



Cable Natural History Museum 2014 Winter/Spring Calendar of Events

Museum Hours:

Tuesday—Saturday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
For information and registration
call 715-798-3890 or e-mail
info@cablemuseum.org

Please pre-register for classes when it is mentioned in the program description. All registration classes are subject to cancellation due to low registration.

Scholarships are available for some programs! Just ask Deb!

January



Friday, January 3

Rag Rug Workshop (Adult Naturalist Program)

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Saturday, January 11

Snowshoe Adventure on the Hayward Library Trails

Join Naturalist Emily Stone for an easy adventure at the Hayward Library Trails. Learn about winter tree ID, animal tracking, birds, and anything else you're curious about! Dress for the weather, bring snacks and water. Meet at 10:00 a.m. in front of the library. Register by January 10 and reserve snowshoes (if needed) by calling 715-798-3890. Brought to you in partnership with Sherman & Ruth Weiss Community Library, Hayward. Donations accepted.

Friday, January 17

Full Moon Snowshoe Hike

Enjoy a moonlit snowshoe hike through the woods. We will be hiking about one mile, over uneven terrain, and occasionally stopping to experience the night time winter world with activities. Meet at the Forest Lodge Nature Trail at 7:00 p.m. Registration is required by noon on January 17. Snowshoes are available to borrow by calling ahead. Dress for the weather. Donations accepted.



Saturday, January 18

Come Fly with Little Bird and Mourning Dove

We'll explore Ojibwe culture, dancing, and stories! We'll show and share the beauty of the Ojibwe People with you. We look forward to seeing you there! 10:00-11:15 a.m. in the Museum classroom. All ages welcome. Donations accepted.



Thursday, January 23

Dinner Lecture: Sociology and the Environment (Adult Naturalist Program)

Join Kevin Schanning, Professor of Sociology at Northland College, to learn about the intersection of politics and wildlife management at 5:30 p.m. at the Rookery Pub. You may also join him for dinner and conversation after the presentation. Register by January 21. \$5 member/\$10 non-member.

Saturday, January 25

Snowshoe and Tracking Adventure

Join Naturalist Emily Stone for a moderately strenuous adventure at the Forest Lodge Nature Trail. Learn about animal tracking, winter ecology, and anything else you're curious about! Be prepared for narrow trails with some hills and a steady pace. Dress for the weather, bring snacks and water. Meet at the trailhead at 10:00 a.m. Snowshoes are available to borrow by calling ahead. Donations accepted.

Wednesday, January 29

Snowshoe Adventure to Juniper Rock Overlook

Join Naturalist Emily Stone for a moderately strenuous adventure to the Juniper Rock Overlook on the North Country Trail. Learn about winter tree ID, animal tracking, birds, and anything else you're curious about! Be prepared for narrow trails with steep hills and a steady pace. Dress for the weather, bring snacks and water. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Museum to carpool. Snowshoes are available to borrow by calling ahead. Donations accepted.



February

Saturday, February 1

Salt: the Tastiest Rock, with Sweetie Pie

Sweetie Pie's Cookery is a yumhouse kitchen where recipes are experiments and kids are scientists. Participants will get a chance to grate their own salt from rock salts, taste different varieties of salts, learn where salt comes from, and find out why we use salt in home-made play dough. Then, kids will get to choose colors and learn about color mixing before making their own batch of play dough. Fun for all ages! Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Museum. Register by January 30.

\$5 per child, supervising adults are free.



Tuesday, February 4

Holly's Bun Basket (Adult Naturalist Program)

This easily woven basket is not only useful, but is an eye-catcher. Weavers will get to choose their reed color and have a choice of colorful napkins to fill their basket. Join instructor Jean Carryl from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Space is limited. Call the Museum at (715)798-3890 to register and get your supply list by January 28. If you can't attend, a kit will be provided for you. \$35 member/\$40 non-member.



Saturday, February 8

Sax-Zim Bog Birdwatching Trip (Adult Naturalist Program)

Join a Museum Naturalist and local birder Skip Perkins for a long, fun day of winter birding at the Sax-Zim Bog, which is an hour northwest of Duluth. Target birds will be Great Gray Owl, Northern Hawk Owl, Black-billed Magpie, Black-backed Woodpecker, Boreal Chickadee, Northern Shrike, Gray Jay, Hoary Redpoll, Pine and Evening Grosbeak, and maybe a Boreal Owl. The pursuit of winter wildlife at its best! Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Museum, return by 6:00 p.m. Bring your lunch and snacks. Binoculars are available to borrow—just let us know! Register by February 5. Spots in the museum van are first come-first-serve. \$20 member/\$25 non-member.

