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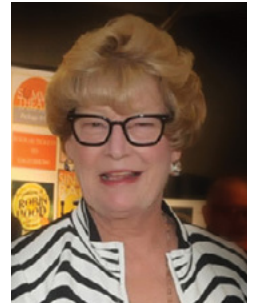
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WHAT'S NEW & NEXT?

Autumn wonders unfold.

Well, we've certainly "weathered some amazing weather" over the summer. And we haven't drowned yet, thankfully.

We are so pleased to present our second showing of the latest **Birds in Art** exhibition organized by our friends at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Wausau, Wisconsin.



In our 85th Anniversary year celebrating the founding of the **Stamford Museum**, I wish to recognize the diligent and professional gallery work by Jennifer Parry, SM&NC Assistant Curator; Carlo Errico, Exhibition Preparator; Pat Standaert, Resident Historian & Archivist; and Operations Team members Jared Durrse, Geordie Bitetto, Ryan McEneaney, and Alexander Zukowsky. We are deeply grateful for all of the gifts your hard work brings to the Stamford Museum galleries.

We are also deeply grateful to the guiding lights on the Collections & Exhibitions Committee chaired by our exceptional Board of Directors Curatorial Chair, Lynn Villency Cohen, with steadfast community support from members Merle Spiegel and Vicki Wray.

We welcome everyone to spend the fall of this 85th Anniversary year exploring the features and treasures that are destinations on our 118-acre campus. And, of course, our team is serving up great events and programming which unfold in these pages of **NEXT Magazine**.

We are committed to presenting the very best in educational programming and community events. We thank you for your devotion to the Stamford Museum & Nature Center and ask that you continue to champion and support us as a cultural jewel in the crown of Stamford.

Thank you, Members and devoted friends for supporting us. I look forward to seeing you soon and often over the autumn months ahead.

Melissa H. Mulrooney
Executive Director & CEO



Events in Brief ONGOING

Sunday Farm Market
Sundays through November 7, 10 am – 2 pm

Animals for All
See pg. 15 for sessions

Birds in Art Exhibition
Daily through October 31

The Artistry of Jacques Pépin Exhibition
Daily beginning November 19

Nights Out: Outdoor Sunset Yoga
Mondays, Oct 4, 11, 18 & 25, 6 – 7 pm

MEMBERS ONLY!

Oct 31 Farm Market Halloween Special:
20% off SM&NC tent for Members
Sun, 10 am – 2 pm

Nov 27 Winter Farm Stroll
Sat, 6 – 7 pm

Dec Winter Farm Strolls
3&10 Fridays, 6 – 7 pm

Dec Winter Farm Strolls
4&11 Saturdays, 6 – 7 pm

Dec Family Scavenger Hunt Quest
11&12 Sat & Sun, 10 am – 12 pm

OCTOBER

3 Fall Family Fest Sunday
Sun, 10 am – 2 pm

4-8 Fall Junior Curator
Daily, 3:30 – 5 pm

4-25 Nights Out:
Outdoor Sunset Yoga
Mondays, 6 – 7 pm

6 Mini Home School Day: For the Birds!
Wed, 10 am – 12:30 pm

7 Animals for All: Caring for Critters
Thu, 3:30 – 4:15 pm

8 Outdoor Adventures:
Things with Wings Night Hike
Fri, 6 – 7 pm

9 Farm it Yourself:
Pumpkin Exploration & Carving
Sat, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

9-23 Wonder Art: Mini Session 1
Saturdays, 9:45 – 10:30 am or 10:45 – 11:30 am

11 Vacation Break Out Day:
Hunts, Quests, & Mysteries!
Mon, 11 am – 3 pm

12 Animals for All: Caring for Critters
Tue, 3:30 – 4:15 pm

13 Nights Out:
Honey Tasting + Food Pairings
Wed, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

13 Animals for All:
Heckscher Farm Open Evenings
Wed, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

FALL FAMILY FEST SUNDAYS

SEPTEMBER 26
OCTOBER 3 & 17



ANIMALS FOR ALL

Made possible by funding from **Abilis Community Foundation** and the **Dorr Foundation**.

