

Historical Sites & Societies Enewsletter

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Welcome to the Historical Sites & Societies Enewsletter, compiled on a monthly basis. Please send your information to valerie@tlgv.org by August 15th to be included in the next edition.

Roseland Cottage

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Roseland Cottage Site Manager

Victorian Tea

When: Thursday, July 22, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Admission: \$10 Historic New England members, \$18 nonmembers

Please note: Registration required

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon tea in the carriage barn. After sipping tea and nibbling on scones and cakes, tour this remarkable Gothic Revival summer cottage to learn about Victorian dining customs and etiquette.

Twilight Lawn Concert

When: Friday, July 23, 7:00 p.m. (rain date Monday, July 26, 7:00 p.m.)

Admission: Free

Enjoy the sounds of the Windham Concert Band on the grounds of Roseland Cottage. Visitors are encouraged to bring a blanket and a picnic supper to enjoy the performance. Come early to enjoy the gardens and take a first floor tour of Roseland Cottage museum. Co-sponsored with the Woodstock Recreation Commission.

Twilight Lawn Concert



When: Friday, August 13, 7:00 p.m. (rain date Monday, August 16, 7:00 p.m.)

Admission: Free

Enjoy the sounds of the Little Big Band on the grounds of Roseland Cottage. Visitors are encouraged to bring a blanket and a picnic supper to enjoy the performance. Come early to enjoy the gardens and take a first floor tour of Roseland Cottage museum. Co-sponsored with the Woodstock Recreation Commission.

Victorian Tea

When: Thursday, August 19, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Admission: \$10 Historic New England members, \$18 nonmembers

Please note: Registration required

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon tea in the carriage barn. After sipping tea and nibbling on scones and cakes, tour this remarkable Gothic Revival summer cottage to learn about Victorian dining customs and etiquette.

Connecticut State Museum of Natural History

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Native American Communities & Culture in Connecticut's Northwest Corner

Dr. Lucianne Lavin, Director of Research and Collections,
Institute for American Indian Studies

Saturday, July 17, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Washington, Connecticut

Advance registration required: \$20 (\$15 for Museum members)

Adults and children ages 10 and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Learn about the vibrant Native American communities, past and present, of Connecticut's northwest corner. Noted archaeologist and Director of Research and Collections at the Institute for

American Indian Studies, Dr. Lucianne Lavin, will focus on the archaeology, history, and culture of the native people from this part of Connecticut in this illustrated and engaging presentation. After the talk, you can explore the past in the IAIS' reconstructed prehistoric native village and learn first hand how people lived before contact with Europeans. There will be local Native American staff on hand who are a part of the Village Interpreter Program to answer your questions and demonstrate activities. Enter the wigwams and see everyday activities from cooking to building construction. You can also walk the grounds and enjoy the cool and peaceful forest trails.

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Project O—In the Lab & Out to Sea

Research Staff, Project Oceanology, UConn Avery Point

Saturday, July 24, 10 am to 3 pm

Avery Point location

Advance registration required: \$40 (\$30 for Museum members)

Fee includes both morning workshop and afternoon cruise.

Adults and children ages 6 and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Spend the day experiencing marine science, both onshore and at sea, in this beautiful setting on the Connecticut shoreline. In the morning you will take a voyage out to sea on the Envirolab II research vessel. During this 2-hour cruise on Long Island Sound, you will experience hands-on marine biology at the stern of the boat by pulling trawl and plankton nets, then examining the catch under the guidance of professional marine scientists. At the bow, learn chemistry and physics as you operate the instruments and equipment used to study the physical and geological aspects of oceanography and the basic chemistry of seawater. After the lunch break, you will be in the Project Oceanology laboratory, exploring the natural history and diversity of Long Island Sound's animal and plant life and learning about its abundant fisheries. Bring a picnic lunch to eat at the harbor's edge.

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Archaeology Field School for Kids! Session 1

KAST - Kids Are Scientists Too!

Monday, July 26 through Friday, July 30, 9 am to 12 noon

For students entering grades 5 through 10

Advance registration required: \$165 per student, \$185 after June 2. Call KAST at 860.486.9219 or visit www.kast.uconn.edu for registration information.

Do you like to solve mysteries by uncovering evidence? Do you like getting your hands dirty? Spend this week exploring the world of field archaeology at UConn! You will learn about the science of archaeology and how to use the tools and methods of genuine archaeologists. Then, you will be part of a real archaeological field crew, doing hands-on fieldwork and laboratory research at an authentic ongoing archaeological dig. We have been opening new areas of our on campus dig site each year, and every session we uncover something new! This adventure is offered through UConn's Kids Are Scientists Too program.

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Bats & White Nose Syndrome in Eastern Connecticut

Cheri Collins, Mammalogist, MNH Staff

Saturday, July 31, 7 pm to 9 pm

Ashford, CT location

Advance registration required: \$20 (\$15 for Museum members)
Adults and children ages 6 and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Learn about the unique biology and behavior of bats from Museum staff member and mammalogist Cheri Collins in this visit to an active bat colony. Meet native bat species, examine mounted museum specimens, find out where bats live, and what role they play in our natural environment. Last year there was a precipitous decline in the local bat populations as a result of a new disease, White Nose Syndrome, a fungal infection spread

among the hibernating bats during the winter months. During this visit, learn about this threat to all of the bat populations in the Northeast, how this colony fared over the winter hibernation, and how many have survived to return again this year. Listen in on bats in the wild with a “bat detector” to hear them use echolocation to sense their surroundings and locate flying insects. Then, watch living bats as they emerge for the evening and fly out to hunt for prey.