Saturday, February 15

Baking Soda! The Magic Ingredient

Sweetie Pie's Cookery is a yumhouse kitchen where recipes are experiments and kids are scientists. Participants will discover why we add baking soda to pancakes and baked goods through a hands-on experiment and cooking demonstration. After a science experiment revealing the work that baking soda does, kids will learn to measure and mix ingredients and flip pancakes—and then taste them! Fun for all ages! Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Museum. Register by January 30. \$5 per child, supervising adults are free.



Friday, February 21

Family Snowshoe Hike

Are you looking for a fun activity to do with the family before the big "Birkie" race? The Cable Natural History Museum has partnered with the American Birkebeiner Foundation for a one mile leisurely snowshoe hike in the peaceful winter woods. Learn about winter ecology and wildlife tracking and experience the Northwoods on snowshoes. Meet at the Museum at 10:00 a.m. and return by noon. Adult and children's snowshoes are available for use from the Museum for \$2/child pair and \$4/adult pair. The program will not occur if the temperature is below 5° F. Donations accepted. Call the Museum at (715)798-3890 to reserve your snowshoes.

Sweetie Pie is the alter-ego of Dawn Trook, San Francisco based performer, educator, and baker. She developed Sweetie Pie's Cookery as a way to combine her talents and her desire to help young people develop a curiosity about food, cooking, and science. See www.sweetiepiescookery.com for more information.

Saturday, February 22

Camp Birkie for Kids

Come join the fun at this year's Camp Birkie for Kids! Children in Kindergarten through 6th grade can participate in this day-long environmental education camp sponsored by Conserve School of Land O'Lakes, WI, in partnership with the American Birkebeiner Foundation and the Museum. Camp Birkie for Kids will include outdoor activities, crafts, games, snacks, and lunch. Participants will also have the opportunity to visit the Museum. Register online at the Conserve School's website: www.conserveschool.org or call (866) 547-1300. Space is limited. Registration is required.



Thursday, February 27

Dinner Lecture: American Martens on the National Forest (Adult Naturalist Program)

Phil Manlick is a PhD candidate at UW-Madison researching the processes that are limiting American marten recovery in northern Wisconsin by looking at reproduction, foraging, and predation near Clam Lake. He'll share his research findings, as well as stories from the woods, at 5:30 p.m. at the Rookery Pub. You may also join him for dinner and conversation after the presentation. Register by February 25. \$5 member/\$10 non-member.

March

Saturday, March 1

Snowshoe Geocaching

Cold weather doesn't mean you have to stop exploring! Join Naturalist Katie Connolly on a snowshoe trek to find some geocaches. All ages and abilities are welcome. We will teach you everything you need to know about snowshoeing, using a GPS unit, and geocaching. We will meet at the Cable Natural History Museum at 1:00 p.m., carpool to the trailhead, and return by 3:00 p.m. Register by February 28. Donations accepted.

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Family Nature Ski at the Hayward Hospital Trails

Skiers of all ages and abilities can join Naturalist Emily Stone for a moderately strenuous adventure at the Hayward Hospital Trails. Learn about winter tree ID, animal tracking, birds, and anything else you're curious about! Dress for the weather. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the trailhead. Register by March 13 by calling 715-798-3890. Skis are not provided. Brought to you in partnership with Sherman & Ruth Weiss Community Library, Hayward. Donations accepted.



Thursday, March 20

Dinner Lecture: Empty Night Skies – Saving our Bats (Adult Naturalist Program)

Bats have been an integral part of our planet for over 50 million years. Today they are being threatened by a devastating disease known as White-nose Syndrome that has claimed the lives of over 5.7 million bats since 2006. Brian Heeringa, Biological Science Technician on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, will discuss the impact of this disease and what you can do to help Wisconsin's bats during this critical time. Join us at 5:30 p.m. at the Rookery Pub. You may also join us for dinner and conversation after the presentation. Register by March 18. \$5 member/\$10 non-member.



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Buckskin Pouch Workshop

Learn how to make your own handy buckskin pouch. Students will learn how to select, cut, lace, and finish a useful attractive pouch. All tools and white-tailed deer buckskin will be provided. The class is open to all ages and abilities. 9:00 a.m.-noon. Register by March 27. \$5 member/\$10 non-member.

April

Wednesday, April 2

Pastels: People in Landscapes with Diana Randolph

Use your own photos for inspiration to create pastel paintings on paper depicting one person or several people in a landscape during any season. We will use dry pastel sticks (not the oil type). This class is for all levels but drawing experience is helpful. Meet at the Museum from 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m. You may bring a sack lunch or order lunch from the Brick House Café. To register please phone WITC – Ashland at 715-682-4591, ext. 3170.