17 Fall Family Fest Sunday
Sun, 10 am – 2 pm

18 Animals for All: Caring for Critters
Mon, 3:30 – 4:15 pm

22 Comedy on the Plaza
Fri, 6:30 pm

22-31 Trick or Treat on the Farm
See pg 11 for sessions

24 Outdoor Adventures:
Drawing Reptiles & Amphibians
Sun, 1:30 – 2:30 pm or 3 – 4 pm

31 Farm Market Extra Special Sunday:
Halloween Special
Sun, 10 am – 2 pm

NOVEMBER

2 Vacation Break Out Day:
Election on the Farm
Tue, 11 am – 3 pm

4 Animals for All: Caring for Critters
Thu, 3:30 - 4:15 pm

5 Outdoor Adventures: S'mores & Slides
Fri, 5 – 6 pm

11 Vacation Drop Off Day
Thu, 9:30 am – 12 pm

11 Farm it Yourself: Amazing Apples
Sun, 3:30 – 5 pm

17 Fall Mini Home School Day:
Build It, Make It!
Wed, 10 am – 12:30 pm

30 - Wonder Art: Mini Session 2
12/14 Tuesdays, Nov 30 – Dec 14
9:45 – 10:30 am or 10:45 – 11:30 am

DECEMBER

2 The Artistry of Jacques Pépin Opening Reception, Book Signing & Holiday Market
Thu, 5 – 8 pm

4-18 Wonder Art: Mini Session 2
Saturdays, 9:45 – 10:30 am or 10:45 – 11:30 am

5 Farm it Yourself:
Barnyard Birds Paint Party
Sun, 2 – 3:30 pm

16 Vacation Drop Off Day
Thu, 9:30 am – 12 pm

17 Vacation Drop Off Day
Fri, 9:30 am – 12 pm

SPONSOR-A-SPECIES



Love the animals of Heckscher Farm and Heckscher WILD!? Contribute \$35 or more and become an official "Species Sponsor."

As a species sponsor, your name will be listed on our website and museum slide show. With a donation of \$125 or more, you will also receive a special invitation to a meet-and-greet with the animal(s) you're sponsoring. Your contribution helps provide food, healthcare, and enrichment for our animals. Show your support at www.stamfordmuseum.org/species.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS

Do you own or manage a small business near us?

We're offering neighborhood businesses new partnership opportunities that include:

- Special Discounts for Your Customers
- On-site Promotional Opportunities
- Membership Opportunities for Employees

To learn more, email emcnamara@stamfordmuseum.org or call 203.977.6533.

MEMBERSHIP is your passport to all the wonders of the SM&NC!
UNLIMITED Year-Round Admission to our Grounds and Museum.

Donate \$85 or more to our anniversary campaign by the end of 2021 and receive a free Family Membership!

For more information visit www.stamfordmuseum.org/membership or call 203.977.6533

- 10% Discount in our Gift Shop
- 50% Admission on Fest days & priority pre-registration
- Discounts on programs, classes, camps, and events
- Members-only "Digital First Look" at NEXT Magazine
- Host On-Site Birthday Parties
- Exclusive pre-registration for camps
- Family Plus Members receive 10 guest passes each year
- Director's Circle Members enjoy 20%-30% discounts off facility rentals



FALL FAMILY FEST SUNDAYS

We're celebrating the season by bundling all the fun and games of a mini-festival into a single admission price, three Sundays this Fall!



