

# SANCTUARY

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## Museum Hours:

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

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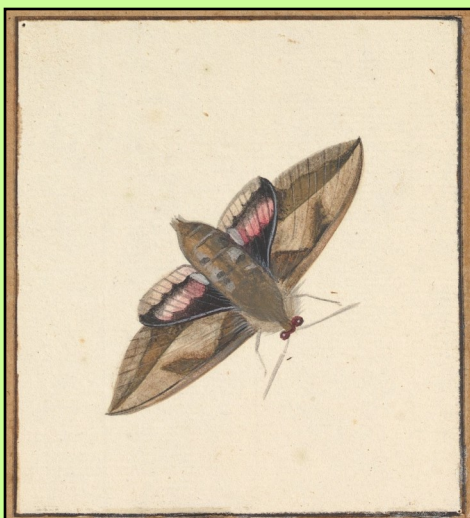
Female Luna Moth (*Actias luna*)  
Photo credit ~ Shawn Hanrahan

## DISCOVERING MOTHS ~ NIGHT TIME JEWELS IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

By John Himmelman

It's 2:15 A.M. and I've made my last round of the night-well, actually, morning now. I sit at my desk, studying a small, winged creature through my magnifying lamp. Flipping through the pages of my reference guides, I try to match the wing patterns of my captive with those in the plates of the books. The moth flutters within the confines of the clear plastic cassette case, but it rests often enough for me to see the markings. The wings are washed in ochre, and in the center of each is a small, dark green spot. That spot is diagnostic, and at last I have a match. It's a Bicolored Sallow. I haven't seen one in two years. I bring it back outside to take its picture. It sits long enough for one shot, then takes off. I wish it well.

This is typical of an evening of moth watching for me. Other people are doing this, too, and a lot more than there used to be. Still, when most people think of moths, they think of the little, pale gray insects flying around their porch light, or hordes of Gypsy Moth (now called Spiny Moths) caterpillars sprinkling a rain of droppings (frass) on woodland paths. Some people cringe at the thought of those large hornworms, the caterpillar being the most encountered form, defolating their tomato plants, or tiny flour moths flying out of their kitchen cabinets. However, these pesky examples are but a few of that order, just a tiny percentage of a very large and captivating group of insects. I find it easy to justify my attraction to moths. The hours suit my night-owl tendencies, and the quarry has all the elements to make for a fulfilling pastime. There are more than 2,400 species of moths in our home state of Connecticut, over 11,000 in North America, and somewhere in the area of



Moth  
Nicolaas Struyka, Dutch, 18th Century,  
Metropolitan Museum of Art



Moths and Butterflies  
Kubo Shunman, Japanese, 19th Century  
Metropolitan Museum of Art

160,000 species in the world. Many of them display colors and patterns that rival the most spectacular of butterflies. With so many moths out there, the chance of finding a new one on any night from early spring to late fall is very good. In fact, with so many moths, it's hard to remember them all, which allows one to rediscover them again and again.

Some people fear moths. In a way, I can't blame them. Most of these insects are creatures of the night, and as with many animals that travel in darkness, they carry a certain stigma. When I was taking a scuba diving course a number of years ago, a large Cecropia Moth flew into the room. It circled, distressing most of the men and women in the class to the point of nearly clearing the building. At first, they thought it was a bat. Even when assured it was just a moth, they were no less alarmed. It took some convincing to keep that moth from becoming a two-dimensional pattern on the wall.

Moths are about as harmless as a creature can be. They have no biting mouthparts; in some adults, such as the well-known Luna Moth, their "mouths" are essentially useless vestigial organs. They don't carry rabies, the bubonic plague, or any other diseases. They don't sting. They don't scratch, and they don't grow to disproportionate sizes and wreak havoc upon Japanese cities. That said, I should mention that in some species, the larvae have stinging spines.

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The Flannel Moth caterpillar, looking like a furry “tribble” from an early Star Trek episode, seems to just beg to be cuddled. But beneath those soft features are spines that break off into your skin. I generally avoid touching any caterpillar that is covered with hair unless I know it is harmless.

So, what is a moth? Moths and butterflies, both in the order Lepidoptera, share many common traits. In fact, many believe that butterflies evolved from moths to fill the lepidopteran day shift. Starting with the most obvious traits, butterflies and moths are insects, therefore consisting of three main body parts; head, thorax, and abdomen. Being insects, they have three pairs of legs, two antennae, and an exoskeleton. They have wings covered with tiny scales, which give them their color and pattern. This is the feature that sets them apart from other insects. The word Lepidoptera, the name of the order to which they both belong, means scaly-winged.

