



Cable Natural History Museum 2016 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

emily@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.

In the event of inclement weather, please call ahead!

Live Raptor Programs!

Meet the Museum's live education raptors in person! Our birds cannot be released into the wild due to permanent injuries, but they are able to teach you all about the amazing world of raptors. Please come early to find a seat. Donations accepted.

Saturday, January 2	10:30-11:30 a.m.
Saturday, January 9	10:30-11:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 6	12:30-1:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 12	10:30-11:30 a.m.
Saturday, March 26	10:30-11:30 a.m.
Saturday, May 7	12:30-1:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 14	2:00-3:00 p.m.

January

Saturday, January 2

Snowshoes and Sweets

At Farmstead Creamery & Café

Join Naturalist Emily Stone for an easy adventure through the wooded trails at North Star Homestead Farms. Learn about winter tree ID, animal tracking, birds, and anything else you're curious about! Then gather at Farmstead Creamery & Café for hot drinks and sweet treats. Dress for the weather. Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Café. Return by 11:30 a.m. Register by December 30, and reserve snowshoes (if needed) by calling 715-798-3890. \$10 per person.



Wednesday, January 6

Rag Rug Workshop (Adult Naturalist Program)

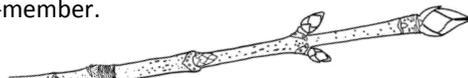
Scandinavian loop weaving is a simple and durable technique that uses no thread or looms, and turns trash into treasure! Bring 1-2 old bed sheets (any size will work) or other fabric that can be easily torn into strips, and a pair of sharp scissors. Some extra materials will be on hand. You will take your rug home to finish. Lesson runs from 10 a.m.-noon. After a lunch break, come back if you want more help and fellowship. Register by January 4. \$5 member/\$10 non-member.



Friday, January 8

Ski-By Tree ID (Adult Naturalist Program)

Join Naturalist Emily Stone at the North End warming hut at 1:00 p.m. for a quick workshop on winter tree identification. Then strap on your skis for a fun competition! Participants can skate or stride the 5k A-Loop while stopping to identify marked trees along the way. Back at the warming hut, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies while we wait for everyone to finish. Answers will be checked, and prizes will be given! Finish by 4:00 p.m. Brought to you in partnership with the North End Ski Club. Register by January 6. \$5 member/\$10 non-member.



*payment required with registration



Thursday, January 14

Shadow-Weave Rectangular Basket (Adult Naturalist Program)

This basket has light and dark stakes that alternate and cross to create interesting designs. It is created with a simple weave and features side handles and decorative, diagonal filler strips. It is an ideal storage basket sized 10 x 13 x 6 inches. Join instructor Jean Carryl at the Museum from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Space is limited. Register and get your supply list by January 7. \$39 member/\$44 non-member.*



Saturday, January 16

Rock Painting

Join local artist Donna Post for a creative morning of rock painting. Rocks and painting supplies are provided. All ages welcome, those 9 and under should bring an adult. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Museum. Donations accepted.

Saturday, January 16

Animals In Winter and Habitat Snowshoe Hike at the NGLVC

Discover the amazing adaptations that our local critters use to survive the winter, using the Museum's furs and animal specimens. Then head outside to investigate habitats and look for animal sign. This program is focused for ages 9-12, and satisfies requirements for the Junior Girl Scout "Animal Habitats" badge, but anyone is welcome. Snowshoes are provided. Dress for the weather. Meet at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, WI, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Space is limited. Register by January 15, by calling the NGLVC at 715-685-9983.

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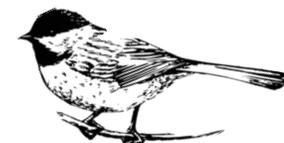
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Wednesday, January 20

Shadow-Weave Rectangular Basket (Adult Naturalist Program)

See January 14 class for details.



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Thursday, January 21

**Dinner Lecture: Under the Surface of the St. Croix River
(Adult Naturalist Program)**

Many people love the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, but almost no one sees what's under the surface. Toben Lafrancois, local aquatic ecologist and underwater explorer, will discuss his recent work integrating the arts and sciences to paint an in-depth picture of the St. Croix River. His research on food webs using stable isotopes is helping to mitigate the impacts of invasive carp; and his work with Northwest Passage's "In a New Light" photography program leads kids on a journey of arts and healing. Join us at 5:30 p.m. at the Rookery Pub. You may join us for dinner and conversation after the presentation. Register by January 20. \$5 member/\$10 non-member.