SOCK SKATING RINK
PUMPKIN PAINTING
LIVE ANIMAL PROGRAMS
GAME ZONE
LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS
APPLE CIDER DEMOS
SUNDAY FARM MARKET
BIRDS IN ART EXHIBITION
POPCORN
CIDER & APPLES
APPLE SLINGSHOT
BIRD CRAFTS
MUSIC

SEPTEMBER 26
OCTOBER 3 & 17
ALL-INCLUSIVE ENTRY FEE
FROM 10 AM - 2 PM

Each Sunday we'll open our site at 10 am with added attractions, enhanced programming, and fun offerings to delight the whole family until 2 pm. Standard admission rates apply after 2 pm. For your convenience, pre-register at www.stamfordmuseum.org/fest

Director's Circle: FREE

Family PLUS Members: One FREE Pre-registered Sunday; \$10/person thereafter
Members: \$10/person Non-Members: \$20/person

Members will enjoy opportunities for advance pre-registration



Stamford Museum
& Nature Center



Nights Out

Social & Cultural
Events for Adults

Honey Tasting with Food Pairings

Wednesday, October 13 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Enjoy curated tastings of varietal honey paired with foods including fruit, cheese, herbs, nuts, meats, bread and more, along with a selection of fine wines to be served, and perhaps even some Mead!

Our own Lisa Monachelli, Director of Education & Heckscher Farm, will share her knowledge in an animated and inspiring presentation, leaving audiences with a fascinating view of the importance of honey bees to our food chain, and the gastronomic delight of varietal honeys.

Members: \$35 Non-Members: \$45



Outdoor Sunset Yoga

Mondays, Oct 4, 11, 18 & 25 | 6 – 7 pm

Back by popular demand, enjoy outdoor sunset yoga with a view of Heckscher Farm, led by Carol Shwidock, Certified Kripalu Yoga instructor, Occupational Therapist, Reiki Master, and owner of Harmony Yoga Studio. Classes will be held outside the Knobloch Family Farmhouse on our scenic Overlook Terrace. Space is limited for a comfortable experience.

Members: \$30 Non-Members: \$40
(additional 10% off entire series purchase)

TREAT YOURSELF TO SM&NC “NIGHTS OUT” ADULT PROGRAMS

Dynamic adult programming that’s all about enjoying social connection, cultural exploration, continued learning, flavor and fun. Always an inspired gift idea.

Additional details and registration at www.stamfordmuseum.org/nights-out

COMEDY ON THE PLAZA



FRIDAY
October 22, 2021
6:30 PM

on the Fedele Family Farmhouse Plaza

“You never see the punchline coming ... Brilliant Performers.”

TIMEOUT LONDON

“To call them sketches would seem to demean their unquestionable artistry.”

CHORTLE

“One of the greatest sketch shows I’ve ever seen.”

THE SKINNY



WITH EMCEE MOTT PELAZZA

A comedic duo of self-described “modern vaudevillians,” Chris and Paul are sharp physical performers, reminiscent of the best silent comedy stars – with a keen sense of melodrama, surprise, and the absurd – often all at once. For over 20 years, they’ve honed the uncanny ability to take seemingly predictable situations and enthrall audiences with shocking twists and signature surprise endings.

Most recently finalists on NBC’s inaugural season of “Bring the Funny,”

international comedy winners, The Chris and Paul Show’s accolades include:
Best Actor in a Comedy (Chris & Paul tied) – New York Television Festival,
Best Sketch Group – the New Jacks Comedy Competition,
Best Newcomer Nominee – Edinburgh Fringe Festival,
Best Newcomer – the Montreal Comedy Festival,
Best Comedy Troupe – Chicago Snubfest Festival,
Best Sketch Group – Jackpot Sketch Festival, and
Best Sketch Comedy Duo – the INNY Awards.

Tickets

Members: \$50

Non-Members: \$60

www.stamfordmuseum.org/comedy

B.Y.O.E!
(everything!)

Bring your own food and beverages and enjoy an evening of outdoor comedy under the stars!

BirdsⁱⁿArt



Birds enthrall us with their stunning plumage, amusing antics, and lilting song. Avian art inspires in endlessly novel ways, too, evoking the freedom of flight and the fragility of their earthbound existence.

Artists from throughout the world push themselves to new heights, striving to be selected for the internationally renowned Birds in Art exhibition. Birds, in all of their majesty and fragility, connect us with the natural world.

When some of the world's most talented artists look to birds for inspiration and strive to be among those chosen for the internationally renowned Birds in Art exhibition, the resulting artworks are stunning.