Moths and butterflies go through four stages of metamorphosis, and as adults, they feed on liquids by uncurling a tube-shaped proboscis (although some adult moths don't feed at all).

How do moths differ from butterflies? Moths have feathered or tapered antennae, designed for picking up the scent (pheromones) of a “calling” potential mate. The antennae on butterflies

are either clubbed or hooked. Most adult moths fly at night, whereas butterflies are solar powered. Moths often have hairy bodies, the “hair” actually being modified scales. Butterflies, for the most part, have

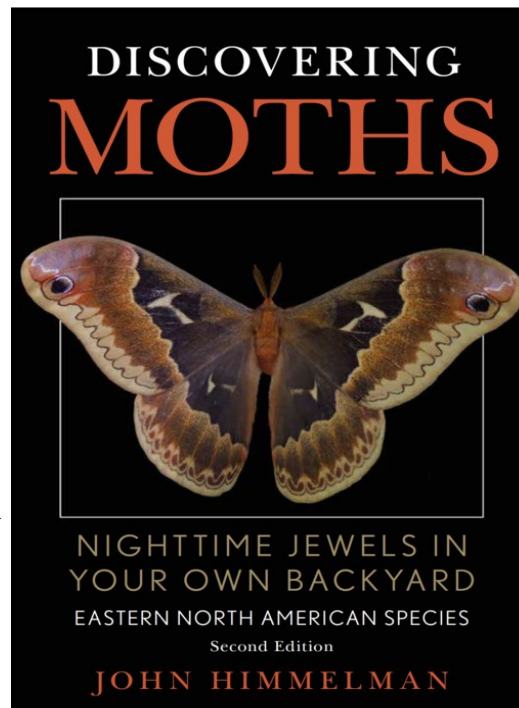
“clean” bodies.

I suppose I shouldn't leave out another very large difference between the two. Everybody loves butterflies. Gardens are planted to attract them. Organizations are formed to admire and protect them.

Books are written to identify and celebrate them. They show up in paintings and logos and on T-shirts and are tattooed in interesting places on people's bodies. Moths had a longer way to go in that department. But that growing interest in butterflies helped carry moths part of the way. And they've been found! To the extent that there is an annual National Moth Week (actually, international)—this year it is July 22-30, which, not coincidentally, we'll be celebrating at the Conservation Center on the 22nd! (See page 7!)

Let's open our eyes to a world that exists unknown to most of us in every yard, lot, forest, and field. It is a dark world, brightened by the existence of its winged denizens. We are strangers there, because we are for the most part diurnal creatures. When darkness sets, we retreat to our well-lit homes to wait it out. It has been my experience that once a person discovers just a smattering of what can be found in that darkness, the setting sun becomes a prelude to an exciting part of the daily cycle. A prelude to discovery.

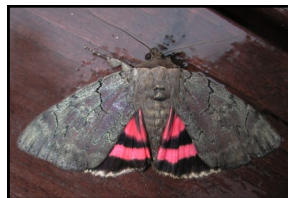
*Welcome to the night.*



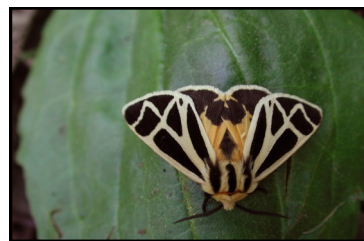
*Join John Himmelman for a book-signing, talk, and a Mini Moth Bioblitz on Saturday, July 22, 2023! See page 7 for details.*



*John Himmelman*



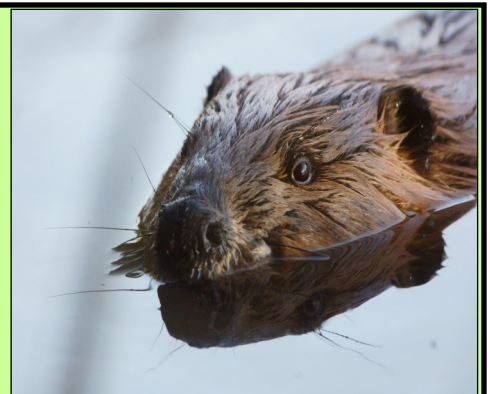
*Darling Underwing (top)  
Nais Tiger Moth (bottom)*