Saturday, January 23

Luffarslörd: Swedish Wire Craft

In the depression of the 1920's and 1930's in Sweden, people out of work would earn money by turning scrap wire into beautiful crafts, both household and decorative. Naturalist Elsa Hansen will first teach a simple wall hanger, and then finish with a small dish or candle holder. This craft is geared for ages 10 and up. Meet at the Museum from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Wire and some tools provided. Please bring needle nose pliers if you can. Space is limited. Register by January 20. \$10 member/\$15 non-member.*

Friday, January 29

Snowshoe and Tracking Adventure at Forest Lodge

Join Naturalist Emily Stone for a moderately strenuous adventure at Forest Lodge. Explore trails on the former estate of Museum founder Mary Griggs Burke. Love is in the air this time of year, as many mammals enter their mating season. We'll look for their tracks and signs. Dress for the weather, bring snacks and water. Meet at 2:00 p.m., 10 miles east of Cable. Call ahead by January 28, for directions and to register. Snowshoes are available to borrow by calling ahead. Donations accepted. Note: This hike is NOT at the Forest Lodge Nature Trail.

Saturday, January 30

Winter Tree ID

Learning to identify trees without leaves is like learning to read a new language. Master Naturalist Volunteer David Broadwell will go over the details indoors, then move outdoors for hands-on experience. The beauty is in the details! Meet at the Museum from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Students age 9-12 are welcome with an adult helper. Ages 13-99 are welcome to come on their own. Dress for the weather. Snowshoes may be borrowed from the Museum, if needed. Space is limited. Register by January 27. Donations accepted.

Saturday, January 30

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. Meet at 10:30 a.m. in front of the library. Register by January 29, and reserve snowshoes (if needed) by calling 715-798-3890. Brought to you by supporters of the Hayward Library. Donations accepted.



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February

Saturday, February 6

Snowshoe Adventure in Fairyland

Join Master Naturalist Volunteer, Sharon Schaver, for a nature scavenger hunt at the Wayside Wanderings Natural Play Area. Be prepared for off-trail explorations. Dress for the weather. Families welcome. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at 43135 Randysek Road in Cable. Register by February 3. Snowshoes are available to borrow by calling ahead. Donations accepted.



Friday, February 12

**Snowshoe Hike to a Heron Rookery
(Adult Naturalist Program)**

Join Naturalist Emily Stone for a moderately strenuous adventure behind the Rookery Pub. We'll look for tracks and signs, talk about the local natural communities, and view a great blue heron rookery. Dress for the weather. Meet at 3:30 p.m., then end in the Rookery for a warm drink. Feel free to stay for dinner. Register by February 11. Snowshoes are available to borrow by calling ahead. \$10 member/\$15 non-member, includes your first drink.

Saturday, February 13

Leopold Bench Workshop

Aldo Leopold was a UW-Madison professor who became known as the Father of Wildlife Management. At his farm near Baraboo, WI, he not only developed a philosophy he called the "Land Ethic," he also designed a simple bench now known as a "Leopold Bench." Build your own! Long-lasting, high-quality cedar lumber will be pre-cut. Participants should bring a crescent wrench or wrench set and cordless drill if possible. Some tools available to borrow. Meet at the Museum at 10:30 a.m. Finish by noon. Space is limited. Register by February 11. \$85 member/\$90 non-member per bench.*

Friday, February 19

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 register and reserve your snowshoes.

Saturday, February 20

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. Space is limited. Registration is required. Register online at the Conserve School's website: www.conserveschool.org or call (866) 547-1300.



Thursday, February 25
Dinner Lecture: Leading away from Lead
(Adult Naturalist Program)

Lead is a dangerous toxin. UMD chemist Bob Carlson will describe some of his recent work on keeping lead out of the environment, the implications of "additive manufacturing" such as 3D printing, and the broader implications of developing environmentally friendly new materials. Meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Rookery Pub. You may also join us for dinner and conversation after the presentation. Register by February 24. \$5 member/\$10 non-member.