The 45th anniversary exhibition of Birds in Art is organized by the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Wausau, WI.

on view
through October 31, 2021

our holiday exhibition



The Artistry of *Jacques Pépin*

on view November 19, 2021 – January 30, 2022

Opening Reception & Book Signing with the Artist

Thursday, December 2nd • 5 — 8 pm
with our annual SM&NC Holiday Market

While Jacques Pépin is revered worldwide for his cooking, his artwork is less-known but equally compelling, intuitive, and creatively expressed.

He has stated, “I don’t know whether my painting has helped my cuisine, or whether my cooking has helped my painting, and I don’t know if one borrows from the other. All I know is that, certainly for me, cooking and painting can live in harmony together. Both are different expressions of who I am and both enhance my life considerably.”

Pépin began painting over 50 years ago, starting with hand-illustrated menus created to celebrate the joy of mealtime gatherings for friends and family. Since then, he has expanded to capturing animals (particularly roosters and chickens), farm scenes and rural landscapes in a charming, pastoral style with a vivid palette.

COLLECTIONS SPOTLIGHT

ROBERT GOODNOUGH

(American 1917–2010)

AB-Z, 1986

Painted Aluminum

SM&NC Collection, Acquired through contributions from Hans & Judith Noe, Dr. Alan B. Simon, and William F. Buckley, Jr.



Fall is a wonderful time to enjoy the outdoors at the SM&NC. Come enjoy this and the rest of our diverse collection of outdoor sculptures.

Over a 50-year career, Robert Goodnough's style ranged from energetic Cubist-inspired abstractions to color field canvases, and fanciful dinosaur sculptures.

Goodnough did not restrict himself to painting only on canvas, he also tried his hand at many other techniques and mediums. Over the years he created sculptures in various materials, stained glass pieces, drawings, and an impressive number of collages – a medium for which he is particularly well known. With a strong Cubist influence, figures, objects and images were deconstructed and reconfigured into abstracted yet recognizable compositions. "I like to work freely, to slash with the brush and let loose," he once explained. "I also like to work carefully and with discipline."



Born on October 23, 1917 in Cortland, NY, Goodnough graduated from Syracuse University and painted in a representational style early in his career. This work was influenced by Piet Mondrian, Henri Matisse, and Synthetic Cubism, and then shifted toward Color Field painting with jagged shapes against ghostly backgrounds in the 1970s. Goodnough's later work was reminiscent of his earliest paintings with frenetic strokes of paint and complex lines. The New York Times described Goodnough as a painter who "eluded the neat categories that art critics relied on to codify the work of the Abstract Expressionists." Today, his works are held in the collections of the Art Institute of Chicago, The Museum of Modern Art in New York, and the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C., among others.

You can see Robert Goodnough's sculpture at our 39 Scofieldtown Road entrance.



Stamford Museum & Nature Center

SUNDAYS
10 AM – 2 PM

Through November 7th

FREE Admission to the Market for All!



Extra Special Sundays:

September 26 | Dairy Day at the Market!

Celebrate National Chocolate Milk Day with Dairy specials! SM&NC 85th anniversary prices for Members: 85¢ local yogurt and \$5.85 Arethusa ice cream pints. Free Arethusa chocolate milk samples from 10am–12pm. Make your own butter from 1–2pm.

October 31 | Halloween Special

Meet some “creepy” critters at the market from 10:30–11:30am. 20% off all purchases for Members at the Heckscher Farm tent. Children’s crafts ongoing.

SAVE
THE
DATES

Summer Camp 2022

- Registration for Family Plus & Director’s Circle opens on 2/7
- Registration for Family level Members opens on 2/14
- Registration for Non-Members opens on 2/28

Register online for programs at www.stamfordmuseum.org

Forest Egg Hunt Adventure

- Registration for Family Plus & Director’s Circle opens on 2/28
- Registration for Family level Members opens on 3/7
- Registration for Non-Members opens on 3/14

FIY:

Our popular series teaches families and kids homesteading and cooking skills that can easily be done at home. Throughout the year we'll have opportunities to work with animals, cook in our kitchens, grow things to take home, and more!

