/product/winter-tales-by-the-fire-remembering-david-k-leff/1126?cp=true&sa=true&sbp=false&q=false)
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Directions to the Lodge will be emailed to you prior to the 2:00 p.m. event.

To donate to **David's Children Free Week** please click on this link and "Thank You to White Memorial", then specify that your donation should be allocated to this fund: <https://whitememorialcc.org/product/donation/>

About John Dankosky

John is a radio journalist and moderator. During a 25-year career at Connecticut Public Radio he founded the PRNDI award-winning program, *Where We Live*.

Originally from Pittsburgh, Dankosky is a 30-year veteran of public radio. Dankosky founded the daily talk show "Where We Live" and co-founded the New England News Collaborative. He has also reported for National Public Radio and has edited award-winning documentaries on Connecticut history, 9/11, and the mental health of children. He currently hosts the podcast "Steady Habits" for the online news organization The Connecticut Mirror, and serves as fill-in host and editorial advisor to "Science Friday." He is a frequent moderator for "The Connecticut Forum."



David K. Leff

Photo credit: Leo Kulinski, Jr. www.leokulinskijr.com

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE WHITE MEMORIAL CONSERVATION CENTER

Take advantage of a generous member discount for adult and children's programs, 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 donation will help sponsor programs for adults and children and defray the Conservation Center's operating expenses.

An annual Family Membership is \$60.00. An annual Individual Membership is \$40.00

Corporate and Library Memberships are available too!

Call 860-567-0857 to become a member or do so very easily online: <https://whitememorialcc.org/join-renew/>



"I prefer winter and fall, when you feel the bone structure of the landscape--the loneliness of it, the dead feeling of winter. Something waits beneath it, the whole story doesn't show."



--Andrew Wyeth



Winter Calendar of Events

For more information on our live, virtual, and hybrid programs, please call 860-567-0857 or register online: www.whitememorialcc.org.

JANUARY

1/2 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
Museum & Offices Closed **2023!**

January 4, 11, 18, 25
**Virtual Dark of Winter Yoga with
Judith Ehrman-Shapiro**
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. \$10.00
A portion of the proceeds is donated to WMCC.
Call Judith: 860-309-9488
For more information:
www.whitememorialcc.org

5 **Nature's Nursery Series**
See page 3 for details.

7 **The Pandemic Pantry
Crazy About Coconut!**
Cranky Aunts, Laughs, Delicious Recipes!
12:00 p.m., ZOOM & Facebook Live!
www.whitememorialcc.org

12 - 18 **Museum Children Free Week**
Free admission to children ages 12 and under
when accompanied by an adult.

14 **Lake Trail & Butternut Brook Hike**
10:00 a.m., Meet at the A. B. Cedar Room
Dress for the weather!

14 **Expedition to Ellesmere Island
with David Gibbon**
See page 7 for details.

15 **Sunday Guided Museum Tour
with Tom Saunders**
2:00 p.m., Museum

16 **Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
Offices Closed

January 19, February 16, March 16
Babies in Backpacks with Kelly Orr
See page 3 for details.

January 21, February 18, March 18
Winter Wildlife Tracking with Andy Dobos
See page 7 for details.

21 **A Journey to the Falkland Islands
with Stewart McPherson**
See page 7 for details.

28 **DEEP CARE FAMILY
ICE FISHING WORKSHOP**

Families and individuals ages 9 and up are
welcome to attend this unique event now in
its 8th year! Taught by certified volunteer
instructors. All materials are provided.
FREE! BRING LUNCH. 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.,
A. B. Cedar Room. Pre-register by calling
860-567-0857 or register online.



FEBRUARY

February 1, 8, 15, 22
**Virtual Dark of Winter Yoga with
Judith Ehrman-Shapiro**
5:30 - 6:30 p.m., \$10.00
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2 **Nature's Nursery Series**
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4 **WINTERFEST**
Burr Pond State Park, Torrington CT
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Visit our booth! Meet an Avian Ambassador!
For more information:
<https://portal.ct.gov/NCLI/Events/Winter-Festival>

February 5 & 19
**Sunday Guided Museum Tour
with Tom Saunders**
2:00 p.m., Museum

11 **Cut it Out!
The Local Practice & History
of Ice Harvesting**
See page 7 for details.



11 **Beaverland: Virtual Book Talk
with Author Leila Philip**
See page 2 for details.

