

# Fall 2013 PROGRAMS

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# Workshop

## Scientific Illustration—Flora of the Fall and Winter!

Virge Kask, Biological Sciences, UConn

Saturday, November 2, 10 am to 12 noon

Connecticut State Museum of Natural History, UConn Storrs

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

Adults and children ages 8 and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The fall and winter seasons offer artists and illustrators a cornucopia of flora to explore. The fall harvest brings with it an exciting array of colors and shapes with apples, gourds, corn, and pumpkins. Then, after the last leaves of autumn have fallen, the beautiful and intricate details of twigs, pinecones, and evergreens become even more evident. Join Virge Kask, Scientific Illustrator with UConn's Biological Sciences, for a fall and winter edition of the Museum's scientific illustration workshop. Scientific illustrators work with a specimen to compose an idealized and accurate view that cannot be captured in a photograph. In this workshop, participants will look closely at a variety of flora material found in the fall and winter to examine their composition in detail. Then, Ms. Kask will teach the best techniques to convey the essence of their form using pencil and paper. You will receive a folder with information about scientific illustration and supplies for making your own illustrations in the classroom.



# FieldActivities

## **What Do Stream Insects Tell Us About Stream Health?**

Paula Coughlin, Science Educator  
Saturday, September 21, 10 am to 12 noon  
Pomfret, CT (directions will be sent to participants)  
Advance registration required: \$20 (\$15 for Museum members)  
Adults and children ages 5 and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Streams meander through many of Connecticut's natural habitats and play an important role in maintaining a healthy environment. While they may appear to be crystal clear, the water quality in some streams can be questionable. The presence of certain aquatic insects can be indicators of water quality as some are more sensitive to pollutants than other types of aquatic life. Join naturalist and science educator Paula Coughlin to explore a small stream and learn about a community of aquatic insects that are water quality indicators. Bring appropriate footwear for moderate hiking and boots or old sneakers that can get wet. Dress for mucking about in the stream. Special nets and waders will be provided during this family friendly activity.

## **Managing Pesky Plants and Other Pests**

Donna Ellis, Senior Extension Educator, Plant Science and Landscape Architecture, UConn  
Saturday, September 28, 10 am to 12 noon  
UConn, Storrs Campus (directions will be sent to participants)  
Advance registration required: \$10 (\$5 for Museum members)  
Adults and children ages 10 and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Insect infestations, plant diseases, and invasive weeds can threaten our homes, gardens, and native plants and animals. These pests can adversely affect our quality of life, but so can the use of pesticides with their potential to contaminate food, water, and the environment. How can we deal with these pests in ways that are safe for our families, communities, and wildlife? Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a concept that uses a multidimensional, science-based approach for minimizing pests and encouraging beneficial organisms using economically, environmentally, and socially sound methods.

Join Donna Ellis, Senior Extension Educator from the University of Connecticut's Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture, and learn about the basics of IPM. The program will begin with an indoor presentation, which will be followed by an on-campus hike seeking out pesky pests and putting IPM methods into practice.

## **Archaeology Field Workshop – Learning The Basics**

Mandy Ranslow, Registered Professional Archaeologist, Friends of the Office of State Archaeology  
Saturday, October 12, 9 am to 12 noon  
UConn, Storrs Campus (directions will be sent to participants)  
Advance registration required: \$20 (\$15 for Museum members)  
Adults and children ages 10 and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

What happens at an archaeological dig? Learn about the science, field techniques, tools, and cultural aspects of archaeology from Registered Professional Archaeologist Mandy Ranslow. Participants will be part of a real archaeological field crew, doing hands-on fieldwork at a genuine, ongoing archaeological dig at UConn. Findings at the site add important information to our understanding of Connecticut's rich historic past. If you like to solve historic mysteries and don't mind getting your hands dirty, then this is the activity for you!



## Connecticut's Notable Trees

Ed Richardson, Tree Identifier, Notable Trees Project  
Frank Kaputa, Co-Chair, Notable Trees Project  
John Kehoe, Arborist, UConn Landscape Department  
Saturday, October 26, 10 am to 12 noon  
UConn, Storrs Campus (directions will be sent to participants)

Advance registration required; this walk is limited to no more than 40 people. FREE for adults and children ages 8 and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please register by mail or call the Museum to reserve your space!