FARM IT YOURSELF

Pumpkin Exploration & Carving

Ages 5+

Saturday, October 9 | 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Join us for a fall favorite! Discover the different types of pumpkins and squash that grow in Connecticut and create one for your fall porch! Each family will receive a large CT grown pumpkin to carve into the design of their choice. We will provide the pumpkin, general carving tools, stencils, and markers to turn your pumpkin into a masterpiece! You are welcome to bring additional accessories if you would like. Limited to 8 families (1 pumpkin per family).

Members: \$20/family

Non-Members: \$30/family

Barnyard Birds Paint Party

Sunday, December 5 | 2 – 3:30 pm

Get inspired by our latest exhibition, *The Artistry of Jacques Pépin*, by meeting some of our farm animals and getting to create your own chicken painting in the style of Jacques Pépin! We'll start with a tour of the galleries, then head to the farm for inspiration before creating our own masterpiece. All painting materials will be provided. Limited to 10 participants.

Members: \$15/person

Non-Members: \$18/person



Amazing Apples

Thursday, November 11 | 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Join us for an afternoon of celebrating our local apples! Try some different types of apples to see which you prefer, create some apple crafts, and make your own (unpasteurized) apple cider and quick baked apples to take home! Families will rotate through different stations and work as a group for activities to get to try everything! Limited to 12 families. All materials provided.

Members: \$30/family

Non-Members: \$40/family

TRICK OR TREAT ON THE FARM!

Ages 2 – 10

All Sessions: 5 – 6 pm (except 10/31) Rain or Shine

Join us for a new take on a traditional favorite!

Put on your costume and come for our trick or treat hunt on Heckscher Farm. Check in and pick up your scavenger hunt for the farm! Go in any order you'd like throughout the farm to find all needed stations. Trick or Treaters will have the farm to themselves as it will be after closure (except for 10/31)! Stop by Heckscher WILD to visit with some creepy crawly animals such as tarantulas and snakes and once you have completed your scavenger hunt, stop back up at the Farmhouse for your trick or treat prize bag and a fall-themed craft to take home!

- Limited to 40 children per session.
- Tickets include one child and two adult admissions and one prize.
- Children must be 2 by the time of the program.
- Children under 2 may attend at no charge but will not receive a prize.
- Children may be registered for a maximum of 1 session.
- Multiple registrations will be cancelled.
- Please do not register adults for this program.
- **You may only register children under your Membership. Registering others for this program will result in the cancellation of the registration.**
- **Child's name must be provided for each registration.**
- **We will provide additional information, including which gate to use for entrance, before each session.**



Members: \$20

Non-Members: \$25

Registration opens:

September 20: Family Plus & Director's Circle Members

September 27: Family level Members

October 4: Non-Members

Session 1: Friday, October 22

Session 2: Saturday, October 23

Session 3: Sunday, October 24

Session 4: Monday, October 25

Session 5: Tuesday, October 26

Session 6: Wednesday, October 27

Session 7: Thursday, October 28

Session 8: Thursday, October 29

Session 9: Thursday, October 30

Session 10: Thursday, October 31 (4 – 5 pm)

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Things with Wings Night Hike

Ages 5+

Friday, October 8 | 6 – 7 pm

If you missed the first session in August, join us for our fall edition! We'll view the last of the daytime birds as they get ready for the evening, see what fall insects are out and about, and try our hand at calling for our local owls. Limited to 15 participants. Meet at the Overbrook Nature Center.

Members: \$8/person

Non-Members: \$11/person



S'mores & Slides

Friday, November 5 | 5 – 6 pm

We are sneaking one more session of our popular S'mores & Slides in for the year! Ever wish you could have Nature's Playground all to yourself? Join us for an evening of open playground followed by a chance to make our favorite campfire treat—S'mores! Our playground will be open to participants for 40 minutes of fun and then we'll gather around our fire pits by the Overbrook Nature Center to enjoy some S'mores! Limited to 10 children/adult pairs.