Friday, February 26
The Secret Lives of Goldenrod Galls

Have you ever noticed those strange balls on goldenrod stems? They hide an amazing story! Naturalist Emily Stone will share the fascinating science behind these mysteries, and you can dissect your own galls! Students age 5-9 are welcome with an adult helper. Ages 10-99 are welcome to come on their own. Discovery for all ages. Meet at the Museum from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Space is limited. Register by February 25. Donations accepted.

Saturday, February 27
Buckskin Pouch Workshop

Learn how to make your own handy buckskin pouch. Students will learn how to design, cut, lace and finish a useful attractive pouch. All tools, buckskin and other leather provided. All ages welcome but children under age 13 need to be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Museum from 9:00 a.m.-noon. Space is limited. Register by February 26. \$5 member/\$10 non-member per pouch.

Saturday, February 27
Head to Feet: Amazing Animal Adaptations at the NGLVC

From bird brains to dragonfly eyes and wolf paws, animals have amazing body parts that help them survive. Discover animal adaptations through hands-on time with Museum furs and specimens, and through fun activities. Kids ages 6-12 can meet at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, WI, at 10:00 a.m. and finish by 11:30 a.m. Space is limited. Register by February 26, by calling the NGLVC at 715-685-9983.



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March

Tuesday, March 1
Backcountry Film Festival at the Sawmill Saloon

The Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival celebrates the human powered winter experience through film. Join us on Tuesday, March 1, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Sawmill Saloon in Seeley, WI, to enjoy great films, win great raffle prizes, and support the Cable Natural History Museum's snowshoe programs. (Caution: some films may contain casual profanity and intense situations.) Tickets are \$10 at the door (\$5 with valid student ID).

Wednesday, March 2
Backcountry Film Festival
Presented by the Cable Natural History Museum
and the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center

The Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival celebrates the human powered winter experience through film. Join us on Wednesday, March 2, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center auditorium in Ashland, WI, to enjoy great films, win great raffle prizes, and support the Cable Natural History Museum's snowshoe programs. (Caution: some films may contain casual profanity and intense situations.) Tickets are \$10 at the door (\$5 with valid student ID).



Wednesday, March 9
Japanese Wave-Weave Square Basket
(Adult Naturalist Program)

This simple square basket is made using colored and natural reed accented with a Japanese wave-weave crafted from round reed. It has a 10" U handle and a filled bottom so no holes for items to fall through. It measures 11 x 11 x 8 inches. Join instructor Jean Carryl at the Museum from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Space is limited. Register and get your supply list by March 2. \$40 member/\$45 non-member.*



Wednesday, March 9
A Home for Bluebirds at the NGLVC

Come build a home for bluebirds! Teams of friends will help assemble six bluebird boxes, while learning about these beautiful birds. A local Girl Scout Troop will put up the boxes later in the spring. This program is focused for ages 9-12, and satisfies requirements for the Junior Girl Scout "Animal Habitats" badge, but anyone is welcome. Kids under age 9 should bring an adult helper. Meet at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, WI, at 2:00 p.m. and finish by 3:00 p.m. Space is limited. Register by March 8, by calling the NGLVC at 715-685-9983.



Thursday, March 17
Japanese Wave-Weave Square Basket
(Adult Naturalist Program) See March 9 class for details.

Saturday, March 19
Stories in the Stones

Join Museum Naturalist, Emily STONE, to discover the stories in the stones. She'll wow you with the amazing histories of rocks in the Museum's collections. You can also bring your own cool rocks to share with the group. Meet at the Museum from 10:30-11:30 a.m. All ages welcome. Donations accepted.

Saturday, March 19
Feathers and Flight at the NGLVC

Feathers are amazing structures. Discover the unique functions of bird feathers with Museum Naturalist/Curator Elsa Hansen along with a live great horned owl and American kestrel. Join us at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, WI, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Space is limited. Register by March 18, by calling the NGLVC at 715-685-9983.

Saturday, March 19
Night Owls at the NGLVC

Owls are expert nocturnal hunters. Learn more about these mysterious creatures, and meet a live great horned owl with Museum Naturalist/Curator Elsa Hansen. We will also dissect real owl pellets, and explore hands-on specimens such as feathers, skulls, wings, and feet. Join us at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, WI, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Please come early to find a seat. Space is limited. Register by March 18, by calling the NGLVC at 715-685-9983.