16 - 22 **Museum Children Free Week**
Free admission to children ages 12 and under
when accompanied by an adult.

17 **Star Party!**
7:00 p.m., A. B. Cedar Room, Weather
permitting, there will be star gazing after the
program.



18 **Life Below Snow
with Erin Josefson**
See page 7 for details



18 **Winter Tales by the Fire
Remembering David K. Leff**
See page 5 for details.



20 **Presidents Day**
Offices Closed



265 **Remembering Rex Brasher
Talk & Road Trip
with Gerri Griswold**
See page 7 for details.



MARCH

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

March 1, 8
**Virtual Dark of Winter Yoga with
Judith Ehrman-Shapiro**
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. \$10.00
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2 - 8 **Museum Children Free Week**
Free admission to children ages 12 and under
when accompanied by an adult.

2 **Nature's Nursery Series**
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4 **The Nose Knows:
Scent Detection with K-9 Lucy
and Erin Josefson**
See page 7 for details.



4 **What's Up with Woodchucks?
with Nicole Morin
from The Wild Center**
See page 7 for details.



11 **6th ANNUAL
NATURE TRIVIA NIGHT!**
See page 7 for details.



17 **Star Party!**
7:00 p.m., A. B. Cedar Room, Weather
permitting, there will be star gazing after the
program.

18 **Exploring Duck Pond, Mallard Marsh,
& Pine Island with Gerri Griswold**
10:00 a.m., Meet in the A. B. Cedar Room

18 **Foundations in Navigation
with Erin Josefson**

Bring bottled water and dress for the weather!
2:00 p.m., Meet in the A. B. Cedar Room.

23 - 29 **Museum Children Free Week**
Free admission to children ages 12 and under
when accompanied by an adult.

25 **Famous Animals
in History with Gerri Griswold**
See page 7 for details.



25 **Kids Hike with Kelly Orr**
For ages newborn and up!
Dress for the weather!
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Meet in the A. B. Cedar Room.

APRIL 7 **Nature's Nursery Series**
See page 3 for details.



LIVE, VIRTUAL, & HYBRID Nature Study Workshops and Saturday Programs: Winter 2023

Please pre-register and pay online: www.whitememorialcc.org



Expedition to Ellesmere Island with David Gibbon
Saturday, January 14, 2023
2:00 p.m., ZOOM Only
Member: FREE Non Member: \$10.00
A link to the presentation will be emailed to you upon registration.
Pre-registration is required.

Ellesmere Island is one of the coldest, most inhospitable places on planet earth. In March 2022, award-winning wildlife photographer David Gibbon traveled across Ellesmere by snowmobile while living in extreme conditions to capture images of stunning landscapes and wildlife as temperatures dropped below -50 degrees.



Winter Wildlife Tracking with Andy Dobos
Saturday, January 21, February 18, March 18, 2023
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Meet in the Museum.
Cost per session: Member: \$10.00 Non Members \$20.00
Pre-registration is required.

Wildlife tracking expert Andy Dobos takes you on a walk through the winter woods. There are always clues left behind by the animals for us to decipher, telling a story of their habits and lives. Get to know our beloved wildlife that much better. Children should be accompanied by an adult and all should dress extra warm and wear good boots! You never know where the tracks will take you!



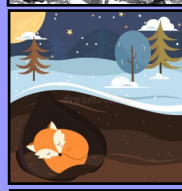
Journey to the Falkland Islands with British Explorer Stewart McPherson
Saturday, January 21, 2023
4:00 p.m., Meet in the Museum
Member: \$20.00 Non-Member: \$40.00
Includes a cocktail reception in the Museum!
Pre-registration is required.

Stewart McPherson has been a virtual programming mainstay at White Memorial since the pandemic! This afternoon you'll have an opportunity to meet Stewart in person over cocktails in the Museum and then in the A. B. Ceder Room where he will discuss the remarkable wildlife of the Falkland Islands (5 species of penguins!) and the 2024 journey he is leading to the Falklands with Gerri Griswold!



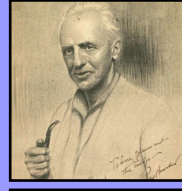
Cut it Out! The Local Practice and History of Ice Cutting
Saturday, February 11, 2023
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Meet in the Museum.
Member: \$5.00 Non Member: \$10.00
Hot beverages and treats provided!
Pre-registration is required.