Saturday, April 12

Midwest Crane Count

Get involved with citizen science! Participants are needed to help count and monitor the abundance and distribution of sandhill and whooping cranes at predetermined sites in Ashland, Bayfield, and Sawyer counties from 5:30-7:30 a.m. This statewide survey is organized through the International Crane Foundation. To participate, contact Katie at the Museum (katie@cablemuseum.org or 715-798-3890) to be assigned a site location. Registration is required by April 5.

Saturday, April 19

Vegetable Printing

Celebrate spring by making art with plants! Join local artist Donna Post to decorate place mats and other useful/beautiful objects. All ages are welcome to let their creativity run free! 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Museum. Register by April 18. \$3 member/\$5 non-member. Supervising adults are free.

May



Wednesday, May 7

Blueberry Pickin' Basket (Adult Naturalist Program)

Join instructor Jean Carryl to get ready for berry season with this colorful, round bottomed, swing handled, berry picking basket. This is an intermediate level basket. Meet at the Museum from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Space is limited. Register and get your supply list by May 1. If you can't attend, a kit will be provided for you. \$40 member/\$45 non-member.



Saturday, May 10

Wildflower Hike to Morgan Falls and St. Peter's Dome

Join Naturalist Emily Stone to learn her favorite spring plants! Come just for the easy 1.2 mile round trip to Morgan Falls, or hike all the way up to beautiful views at St. Peter's Dome on uneven, rocky, and uphill terrain (3.6 mile round-trip). Dress for the weather; bring at least a quart of water and snacks. Meet at the Museum at 9:00 a.m., or the trailhead at 10:00 a.m. USFS Parking pass is required. Register by May 9. Donations accepted.

Saturday, May 10

Fairy House Making Workshop

Come and help out the fairies by crafting housing from found materials at the Museum from 10:00 a.m.-noon. Bring an empty oatmeal container (the small size), or an empty can or small box. We will provide additional materials for making darling, irresistible houses for our Northwoods fairies. All ages welcome. \$5 member/\$10 non-member per house.

Thursday, May 15

Birding in the National Forest

Hike trails and visit sites within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest in search of birds. See Blackburnian Warblers and Scarlet Tanagers. Walk through a northern hardwood forest, and skirt the edge of a bog and wetland. Meet at the Museum at 6:30 a.m. and return by 10:30 a.m. Space is limited. Registration is required by May 15. Cost is \$8 member/\$13 non-member or \$20 member family. No charge if you are a registered Chequamegon Bay Birding and Nature Festival participant.

Saturday, May 24

Exhibit Open House: Nature's Superheroes

Peregrine falcons fly with super speed, dung beetles move objects with super strength, dragonflies fly in all directions, gray tree frogs disappear with their cloak of invisibility, and bats use super senses to catch prey. The real accomplishments of these incredible creatures deserve the same respect as the antics of our favorite comic book heroes. Not only that, but they all face their own type of kryptonite, and need your help! Stop by the Museum to celebrate and learn more between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Donations accepted.

Saturday, May 31

Unlocking the Uhrenholdt Forest

Have you ever wondered about the history and legacy of the Uhrenholdt forest? Join Gordy Christians, a retired nursery superintendent and property manager for the Wisconsin DNR on a hike to unlock the secrets of the Uhrenholdt forest in Sawyer County. Gordy will discuss the importance and purpose of state demonstration forests and the conservation methods used to manage them. Meet at the Museum at 12:30 p.m. to carpool to the forest and return by 4:00 p.m. Dress for the weather. Register by May 27. \$5 member/\$10 non-member.



Visit Our Current Exhibit!

Open through April 5, 2014

Thanks to our many partners, sponsors, and supporters!

We also thank the Mary Livingston Griggs and Mary Griggs Burke Foundation for their generous program support.

Museum Admission Policy:

All current members will be granted free admission to the Museum. All other adult visitors to the Museum are charged a \$5 admission fee. Children (up to the age of 18) always have free admission when accompanied by an adult. On Tuesdays, admission is free for *all* visitors. If you are at the Museum just to attend a program, you will not be required to pay admission as well, unless you wish to visit the exhibits.

Becoming a Member of the Cable Natural History Museum has never been more beneficial!

In addition to unlimited free admission, members receive reduced rates on our nature and education programs, and a 10% discount in the Museum Shop. Members play a vital role in supporting exhibits, programs and special events. Annual memberships start at just \$30. Visit www.cablemuseum.org for more information, and to become a member today! Thank you to our current members, whose support makes our events possible!

Get Involved — Become a Museum Volunteer!

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Call our Volunteer Coordinator, Beda McKinney, at 715-798-3890.

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