Whether lining an urban sidewalk or part of a woodland forest, trees play an important role in Connecticut's charm and character. Not only do trees shape our landscape, but they can also provide a link to Connecticut's historic past. In 1985 the Notable Trees Project was established as a volunteer effort sponsored by the Connecticut Botanical Society, the Connecticut College Arboretum, and the Connecticut Urban Forest Council. The project collects and distributes information about Connecticut's largest and most historic trees, both native and introduced.

Join Ed Richardson and Frank Kaputa from the Notable Trees Project and Arborist John Kehoe from UConn's Landscape Department and learn about some of Connecticut's largest and unusual "Champion" trees. Then step outside and explore some of UConn's notable and impressive trees on a guided campus hike. Based on foliage forecasts, this should also be an ideal opportunity to enjoy the colorful fall leaves. Wear appropriate footwear for hiking.

Presented by the UConn Arboretum Committee, UConn's Planning Architectural and Engineering Services, and the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History.

## Cedar Hill Cemetery and the Civil War

Mary Falvey, Program Volunteer, Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation  
Saturday, November 9, 10 am to 11:30 am  
Hartford, CT (directions will be sent to participants)  
Advance registration required: \$15 (\$10 for Museum members)  
Adults and children ages 8 and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Cedar Hill Cemetery is a premiere example of the American rural cemetery and is enhanced by its historic landscape, sculptured monuments, natural resources, and notable residents. Those interred on these historic grounds include Connecticut soldiers and citizens whose lives and service records tell the story of the American "War of Rebellion."

Join Mary Falvey, Program Volunteer for the Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation, and visit the final resting places of Cedar Hill Cemetery residents with Civil War connections and learn about their stories of service and sacrifice.



# Lectures

## **Do You Live In A Food Desert? How Many Calories Can \$1 Get You?**

Dr. Debarchana (Debs) Ghosh, Geography, UConn  
Heather Smith Pease, Cooperative Extension, UConn  
Saturday, December 7, 1 pm

Connecticut State Museum of Natural History, UConn Storrs  
No registration required – FREE  
Adults and children ages 8 and above.  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Food deserts are places where the access and availability of affordable fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and other healthy foods are frequently inadequate. Often common in economically challenged sections of cities, the difficulties in obtaining nutritious food and the availability of unhealthy processed food can negatively impact people's health.

Join Dr. Debarchana (Debs) Ghosh from UConn's Department of Geography, and Heather Smith Pease from UConn's Cooperative Extension, and learn how the availability (or non-availability) of quality food choices in neighborhoods affects diet and health behaviors. Together, with students from the Job Corps Academy of Hartford and UConn, they captured different food environments through photography, UConn students in Dr. Ghosh's Health and Medical Geography course also surveyed grocery stores in their own neighborhoods. The objective was to directly engage students and community members in research projects in order to understand what people were eating, where they bought it, and how often they shop for healthy groceries.

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# STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST

Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni, State Archaeologist, presents lectures at locations throughout the state. His talks are always captivating and give a closer look into the unique archaeological heritage of Connecticut. For more information on a specific program, please contact the hosting organization.

The Long Journey Home for Albert Afraid of Hawk  
Thursday, October 10, 8:00 pm  
(refreshments at 7:30 pm)  
Norwalk Community College Archaeology Club  
188 Richards Avenue, Norwalk CT (Room TBD)  
For additional information contact: Bree Clarke  
(203) 451-0917 - [breenoelle@hotmail.com](mailto:breenoelle@hotmail.com)

The Long Journey Home for Albert Afraid of Hawk  
Monday, October 21, 7 pm  
Seymour Historical Society  
20 Pine Street (at the Seymour Community Center), Seymour, CT  
(203) 888-7471 - <http://www.seymourhistoricalsociety.org>



## Connecticut's Indigenous Peoples

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

Saturday, December 14, 3 pm

Connecticut State Museum of Natural History, UConn Storrs

No registration required – FREE

Adults and children ages 14 and above.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

More than 10,000 years ago, people settled on lands that now lie within the boundaries of the state of Connecticut. Leaving no written records and scarce archaeological remains, these peoples and their communities have remained unknown to all but a few archaeologists and other scholars. How do we know anything about these ancient people? What are the clues and discoveries that tell the story of Connecticut's indigenous peoples from the first settlement to the present day?