*Moth light setup in Himmelman's yard using a "dezappified" bug zapper.*

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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: CARLY SULLIVAN

Story and Photo by Gerri Griswold



When it comes to volunteers who go above and beyond the call of duty, our thoughts shift to Carly Sullivan. Carly has been part of the White Memorial Animal Care Family for four years. Sullivan is a born and raised Torrington native with a deep love of animals. As a student in the Future Farmers of America program at Wamogo Regional High School, Carly had to fulfill a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) requirement related to agriculture. Since she spent time in Education Director Carrie Szwed's summer camps, the idea of volunteering here came naturally. Carly spent three years as an SAE student and then did the unimaginable...upon graduation, she stayed on as a coveted volunteer. "I love having these interactions with animals that I otherwise would never have." Sullivan is currently a student at Northwestern Connecticut Community Col-

lege where she is taking pre-requisite courses for veterinary school. Although she loves all animals she says, "I probably lean towards exotics." Animals have always been a force in Sullivan's life. As a child she recalls having a variety of pets including hamsters, guinea pigs, ferrets, cats, and fish. In her spare time, Carly enjoys spending time outdoors looking for animals and harbors a hidden talent for drawing! "I draw animals all the time!" When asked about White Memorial she states, "I just love coming here. I love the atmosphere. I love the people I have gotten to know." About Carrie Szwed she exclaims, "I am thankful that I have gotten to know her and am grateful for the opportunities she has given me. I really appreciate it." Carly, that door swings both ways. We and our Animal Ambassadors are very grateful for your years of compassionate care.

### SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS

Call 860-567-0857 or visit [www.whitememorialcc.org](http://www.whitememorialcc.org) to check availability and to register.

Financial aid is available on a first-come, first-serve basis — inquire by calling.

#### **Babies in Backpacks Series** **For Newborn to 2 Years, Thursdays** **July 20, August 17, & September 21**

Meet in the Pollinator Garden.

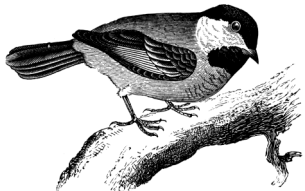
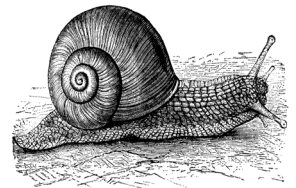
10:00 am - 11:00am

Members: \$9/child per session

Non-Members: \$13/child per session

Join us on the third Thursday of every month as we will enjoy a hike with your child in a babywearing carrier or follow their pace if they are mobile. There will only be expectations of exploring the world around us, not of a mile mark or speed. A Nature stroll followed by an activity are included. Read books about the outdoors, enjoy touch and feel stations, use sand and water bins and more!

*Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Subject to availability.*



Join us on one Thursday per month for an hour-long program designed just for children 3-6 years old. Every session will include a story, an encounter with a live animal, and an activity or craft. Bring your young nature lovers out to White Memorial for a jam-packed hour of hands-on learning. Parents, we ask that you stay for the duration of the program. *Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Subject to availability.*

#### **Nature's Nursery Series** **For Ages 3-6, Thursdays,** **July 6, August 3, & September 7** Meet in the A. B. Cedar Room.

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Members: \$9/child per session

Non-Members: \$13/child per session

#### **Wonder Nature Camp** **For Ages 4 & 5, Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25,** **August 1 & 8**

**VERY LIMITED AVAILABILITY**

For Ages 4 & 5

9:30am - 11:30am

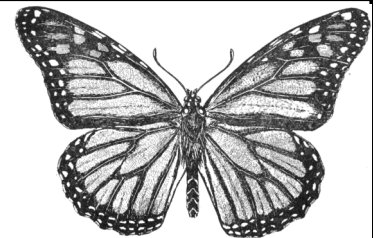
Members: \$15/session

Non-members: \$25/session

Drop-off program

This weekly two-hour series for 4 & 5 year-olds features stories, songs, crafts, games, and outdoor adventures that introduce young ones to the wonders of nature!