Members: \$10/ticket*

Non-Members: \$13/ticket*

***Each ticket includes 1 child and 1 adult.**

Fall Junior Curator

Ages 11 – 13

September 20 – 24 & October 4 – 8 | Monday through Friday | 3:30 – 5 pm

Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$170

Our Junior Curator program provides an overview of basic animal care and experiential learning on Heckscher Farm. The program includes a behind-the-scenes tour of the farm and various hands-on experiences, such as cleaning and feeding of animals. Upon completion of the program, participants will be eligible to become farm volunteers. Each week is limited to 5 participants. Must be 11 by start of the program. For information on Junior Curator classes, contact Victoria at 203.968.8362 or by e-mail at vjaffery@stamfordmuseum.org. For registration questions, please call our front desk at 203.977.6521.

Drawing Reptiles & Amphibians

Ages 7+

Sunday, October 24

Session 1: 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Session 2: 3 – 4 pm

Meet some of our favorite slimy and scaly creatures and learn some tips on how to draw them! Our Art educator will introduce you to some amazing animal ambassadors and will provide direction on how to capture their likeness on the page. We'll also have some bones, sheds, and skulls to draw as well! Each participant will take home a sketch book and drawing pencil to continue to practice their craft. Each session is limited to 10 children. Children may be dropped off for this program. Meet at the Overbrook Nature Center.

Members: \$12/child

Non-Members: \$15/child



MEMBERS ONLY!

Family Scavenger Hunt Quest

Ages 5+

**Saturday, December 11 & Sunday, December 12
10 am – 12 pm**

Whether you know the SM&NC like the back of your hand or you are still exploring, this challenge is a great way to discover all that SM&NC has to offer! Check in anytime Saturday or Sunday from 10am–12pm at the Overbrook Nature Center to register your family for the hunt! Receive your scavenger hunt form and head out. See how many points you can get and turn in your form for a chance to win some great prizes. While check-in is any time between 10am–12pm, families may work on their hunt anytime over the weekend.

Members: FREE

JUNIOR CURATOR

YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS

VACATION BREAK OUT DAYS

Vacation Break Out Day: Hunts, Quests, & Mysteries!

Monday, October 11 | 11 am – 3 pm

Our vacation break out day programs return! Join us for a fun day of scavenger hunts, trivia, mystery challenges, and even a round of our favorite Snake Bingo! We'll keep programs primarily outdoors and will have many options for families who prefer to do self-guided activities. Farm tours, trail hikes, live animal programs, and more! Join us on the meadow for S'mores from 2:30 – 3 pm (while supplies last). We reserve the right to limit group size for any of the program offerings. A schedule of events will be on the website closer to the event. Heavy rain will cancel.

Members: FREE

Non-Members: FREE with Admission



Vacation Break Out Day: Election on the Farm

Tuesday, November 2 | 11 am – 3 pm

Come cast your vote for your favorite farm animal and help us to celebrate another successful harvest season on Heckscher Farm! Meet some of the candidates up close, plant an herb garden for the winter, see how farmers process wool in the off-season and more. We'll keep activities outside as much as possible. Join us on the meadow for tastings of Arethusa ice cream from 2:30 – 3 pm (while supplies last). We reserve the right to limit group size for any of the program offerings. Heavy rain will cancel.

Members: FREE

Non-Members: FREE with Admission



MINI HOME SCHOOL DAYS

Fall Mini Home School Day: For the Birds

Wednesday, October 6 | 10 am – 12:30 pm | Ages 5 – 10

We're celebrating birds this fall, from the migrations on our grounds to the art in our galleries! Join us as our home school days return in mini form! Take a bird walk on our trails, dissect an owl pellet, learn about how different beaks help birds to do their jobs, and tour our new exhibit, Birds in Art! While this program will not have a scheduled lunch time, we will have a snack break and participants are welcome to stay and picnic after the program. Limited to 20 students, which will be split into 2 groups. Masks are required for all programs and in all indoor spaces. Younger siblings may attend at no charge but may not be able to participate in all activities.