Dr. Lavin drew on exciting new archaeological and ethnographic discoveries, interviews with Native Americans, and rare documents for her new book *Connecticut's Indigenous Peoples - What Archaeology, History, and Oral Traditions Teach Us About Their Communities and Their Cultures*. The book creates a fascinating and remarkably detailed portrait of indigenous peoples before European contact and of their changing lives during the past 400 years. Join Dr. Lavin and learn about how and why she wrote the book as well as some of the intriguing histories and cultural characteristics of Connecticut's indigenous peoples. A question and answer session will follow, and there will be copies of Dr. Lavin's book available for signing.

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Vampire Folk Belief in Historic New England  
Saturday, October 26, 2 pm  
Danbury Historical Society  
43 Main Street, Danbury CT  
(203) 743-5200 - <http://www.danburymuseum.org/>

Strange & Unique Cases of the State Archaeologist  
Thursday, November 7, 7 pm  
The Essex Library  
29 West Avenue (at the Essex Town Hall), Essex, CT  
(860) 767-1560 - <http://www.youressexlibrary.org>

Pre-Contact Archaeology Along the  
Appalachian Trail in CT  
Wednesday, December 11, 7 pm  
Menunkatuck Audubon  
758 Main Street (at the Blackstone Library),  
Branford, CT  
(203) 457-1699 - [programs@menunkatuck.org](mailto:programs@menunkatuck.org)  
<http://www.menunkatuck.org>



# CommunityEvents

## 10th Annual Festival on the Green

Mansfield Downtown Partnership  
Sunday, September 22, 12 noon to 4 pm  
E.O. Smith High School, Storrs-Mansfield, CT  
No registration required – FREE  
All ages are welcome.

Enjoy music, food, art, children's events, games, and more at the 10th Annual Festival on the Green. This year the Museum will join in the fun as Mansfield businesses, organizations, and school groups offer a variety of activities. Previous years' activities have included cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, musical entertainment, a pie eating contest, a jump rope challenge, and a beanbag toss. Come and visit the Museum's table as you experience a very entertaining afternoon!

## Hammonasset Festival

Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6  
10 am to 5 pm, rain or shine  
Hammonasset State Park, Madison, CT  
No registration required – FREE  
All ages are welcome. Atlati activity is limited to adults and children ages 8 and above. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Join the Museum and Archaeology Center, the World Atlati Association, and the Friends of the Office of State Archaeology (FOSA) at the Hammonasset Festival—celebrating native, native skills, and music at Hammonasset State Park! Explore

## The Edwin Way Teale Lecture Series on

## NATURE & THE ENVIRONMENT

The Edwin Way Teale Lecture Series is a collaborative effort inspired by the recognition that our greatest hope for protecting our environment relies upon our working together with respect for, and understanding of, different viewpoints. It is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, the Graduate School, Offices of the President & Provost, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, School of Engineering, Center for Conservation & Biodiversity, Connecticut State Museum of Natural History, Office of Environmental Policy, Center for Environmental Sciences & Engineering, School of Fine Arts, Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies, School of Law, Geosciences Program, and the departments of Agriculture & Resource Economics, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, Economics, English, Marine Sciences, Geography, Natural Resources Management & Engineering, Philosophy, and Political Science.

The public is welcome to attend. No registration is needed. Lectures will be held at the Konover Auditorium, Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, University of Connecticut. For additional information visit <http://doddcenter.uconn.edu/events/teale/>

## Bringing the Gap Between the Natural and Social Sciences for Addressing Our Common Future in a Changing World

Dr. Harold A. Mooney, Paul S. Achilles Professor of Environmental Biology, Emeritus, and Senior Fellow of the Woods Institute for the Environment at Stanford University  
Thursday, September 12, 4 pm

The state of the Earth System is changing at a rate that transcends human history. The consequences of these changes are already impacting the livelihoods of some societies. Over the past quarter century the international science community has been tracking the consequences of these changes and have increasing confidence in their predictions of what the future will bring. People have the capacity to alter this future, but the increasingly urgent messages from the natural science community

Connecticut's vibrant natural and cultural history. Come try your hand at using the atlatl, an ancient spear-throwing tool that predates the bow and arrow. There will be ongoing amateur atlatl contests and the World Atlatl Championship. Additional activities will include Native American drumming and dancing, nature programs, musical performances, A Place Called Hope's birds of prey exhibit, Meigs Point Nature Center activities, ancient technology demonstrations, and crafts.