Sign up by session. *Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Subject to availability.*



Kids entering grades 1 & 2 can join us for one, two, or three weeks of outdoor discovery, games, books, songs, and crafts that help them learn more about the natural world around them. *Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Subject to availability.*

#### **Discovery Nature Camp** **July 10-28 (weekdays only)** For Kids Entering Grades 1 & 2 **SOLD OUT**

#### **Exploration Nature Camp** **July 10-August 11 (weekdays only)** 9:30am - 3:30pm each day Members: \$160/week Non-members: \$220/week **Grades 3-4: SOLD OUT** **Grades 5-6: July 24-28 & July 31-Aug. 4** **Grades 7-9: August 7-11** Drop-off program

Kids entering grades 3 – 9 can join us for week-long sessions on specified dates that immerse them in nature! Our adventures take us to natural areas both on and off White Memorial's property.  
*Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Subject to availability.*



## RECIPIENTS OF THE WHITE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION CONSERVATION AWARD

Story: WMF President, Ann Borzilleri

Photos: WMF Executive Director, Lukas Hyder

The White Memorial Conservation Award was established in 1964 to honor a group or individual who has performed an outstanding service to conservation in the state of Connecticut. The award is a bronze sculpture of a beaver, White Memorial's symbol, which was designed by the late Peggy Reventlow.

### 2020 WHITE MEMORIAL CONSERVATION AWARD RECIPIENT KEITH R. CUDWORTH

Keith received his bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut in Natural Resources and his master's from the University of Minnesota in Forestry. After his education, Keith took a position with the state of Minnesota as a mine land reclamation forester. Afterwards, he worked in county government as a forest inventory specialist. When a position became available at White Memorial in 1985, he moved back to Connecticut with his family.

Keith was White Memorial's Superintendent for 13 years, from 1985 until his promotion to Executive Director in 1998. In 2013 he authored *The White Memorial Foundation: The First 100 Years, The Legacy of Alain and May White*. This publication in celebration of the Foundation's



Centennial included a look back at the first century of the Foundation as well as a projection into what the future may hold.

In Keith's words, one hundred years from now the Foundation will look "in all likelihood pretty much the same as it does now. People will still be walking the trails, birdwatching, canoeing, and taking part in the education programs, while the core goal of 'preserving the land for future generations' will continue to be the main thrust of the work."

Keith's service for 21 years as the Foundation's top administrator until his retirement in 2019 helped to ensure such a strong legacy. His meaningful and productive career at White Memorial spanned 34 years.

### 2023 WHITE MEMORIAL CONSERVATION AWARD RECIPIENT ARTHUR H. DIEDRICK

There is no doubt that White Memorial would not be where it is today without the leadership of Arthur Diedrick. With nearly 50 years of service to the organization, his contributions are too numerous to name.

Arthur joined the board in 1974 and became its President in 1986. Throughout his time, he oversaw capital projects including the transformation of the Whites' summer home into the Center's Museum. Former Executive Director Gene Marra referred to this project as the "capstone" of Arthur's tenure. Annually, this project alone serves over 5,000 visitors, including school groups, locals, and travelers alike.

But the impact that Arthur has had on the White Memorial really can't be quantified. An endless dedication to the mission of the organization defined Arthur's service. Former Execu-



tive Director Keith Cudworth remarked that Arthur would only ever make a decision if it was "in the best interest of the White Memorial and keeping with the legacy of Alain White."

Arthur has said that the incredible, professional, and knowledgeable staff was the highlight of his involvement. Those who have worked with Arthur confirm that the feeling is more than mutual. Current Executive Director Lukas Hyder, who started his position just at the start of the COVID pandemic, cites Arthur's steadfast leadership and guidance through the unprecedented challenges as key to the White Memorial's endurance.

The gratitude that Lukas has for Arthur in this regard is matched by all who cross his path. No one could be more deserving of recognition for service to the White Memorial than Arthur.