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Archaeology Field School for Kids! Session 2

KAST. - Kids Are Scientists Too!

Monday, August 2 through Friday, August 6, 9 am to 12 noon

For students entering grades 5 through 10

Advance registration required: \$165 per student, \$185 after June 2. Call KAST at 860.486.9219 or visit www.kast.uconn.edu for registration information.

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CSMNH Adult Archaeology Field School for Adults

Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni, State Archaeologist, UConn

Monday, August 9 through Friday, August 13, 9 am to 3 pm

Central Connecticut location

Advance registration required: \$400 (\$300 for Museum member)
Adults and older teens ages 16 and up.

Spend an entire week with State Archaeologist Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni at the Museum of Natural History and Connecticut Archaeology Center's Field School! This intensive field school will cover the governmental, legal, and cultural aspects of archaeology, as well as proper archaeological field techniques and data management. As a member of this program, you will have the opportunity to participate in a "dig" at an archaeological site as one of the official team of investigators under the Office of State Archaeology. Your findings will add important information to our understanding of Connecticut's rich historic past!

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Whale Watch & Historic Plymouth Adventure

Plymouth, Massachusetts

Saturday, August 14

Bus departs Storrs at 8 am

Departure from Plymouth at 7 pm; departure time is approximate, and varies according to the length of our whale watch cruise.

Advance registration required: \$80 adults, \$70 children age 12 and under

(\$65 for adult Museum members, \$55 for child members)

Registration includes handicapped-accessible bus transportation to and from Plymouth and Whale Watch Cruise ticket.

Please register early as seats are limited. Registration closes by August 7.

All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Visit the town of Plymouth, Massachusetts for the Museum's annual whale watching cruise! The bus will arrive in Plymouth at approximately 10:30 am, so everyone will have time to explore the town, visit Plymouth Rock, the Mayflower II, the statue of Massasoit, and the Pilgrim Hall Museum—all within easy walking distance. The whale watching cruise boat will depart the dock at 2 pm and will head out to the center of the Stellwagen

Bank, accompanied by a professional marine biologist who will describe the whale species that we are likely to encounter and the life histories of the individual whales we meet along the way. After the cruise, enjoy dinner at one of the dockside restaurants before departing at approximately 7 pm for the bus trip home. Bring your cameras and sunscreen!

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Friday Afternoons at the Museum: Read the Label If You're Able

Friday, August 20, 1 pm to 3 pm
Museum of Natural History – Free!

Do you know what ingredients go into your favorite foods? How about your favorite drink? In this program we will take a close look at food and drink labels to see what these ingredients really are, what some of the chemicals may be, and how these could affect your health.

Explore the Natural History of Health by taking a closer look at the human body and how it works! Drop in any time between 1 pm and 3 pm at the Museum of Natural History this Friday afternoon and discover what labels really say about the food and beverages you consume. Recommended for students entering grades 1 through 5, accompanied by an adult. It's free!

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The Preston Historical Society supported by the Preston Friends of the Library and Parks and Rec is sponsoring a Community Picnic and Band Concert from 3 - 7 pm on Saturday, August 21, 2010 at Preston Community Park, # 13 Route 117, Preston, CT.

The event will feature local musicians, a classic car show, vendors, and civic group food concessions. The Navy Band Northeast Wind Ensemble will play at 5:00 pm. Bring a lawn

chair or blanket for your comfort.

Contact: Linda Christensen LindaCh5@comcast.net

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WANTED

BLANKETS

Thin Washable *Twin* Size Blankets

Blankets, Quilts, Spreads, Throws and Towels of *any size*

ALL DONATIONS MUST BE CLEAN

For distribution to area shelters and animal rescues this winter.

NO DONATION GOES TO WASTE

NOON TO 4 P.M. All SATURDAYS IN AUGUST

LEFFINGWELL HOUSE MUSEUM

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Norwich, CT

Thank you for caring and making a difference !

Don't hesitate to call me at 860.887.9000 with any questions.

Gratefully yours,

Beryl Fishbone

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As we prepare for the construction on 2 Town Street our "letterbox" hiding place was exposed and lost. So experienced letterboxer, Melodye Whatley has re-hidden the box containing the hand-made stamp and even made up the following clue ditty.

Here is the ditty I wrote up for "Chocolate Mill" Letterbox:

Stroll down the garden path,
West entrance of the House;
A porch you'll see
To the left will be
A nook, a cranny, a brick.

Behind the brick
Is the box you seek;
"Chocolate bars" will be your treasure.

So the next in line
Will also find-
Be sure to rehide well.

Mel

Please remember neither the woodchuck or the rabbit are pets and no attempt should be made to feed, pet or catch them. Clapping your hands to discourage them from eating the plants in the garden will be appreciated though.

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Melodye Whatley is new to the Board of the Society of the Founders of Norwich and a longtime friend of the Leffingwell House Museum.

Please join us in CONGRATULATING MELODYE on her photography show at this new art gallery and museum in Franklin, CT and plan a visit there soon.

All the best Melodye!



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