## Archaeology Fair

Friends of the Office of State Archaeology

Saturday, October 19, 10 am to 4 pm

Keeney Memorial Cultural Center, 200 Main Street, Wethersfield, CT  
No registration required. Free with a suggested \$5 donation for 18 and over.

October is Connecticut Archaeology Awareness Month!

Explore and learn about many of the archaeological investigations going on around the state. Local archaeological societies, historical societies, and universities will have displays highlighting past and current excavations and research. View and touch real artifacts! Have questions about archaeology? There will be archaeologists there to provide answers. Whether you just have a passing interest in archaeology or you want to find out how to become more involved, there will be something for everyone. Stop by and visit the Museum and Archaeology Center's booth! All proceeds will be used to support ongoing archaeological work at the Office of State Archaeology.

are not leading to fundamental societal responses. In this lecture Dr. Mooney, will describe a new world-wide effort that is working to bring together social and natural scientists in a working relationship directed toward problem solving, rather than on research solely for understanding.

## This Verse Business

A Play by A.M. Dolan

Thursday, October 3, 4 pm

Robert Frost returns to the stage in A.M. Dolan's *This Verse Business*. Played by Emmy winning actor Gordon Clapp (*NYPD Blue*'s Detective Greg Medavoy), Frost's poetry is heard afresh and his great wit witnessed once more in Clapp's critically acclaimed performance.

For nearly fifty years, Robert Frost served as bard throughout the country. He performed from memory his justly-famous poetry and shared his "wild surmises" on religion, science, popular culture, rhyme, free-verse—whatever was on his mind. Although he traveled far and wide, his poetry and wit were firmly grounded in New England—in the natural world and the way people live in nature. Partly based on these public appearances, *This Verse Business* not only gives us Robert Frost, the public wit, but also Frost at his cabin, alluding to his family, and to his relationship with art and nature.

## Towards Sustainable Food Systems: A Tale of Three Transitions

Oliver DeSchutter, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food  
Thursday, October 24, 4 pm

The global food regime in place since the Second World War has defined increasing food availability and reducing food costs as its primary objectives. The limits of this approach are now widely acknowledged. Change is needed, but how can it be achieved? This lecture will explore several competing views on how to succeed in the "transition" to sustainable food systems.



## The Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC

Saturday, November 16

Advance registration required: Bus Fee \$50 (\$40 for Museum members)

Departing from UConn Storrs Campus (directions will be sent to participants)

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

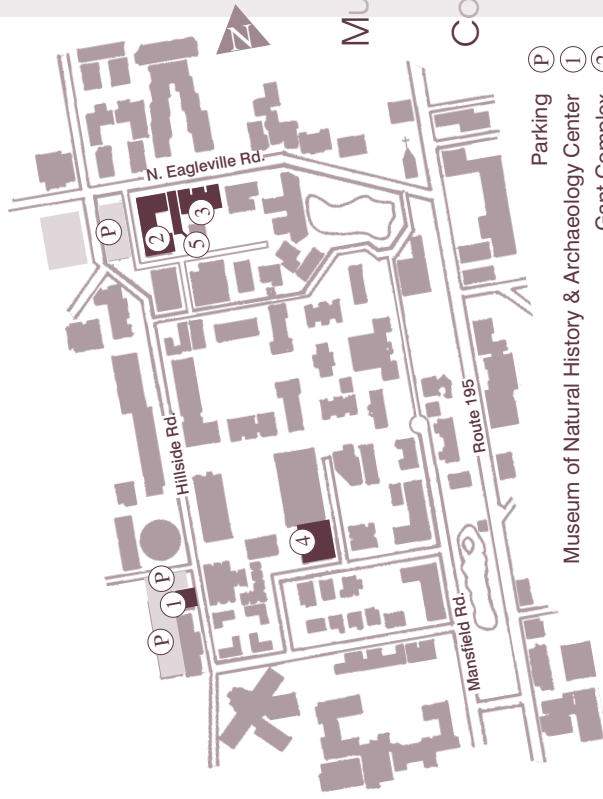
Explore the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the largest art museum in the United States! Its permanent collection features over two million items that convey the artistic and creative expressions of different cultures across the globe, from early civilizations to present day. Curatorial Departments include: The American Wing; Arts of Africa, Oceania, and the Americas; Ancient Near Eastern Art; Arms and Armor; Asian Art; Egyptian Art; European Sculpture and Decorative Arts; Greek and Roman Art; Islamic Art; Medieval Art; Musical Instruments; and Photography. Some of the special exhibitions will include *Intenwoven Globe: The Worldwide Textile Trade, 1500-1800*, and *Medieval Treasures from Hildesheim*.