### WELCOME! ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR COLLEEN HARRAK

Story and Photo by Gerri Griswold

Colleen Harrak knows you don't believe in Elves and Hidden People like Icelanders do, but is thoroughly convinced that she (Colleen has an Icelandic Grandmother) was led to White Memorial by these magical beings. Harrak comes to us from Naugatuck, through Torrington, Newport, then Florida, and back. She is a graduate of Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island with a BFA in studio art and a Masters in Computer Animation from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. Her dream was to become a Disney Imagineer; one who develops and refurbishes rides for the venerable park. This led Colleen to Florida with her husband Matt and children Alex-

ander and Emily. Although she landed a job working for Disney, as fate would have it...not a dream job. A teaching position offering more time with her family wooed her away. She taught English for six years. Her skills as an artist and story teller (mythology is a passion) were woven into her work as a teacher, "You can teach a story to kids and they never remember because of life's distractions. When you relay that story with interactive art, they will never forget it." Harrak was also dedicated to teaching children about the native people in their area, the Seminoles, and how they did not live there in the summer because it flooded, but used it in the winter as a sacred hunting

ground. This area is where Hurricane Ian landed in September 2022 dropping fifteen feet of water. The family made it through Covid and they began thinking about returning to Connecticut to be closer to family. They moved back here less than a month before Ian struck.

Colleen and Matt wanted to get their children involved in the community and found White Memorial. Their children attended Carrie Szwed's programs. "We fell in love with the classes and the trails." Colleen learned about the Environmental Educator position from a posting on the Cedar Room door. "It seemed like a natural fit. Your philosophy aligns with my philosophy of taking care

of Nature and protecting it. I appreciate the opportunity to get out and educate people. There are so many people who are afraid to go outside now! It's scary! Everything (Elves and Hidden People) was telling me I was moving in the right direction and it led me here."





## Make a Difference

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

I love lemons. Lemon Meringue Pie; lemonade; lemon chicken; Aunt Nancy's lemon squares, each served in its own little paper cup. I love the taste. I love the smell. I love the color. I even love the shape. But did you know that lemon can also be used to make a bunch of good, homemade, non-harsh chemical cleaning products? Some use the whole lemon, some just the juice.

Last time, I wrote about the good and alternate uses of wood ash. This time, it's gonna be about lemons. D-Limonene, found naturally in lemons, is a good degreaser. Lemon oil is an antibacterial disinfectant. Citric acid is a mild acid that fights water spots and hard water film. Years ago, when our son was in grammar school, he bought a copper washing kettle for me at a tag sale. He knew I would love it because: 1. It was from him. 2. I love old things. 3. It is very useful. In fact, it still sits by the wood stove and houses wood for the stove. It was beautiful and had lots of potential, but man, was it in rough shape. It had no handles and was totally tarnished. So, he talked to some older friends of ours and learned that you can polish metal with nothing other than lemons and salt. Cut the lemon in half, dip in coarse salt and begin rubbing. Rub and rub and then rinse and dry. Ta Da- shiny copper. He made handles using rawhide and a small piece of wood that he drilled through to make hollow. Great gift!

If you didn't like using wood ashes in your toilet for some reason, make an easy lemon and borax toilet cleaner. Mix ¼ c of borax and 1/3 of the juice of one lemon. Dump it in the bowl and let sit while you tackle the rest of the bathroom. Then, use the brush and you're done. Cheap and non-toxic. Plus, it smells great!

You can also remove stains from plastic with lemons. Just cut a lemon and rub on the stain, let it sit for about fifteen minutes and then wash in soapy water. To make a lemon infused disinfectant, you need unflavored gin or vodka and 5 fresh lemons. Wash and peel the lemons and place rinds in a glass jar with a lid. Cover with gin or vodka and let steep in a cool place for about six weeks. It is ready when it becomes kind of yellow. The longer it steeps, the more concentrated it becomes. Filter out the liquid by pouring through cheesecloth or a sieve. Put the

liquid in a spray bottle, label and you are good to go! Spray the disinfectant on surface and let it dry naturally.

Bleach kills the natural bacteria found in a working, healthy septic tank. Those bacteria are needed to treat and break down waste. To make a substitute that won't harm the septic



tank, use 3 tablespoons of hydrogen peroxide and a drop of lemon essential oil. Add both substances directly into your washing machine's bleach dispenser or pour directly into the wash basin while the machine is filling or before loading your clothes.

An all-natural furniture polish can be made with lemon juice, olive oil and white vinegar. It can be used to dust, polish wood furniture, clean stainless steel and even remove sticky labels! To make: 1 tablespoon pure olive oil; 1 ½ teaspoons white vinegar; 1 ½ teaspoons

lemon juice; 6 drops of lemon essential oil. Combine and stir until oil doesn't separate and apply with a clean rag. If you want to get fancy, you could put it in a spray bottle and use it that way, too.