Members: \$10/child

Non-Members: \$13/child

Fall Mini Home School Day: Build It, Make It!

Wednesday, November 17 | 10 am – 12:30 pm

Join us for a mini-session of some of our favorite things! Hit our building stations lab to create with LEGOs, straws & connectors, and other builders. Create our favorite slimes in a Slime Lab. Meet some animal builders and breakers and create some artist trading cards in the style of our current exhibition, The Artistry of Jacques Pepin. While this program will not have a scheduled lunch time, we will have a snack break and participants are welcome to stay and picnic after the program. Limited to 20 students, which will be split into 2 groups. Masks are required for all programs and in all indoor spaces. Younger siblings may attend at no charge but may not be able to participate in all activities.

Members: \$10/child
Non-Members: \$13/child



VACATION DROP-OFF DAYS

Fall 2021 | Ages 5 – 9

Thursday, November 11

Thursday, December 16 – Friday, December 17

9:30 am – 12 pm

No school? No problem! Join us for a half-day of fun with our Environmental Education Staff! We'll explore the forest for the coming signs of fall, visit with our live animals, try our hands at science experiments, create some great art and more! We'll be outdoors as much as possible but will also have a private classroom. Participants must follow COVID protocols in place at the time of the program. Limited to 10 children.

Members: \$35/child per day

Non-Members: \$40/child per day



WONDER ART

Ages 18 month – 2+ (with caregiver)



Mini Session 1

Saturdays, October 9 – 23 (3 weeks)

9:45 – 10:30 am or 10:45 – 11:30 am

Join us for a mini session of our popular Wonder Art program on Saturdays! We'll explore the wonders of the fall and see what is happening on the farm and in the garden. While we'll have our classroom outside as much as possible, this class will run rain or shine. Indoor space will be in our Heckscher Barn classroom. Classes are limited to 5 children and adult pairs. Participants must follow COVID protocols in place at the time of the class. Meets at Heckscher Barn.

Members: \$48/session

Non-Members: \$57/session

Mini Session 2

**Tuesdays, Nov 30 – Dec 14 (3 weeks)
or Saturdays, Dec 4 – 18 (3 weeks)**

9:45 – 10:30 am or 10:45 – 11:30 am

Our second mini session will explore getting ready for winter! See how the animals prepare for the coming cold, how our trees lose their leaves, and more! While we'll have our classroom outside as much as possible, this class will run rain or shine. Indoor space will be in our Farmhouse classroom. Classes are limited to 5 children and adult pairs. Participants must follow COVID protocols in place at the time of the class. Meets at the Knobloch Farmhouse.

Members: \$48/session

Non-Members: \$57/session



MEMBERS ONLY 

Winter Farm Strolls

Fridays, December 3 & 10 - Saturdays, November 27 & December 4 & 11
6 - 7 pm Raindates: December 17 & 18

Join us for a chance to say good night to our animals as we stroll the farm at night! We'll share a reading of our *Good Night, Heckscher Farm* book and then visit a number of barns and pastures to see how the animals settle in for the evening. We'll then head to Cheshire Barn to warm up with some hot cider and get materials for families to take home to create a holiday craft. Recommended for ages 6 and up. All participants 3 and up must have a ticket. Children may not be dropped off. Further information on entry will be sent via e-mail before the program. Limited to 15 participants (3 and up) per session.

Members: \$15/person **All participants 3+ must have a ticket. Children under 3 free.**



ANIMALS FOR ALL

We are thrilled to continue a new series of opportunities open only to families of students with disabilities. Join us for evening "open farms" or hands-on animal care programs. We strive to make our site and programs accessible to all visitors. Animals for All has been made possible by funding from **Abilis Community Foundation** and the **Dorr Foundation**. If you have questions, please contact Lisa at Imonachelli@stamfordmuseum.org.