Ice harvested from Bantam Lake was used for refrigeration throughout the year. Begin in the Museum with a visit to the Ice House display, then head outdoors for a walk down the Lake Trail to visit the old ice house ruins. The program culminates with our own "Cut Ups" James Fischer, Jeff Greenwood, and Gerri Griswold demonstrating how ice was cut and moved using the same tools and methods. We will be walking and standing on Ongley Pond! (weather permitting!)



Life Below Snow with Erin Josefsen
Saturday, February 18, 2023
2:00 p.m.
In-person in the A. B. Ceder Room and on ZOOM
Member: \$5.00 Non Member: \$10.00
Pre-registration is required.

We know animals use a variety of methods to cope with the cold such as migration and hibernation. But there is also an entire community of animals that remains active throughout the winter, and they live right below our feet! Come learn about the various creatures that live in this special zone, the kinds of obstacles they face, and how they deal with those challenges.



Remembering Rex Brasher: Talk & Road Trip with Gerri Griswold
Saturday, February 25, 2023
2:00 p.m.
In-person in the A. B. Ceder Room and ZOOM
Member: \$5.00 Non Member: \$10.00
Pre-registration is required.

Based in Kent, CT, Rex Brasher was a prolific painter who produced 875 original watercolors depicting 1200 species/subspecies of North American birds painted from live observation! This is one of the greatest unknown stories in art history and Americana. After the presentation, you can caravan to Gaylordsville, CT and pay your respects to Rex at his humble grave. An optional hot toddy at the Fife & Drum in Kent will wrap up the day honoring this great man.



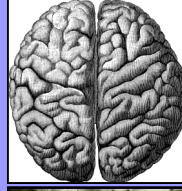
The Nose Knows: Scent Detection with Search & Rescue K-9 Lucy and Erin Josefsen
Saturday, March 4, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Meet in the A. B. Ceder Room.
Member: \$5.00 Non Member: \$10.00
For children ages 10 and up.
Pre-registration is required.

Spend some time with Erin Josefsen and retired search and rescue K-9 Lucy. You'll get to learn all about working K-9s and how they use their most powerful tool: their nose! You will learn about dog behavior, the critical knowledge behind Scent Theory, and the kinds of jobs we ask our search and rescue K-9s to perform. There will be a demonstration at the end with K-9 Lucy. Due to the sensitive nature of this topic, this program is suitable for ages 10+.



What's Up with Woodchucks? with Nicole Morin from The Wild Center
Saturday, March 4, 2023
2:00 p.m., ZOOM Only
Member: FREE Non Member: \$10.00
Pre-registration is required.

Biologist Nicole Morin and Norris the Woodchuck team up to reveal the unique qualities of this common backyard rodent, and explore how they are responding to human-driven change. The Eastern Marmot (*Marmota monax*) is widespread in the Northeast, and familiar to many human communities. Norris and Nicole are here to share the science behind groundhog behavior!



6th Annual Nature Trivia Night!
Saturday, March 11, 2023
7:00 p.m., In-person at the Carriage House
Member: \$15.00 Non Member: \$25.00
Dinner, dessert, coffee, tea, and water provided!
BYOB and bring your own place setting.
Pre-registration is required.

It's back and bigger and better than ever! Come on, Brainiacs! Are you afraid of the challenge brought forth by our team of experts? Cerebrum, Cerebellum, Medulla Oblongata, Hippocampus... How big are yours? Are you even remotely prepared to test your nature knowledge at our 6th Annual Nature Trivia Night? Teams of up to six (we HIGHLY encourage team costumes) will compete for a valuable prize. Register individually and then form a team.



Famous Animals in History with Gerri Griswold
Saturday, March 25, 2023
10:00 a.m.
In-person in the A. B. Ceder Room and on ZOOM
Member: \$5.00 Non-Member: \$10.00
Pre-registration is required.

They had names like Martha, Traveler, Stubby, Dan, Grip, and Sergeant Reckless. Many animals are attached to some of the most famous humans in history. Some animals made history on their own. Meet the beasts, hear their stories, and marvel over their accomplishments in this 90 - minute heart-warming presentation which celebrates famous animals in history.

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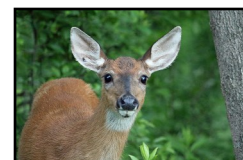


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