To deep clean wooden cutting boards: sprinkle with coarse salt, scour the surface with a lemon half, squeezing slightly as you go. It doesn't have to be a full half lemon, just one that has a bit of juice left. Let sit for 5 minutes or so and scrape off with a bench scraper. Then rinse with clean water. Done!

Put a part lemon, or just the lemon skin down the garbage disposal to clean the drain and make the kitchen smell great.

Clean the microwave by microwaving a bowl of water and fresh lemon or lemon rinds until boiling. Let sit without opening the door for at least five minutes. Remove the bowl and wipe off the walls. Viola! Clean the oven by filling an oven-safe baking dish with water and lemon juice. Bake for 30 minutes at 250 degrees. After the oven has cooled, remove the dish and wipe down walls and grills.

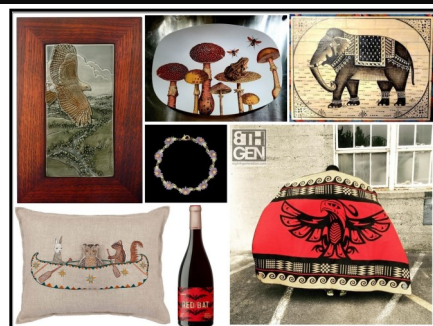
Fill a dishwasher-safe container with a cup of lemon juice and set it on the top rack of the dishwasher. Run the load normally. Plates, silverware and glassware will be streak free.

You can remove hard water buildup by spritzing lemon juice on affected area. Wait 10 to 15 minutes and wipe it down. For a pleasant air freshener all through the house: fill a pot with water, lemon rinds and any herbs, spices or extracts that you and your family favor. Bring to a boil and let simmer. It makes your house smell clean and fresh.

Combine one part lemon juice, one part white vinegar and two parts water to make a cleaner for hardwood floors. Rub onto and into floor. Safe for kids. Safe for pets. Safe for you.

Squeeze lemon juice along windows and doors to help keep insects outside, where they belong.

So, there you have it. Lemons. They just smell so darn good! They look so happy and fresh. You can start using lemons instead of harsh chemical cleaners in your home, save money and *make a difference* all at the same time. Hmmm, gets me thinking...I wonder what all you can do with vinegar!



## The 41st Annual Family Nature Day Upscale Tag Sale Online Auction!

Our upscale tag sale includes mixtures of old and new!

Beautiful pottery, antiques, books, nature themed collectibles for adults and children, an Owl Prowl with Fran Zygmont, and tickets to *The Black Bear Americana Music Festival*. Bidding begins September 8 at 7:00 a.m. and ends September 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Visit: <https://www.32auctions.com/whitememorial41natureday>

Tax deductible donations will be accepted through September 1, 2023. If you would like to donate to the auction, please contact Gerri Griswold: [gerri@whitememorialcc.org](mailto:gerri@whitememorialcc.org)

# Summer 2023 Calendar of Events

Programs will be In Person or ^Virtual via ZOOM and Facebook Live!

For more information, please call 860-567-0857 or visit our website ~ [www.whitememorialcc.org](http://www.whitememorialcc.org)

## JULY

### June 29 - July 5 Museum Children Free Week\*

In Honor of Louise W. Willson.  
Free admission to children ages twelve and under when accompanied by an adult.

- 1 Exploring Slab Meadow  
10:00 a.m., Meet in the A. B. Cedar Room.

July 5, 12, 19, 26  
Yoga in the Garden  
with Barbara Putnam

8:00 a.m. in the garden  
behind the Museum, \$10.00  
Call 860-309-9489 for more information.

- 6 - 12 Museum Children Free Week\*  
In Honor of Louise W. Willson

- 6 Nature's Nursery  
For children 3 - 6 years old.  
See page 3 for details!



- 8 Things That Go Bump in the Night  
8:00 p.m.  
Meet at the A. B. Cedar Room.  
Please register by phone or online. [www.whitememorialcc.org](http://www.whitememorialcc.org)



July & August  
Summer Nature Camps for Kids!  
See page 3 for details!



- 13 Tree Identification Walk  
with Mike Berry and Jody Bronson  
Let these two fellas teach you a thing or two about bark and foliage ID and so much more.  
10:00 a.m., Meet in the Museum.



- 15 ^Britain's Treasure Islands  
with Stewart McPherson  
See page 7 for details!