Heckscher Farm Open Evening

Wednesday, October 13 | 5:30 - 6:30 pm | All Ages Welcome

Join us for the last open evening of the year! These open farm evenings are designed for kids, adults, and families for whom traditional program environments may not work best but still would like an after-hours experience! Join us for an "open farm" evening and move throughout the farm at your own pace, in an order of your own design. Small, controlled attendance provides a relaxed, sensory-friendly atmosphere. Heckscher Farm and our restroom facilities are fully-accessible. Staff will be on hand for questions but will not be providing a formal program. Limited to 30 tickets. All ages welcome. Service dogs are welcome but we ask that emotional support animals remain at home.

Caring for Critters

Thursday, October 7 - Tuesday, October 12 - Monday, October 18 - Thursday, November 4
3:30 - 4:15 pm | Ages 5+

This new program provides a chance for hands-on work with our Heckscher Farm animals for students with disabilities for whom our Junior Curator program environment may not be as successful. The small group size allows for a great experience at each participant's pace and comfort-level. Rain will cancel. Limited to 3 participants per program.

Caring for Critters will take a hiatus for the winter but will resume in the spring!

These programs are provided free of charge thanks to the generosity of our grant partners.



Thank you for your heartfelt support throughout this milestone year.



“The Museum is unique among social service institutions. It is non-sectarian, draws no color line, has no politics, is entirely altruistic, and serves no special groups. It is solely dedicated to the diffusion of knowledge and desires to instill into the hearts of all who enter its door, a love for the woods and fields, the lakes and rivers, and all the creatures that inhabit them.”

– Dr. G. R. R. Hertzberg
 Founder and visionary of the Stamford Museum & Nature Center, 1936

We give thanks.

As this year of celebration draws to a close, Dr. Hertzberg’s timeless words resonate as truly and powerfully as they first did 85 years ago. We give thanks to our Members - both new and returning - for their shining support of the Stamford Museum & Nature Center throughout this milestone year.

Along with our generous Benefactors, Corporate Sponsors and Business Affiliates, your contributions to our institution secure our strong future as a cultural cornerstone and beloved destination within the community. Thank you for honoring us with your friendship, and fortifying our commitment to spark creativity, joy, and wonder.

We are so grateful.



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We give special thanks to our Business Affiliates Members – charitable corporate partners, large and small, whose commitment and financial sponsorship directly supports the good work we do year-round.

Our major fundraiser this year was our **85th Anniversary celebration**, which was a tremendous success. We thank all of our corporate sponsors and individual donors during this milestone year.

To learn more about our Business Affiliates Membership program and the benefits your company and employees will enjoy, including significant corporate facility use discounts, employee volunteer opportunities and more, please visit our website at www.stamfordmuseum.org/affiliates or contact Karen Meizels at 203.977.6546 or kmeizels@stamfordmuseum.org.

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Work in such areas as farm maintenance, light carpentry, family festivals and other special events, or assist our administrative staff with special projects and office work.

Join us! Contact Gigi Lombardi at 203.977.6530 or GLombardi@stamfordmuseum.org.



Volunteers from MBIA helped us with important projects.

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Stamford Museum Galleries & Bendel Mansion

Monday – Saturday, 9 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 11 am – 5 pm
February – October

Monday – Saturday, 9 am – 4 pm; Sunday, 11 am – 4 pm
November – January

Heckscher Farm

Daily 9 am – 5 pm; April – October
Daily 9 am – 4 pm; November – March

Heckscher WILD!

Tuesday – Sunday, 2 – 4 pm

Nature’s Playground, Hiking Trails

Daily, 9 am – 5 pm (weather permitting); February – October
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Overbrook Nature Center & Gift Shop

Daily, 10 am – 4 pm

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New Years Day, Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Day

The Stamford Museum & Nature Center is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

Register online for programs at

www.stamfordmuseum.org

SM&NC HOLIDAY MARKET

Thursday, December 2
5 – 8 pm

Featuring the hand-crafted work of local artisans in conjunction with the exhibition opening of **The Artistry of Jacques Pépin** and book signing with the artist.

Call for Artisans:

We invite you to be a part of our Holiday Market. Visit stamfordmuseum.org/holiday-market to apply. Only hand-crafted work accepted.



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