The bus will leave Storrs at 8 am and make a second pick-up in Cromwell at 8:45 am. The bus will depart the Metropolitan Museum of Art at 5 pm. Please arrive and be prepared to board the bus prior to departure times.

Admission to the Metropolitan Museum of Art is not included and should be paid at the door. For a preview and prices for admission packages go to The Metropolitan Museum of Art website <http://www.metmuseum.org>.

## EEB Greenhouses

The Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Greenhouses at the UConn Storrs campus have one of the most diverse plant collections in the US. The collection consists of over 3,000 species including many familiar economically important plants. The Greenhouses also specialize in collecting and displaying oddities of the plant world including a large collection of carnivorous plants, ant-plant symbionts, and an extensive collection of plants from the Cape region of South Africa. There is something new to see every day at the EEB Greenhouses! For hours and additional information call (860) 486-4052 or visit <http://florawww.eeb.uconn.edu/>



- (P) Parking
- (1) Museum of Natural History & Archaeology Center
- (2) Gant Complex
- (3) Torrey Life Sciences
- (4) Thomas J. Dodd Research Center
- (5) Biology/Physics Building

**From North, West & Southwest:** Take I-84 to exit 68. Head south on Route 195 seven miles to campus.

**From South:** Take Route 32 north. Cross "Frog Bridge" in Willimantic; continue straight on Route 195 to campus.

**From East:** Take Route 44 west to Storrs. Turn left on Route 195. Campus is one mile south.

## Museum Hours

10 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.  
Closed Saturday and Sunday.

## Campus Parking

**Weekend visitors** (or weekdays after 5 pm) can park free in available spots along streets or in parking lots. The parking garage is available for a fee.

**Weekday visitors** can park in parking garages for a fee.



# Registration

**Registration:** Keep in mind that workshops fill up quickly. We suggest you call to confirm availability before submitting registration fee. Registrations are processed in the order payment is received. Your registration has been accepted unless you hear from us.

**Scholarships:** Scholarships are available for individuals who cannot afford to attend programs. Call for more information.

**Weather:** In case of inclement weather, call the Museum's program status line to find out if a lecture or activity has been rescheduled or canceled at (860) 486-6793 (or option 1 when you call the Museum's main number). Scheduling changes due to inclement weather will be communicated to registered participants prior to an activity. Registrants who cannot attend a rescheduled event will be given a certificate or refund.

**Cancellations:** The CSMNH/CAC reserves the right to cancel programs due to insufficient enrollment. If a class is canceled, you have the option of receiving a certificate toward another program or a refund. Refunds take up to six weeks to process through the state system. Certificates are immediate.

**Refund Policy:** The CSMNH/CAC will refund a payment up to 30 days prior to the program or you may find a friend to attend in your place. Please call us at (860) 486-4460.

**Liability:** Registration or participation in a CSMNH/CAC program automatically releases the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History and Connecticut Archaeology Center and the University of Connecticut from any responsibility for injury or death, or loss or damage of personal property sustained in connection with the program.

**Photography:** Individuals participating in a program may be pictured in future CSMNH/CAC publications.

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# Contact Information

Registrant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# Program Information

	# of Participants	Age of Child Participants	Fee
• Insects & Stream Health _____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Names _____			
• Managing Pesky Plants _____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Names _____			
• Archaeology Workshop _____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Names _____			
• CT's Notable Trees _____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Names _____			
• Scientific Illustration _____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Names _____			
• Cedar Hill Cemetery _____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Names _____			
• Metro Museum of Art, NY _____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Names _____			
			TOTAL \$ _____

How did you learn about the program you are registering for? \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Payment Information

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