- 15 The 13th Annual  
Celebration for the Bats with Gerri Griswold  
7:00 p.m., Cedar Room / Activity Shed  
Cupcakes, Lemonade, Bat Chat, Bat Count!  
Please register: [www.whitememorialcc.org](http://www.whitememorialcc.org)

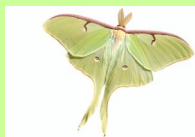
- 20 Babies in Backpacks  
For Ages 6 Months to 2 Years  
See page 3 for details!

- 20 - 26 Museum Children Free Week\*  
In Memory of John Howard  
from His Family and Friends.

- 21 Star Party!  
8:00 p.m., A. B. Cedar Room  
Stargazing, weather permitting.



- 22 Discovering Moths:  
Nighttime Jewels in Your Own Backyard  
Talk, Book Signing, & Moth Bioblitz  
with John Himmelman  
See page 7 for details!



- 29 Family Friendly Hike with Kelly Orr  
10:00 a.m., Meet in the Museum.

## AUGUST

- 3 Nature's Nursery  
For children 3 - 6 years old.  
See page 3 for details!



- 5 ^Tutankhamun:  
100 Years of Forensic  
Investigation  
with Dr. Sofia Aziz  
See page 7 for details!



- 12 Beaver Fever Walk & Talk  
with Gerri Griswold  
See page 7 for details!



- 17 - 23 Museum Children Free Week\*  
Courtesy of Tara and Arthur Diedrick  
Honoring Ann and Arthur Diedrick

- 17 Babies in Backpacks  
For Ages 6 Months to 2 Years  
See page 3 for details!

- 18 Star Party!  
8:00 p.m., A. B. Cedar Room  
Stargazing, weather permitting.



- 19 A Morning Paddle on the Bantam River  
with Kelly Orr  
See page 7 for details!



- 26 Honoring Jane Coughlin:  
Ilvi Dulac Presents:  
The Wind in the Willows  
6:30 p.m., A. B. Cedar Room  
Pot Luck Dinner, BYOB  
Free... but you must pre-register by calling  
860-567-0857 or register online:  
[www.whitememorialcc.org](http://www.whitememorialcc.org)



## SEPTEMBER

- 2 Loving Haight with Gerri Griswold  
10:00 a.m., Meet at the A. B. Cedar Room.

- 7 Nature's Nursery  
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- 8 - 22 The 41st Annual Family Nature Day  
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- 9 ^Patagonia Through My Eyes  
with Roberto Ignacio Ruiz Parades  
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- 14 - 20 Museum Children Free Week\*  
In Memory of Louise W. Willson.

- 15 Star Party!  
8:00 p.m., A. B. Cedar Room  
Stargazing, weather permitting



- 16 Meet White Memorial's  
Animal Ambassadors with Colleen Harrak  
2:00 p.m., A. B. Cedar Room  
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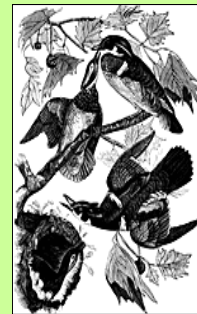
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Family Nature Day

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Animals! Food!  
Music! Wagon Rides!  
Nature Crafts!  
Guided Walks!  
Raffle!  
Pie Sale!  
Local Artisans!  
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- 28 - Oct. 4 Museum Children Free Week\*  
Courtesy of Joan and Jack Benham

- 30 ^The Pandemic Pantry ~ 60 Minute Meals!  
with Gerri Griswold  
12:00 p.m., ZOOM and Facebook Live!



\*Free admission to children ages twelve and under when accompanied by an adult.

^Virtual Program



## Nature Study Workshops

### Saturday In-Person and ^Virtual Programs: Summer 2023

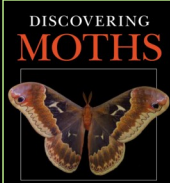
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#### **^Britain's Treasure Islands with Stewart McPherson**

Saturday, July 15, 2023, 2:00 pm  
ZOOM  
Members: FREE Non-members: \$10.00

Our favorite intrepid traveler takes us on a voyage to a number of Britain's overseas territories! Chill with penguins in the Falkland Islands, wander the most remote populated island in the world, Tristan da Cunha to meet Yellow-billed Albatrosses. Bask in the sun of the British islands of the Caribbean and meet some of their most vulnerable wildlife. Never a dull moment with Stew!



#### **Discovering Moths: Nighttime Jewels in Our Own Backyard with John Himmelman**

Saturday, July 22, 2023, 7:00 pm  
A. B. Ceder Room.  
Members: \$15.00 Non-members: \$25.00

**Book-signing, Talk, and Mini Bioblitz!** Author/naturalist John Himmelman discusses his new book, "Discovering Moths", then takes you to the field behind the Museum to participate in a mini moth bioblitz! See which of John's subjects inhabit the fields and forests around White Memorial and in your own backyard! Discover the joys of mothing during this very special program!



#### **^Tutankhamun: 100 Years of Forensic Investigation with Dr. Sofia Aziz**

Saturday, August 5, 2023, 2:00 pm  
ZOOM  
Members: FREE Non-members: \$10.00

November 2022 marked the centenary of the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. It was not until 1925 that the autopsy of Tutankhamun was carried out. His mummy would be examined on three further occasions. What did the first autopsy reveal? What have recent CT scans added to our understanding of his health, cause of death and mummification techniques?



#### **Beaver Fever Talk & Walk with Gerri Griswold**

Saturday, August 12, 2023, 6:00 am  
Meet in the A. B. Ceder Room.  
Members: FREE Non-members: \$10.00

Gather in the Museum for coffee and muffins in front of our spectacular Beaver Lodge and learn a bit about North America's largest rodent. Although beavers are abundant today, their story was quite different in the 1800's. Then head out on a hike to visit a few of our resident beaver haunts!



#### **A Morning Paddle Along the Bantam River with Kelly Orr**

Saturday, August 19, 2023, 5:30 am  
Whites Woods Road boat launch  
Members: \$10.00 Non-members: \$15.00

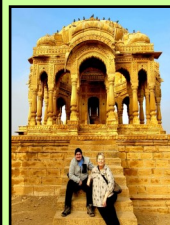
Pack your boat, thermos, and a continental breakfast and head down the river to Litchfield Town Beach with Kelly. Meet the sunrise and an abundance of river characters along the way. Be on the lookout for beavers, turtles, herons, and otters. You must bring your own boat. **LIMITED TO 15 BOATS!**



#### **^Patagonia Through My Eyes with Roberto Ignacio Ruis Parades**

Saturday, September 9, 2023, 2:00 p.m.  
ZOOM  
Members: FREE Non-Members: \$10.00

Experience the wonders of Torres del Paine National Park in Chilean Patagonia, through the eyes and heart of one of its own. Roberto was born in Punta Arenas and has been a guide in Chilean Patagonia for 15 years. He will share extraordinary photographs of the landscape and nature he sees daily. His specialty is the elusive Puma. His captures of the big cat are the subject of a new book!



#### **Jaisalmer: India's Golden City with Gerri Griswold**

Saturday, September 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m.  
A. B. Ceder Room  
Members: \$10.00 Non-members: \$20.00

Enjoy a travelogue about Gerri's journey to Jaisalmer, India during the famous Desert Festival. The annual event takes place each February in this beautiful desert city also known as "The Golden City." It stands on a ridge of yellowish sandstone and is home to the mighty Jaisalmer Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Meet the people, places, and cultural attractions that define Jaisalmer. Enjoy tasty Samosas provided by Avon Indian Grill during the presentation.

## WHITE MEMORIAL CONSERVATION CENTER, INC.

### 59<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, MAY 5, 2023

The 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the White Memorial Conservation Center, Inc. was called to order by President Borzilleri at 3:32 pm, on May 5, 2023, at the White Memorial Foundation's Office.

President Borzilleri called for a moment of silence in memory of board member William F. Plunkett, Jr. who passed on April 16, 2023.

The minutes of the August 12, 2022 Annual Meeting were approved upon motion by Ms. Pollock and second by Ms. Velez.

Mr. Samponaro presented the report for the Nominating Committee.

For members of the Education and Activities Committee for terms of three years: Melissa Brutting, Jill Nelson, Chrissy Steward, and Jo-Ann Wood. Upon motion of Ms. Pollock and second by Mr. Schoelzel the Secretary was authorized to cast one ballot for the slate as presented.

Center staff Gerri Griswold, Carrie Szwed and James Fischer reported on accomplishments for 2022.

As there was no further business, upon motion of Mr. Samponaro and second by Mr. Schoelzel, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 pm.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2023  
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