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Thursday, March 31
Dinner Lecture: Talking About Yew!
 (Adult Naturalist Program)

Northland College professor Sarah Johnson will share stories from her research on Canada yew in the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. She'll chat about the natural history of this rare and charismatic shrub, the unique quality of Great Lakes islands where it is often found, and she'll discuss yew's uncertain future in our Great Lakes region. This lecture is part of the National Park Service's 'Centennial Lecture Series.' 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 30. \$5 member/\$10 non-member.

April

Saturday, April 16
Midwest Crane Count

Get involved with citizen science! We need to help count and monitor the abundance and distribution of sandhill and whooping cranes at sites in Ashland, Bayfield, and Sawyer counties from 5:30-7:30 a.m. This statewide survey is organized through the International Crane Foundation. Contact Elsa to be assigned a site location. (elsa@cablemuseum.org or 715-798-3890)

Saturday, April 16
Fairy House Making Workshop at the NGLVC

Come help out the fairies. Materials for making darling, irresistible houses for our Northwoods fairies will be provided. All ages welcome but children under age 13 need to be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, WI, from 10:00 a.m.-noon. Space is limited. Register by April 15, by calling the NGLVC at 715-685-9983. \$5 per house.

Saturday, April 16
The Secret Lives of Goldenrod Galls at the NGLVC

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Friday, April 22
Happy Earth Day!

Check cablemuseum.org for more information about programs!

May



Wednesday, May 11
Pastels: Painting Spring & Summer Landscapes
 with Diana Randolph

Celebrate the seasons of spring and summer by painting landscapes using pastel sticks (not oil pastels) on paper. Use your own photos as inspiration, and explore the Museum's new exhibit on phenology (the timing of seasonal events). Your instructor will demonstrate pastel painting techniques on a variety of papers. This class is for all levels, though basic drawing experience is helpful. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Museum. Participants may bring a sack lunch, or lunch may be ordered from the Brick House Café. There is a supply list for this class. To register please call WITC at 715-682-4591, ext. 3170. *



Thursday, May 12
Pastels: Painting Spring & Summer Landscapes
 with Diana Randolph

See above for full description.

Saturday, May 14
Wild Edibles with Joan

Joan Jacobowski has been foraging for a major part of her diet for over 40 years. She will share tips for safe harvesting, including: identification, contamination, look-alikes, sustainable harvest, and allergic reactions. You'll learn to identify, harvest, and prepare five common plants; gain hands-on experience; and taste test a variety of wild edibles. A light lunch will be provided. Meet at the Museum from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Space is limited. Register by May 11. \$20 member/\$25 non-member.*

Saturday, May 14
International Migratory Bird Day

Join Naturalist/Curator Elsa Hansen, and at least one of the Museum's education raptors to learn about amazing bird migration journeys that happen every year. Meet from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the Museum. Please come early to find a seat. Donations accepted.

Thursday, May 19
Birding in the National Forest

Hike trails in 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 7:15 a.m. and return by 11:00 a.m. Space is limited. Registration is required by May 18. Cost is \$5 member/\$10 non-member. No charge if you are a registered Chequamegon Bay Birding and Nature Festival participant.

Saturday, May 28
Cable Natural History Museum Plant Sale Benefit Event

Help support the Cable Natural History Museum and its programs! Museum volunteers will be selling native plants—primarily those attracting pollinators—and annual, perennial and vegetable plants in the Museum's Outdoor Classroom from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Members-only pre-sale starts at 9:00 a.m.! Go to www.cablemuseum.org for the plant list or call the Museum for more information. Sale will continue during our regular hours until the Garden Fest on June 18.

Saturday, May 28
Exhibit Open House

Stop by the Museum to celebrate and learn more between 10:00 a.m. and noon. Refreshments will be served. Donations accepted.

Mark Your Calendars!



June

Monday, June 13 through Saturday June 18
Wisconsin Master Naturalist Volunteer Training Course

The WIMN Volunteer Training Course is a 40-hour series of classes and field trips. The course covers geology, ecology, plant communities, wildlife, interpretation, water, water life, and human impacts, through lectures and field trips with local experts. Visit and learn about some of the most beautiful natural areas in Northern Wisconsin! Become a certified naturalist! Register by June 1. Cost is \$250. For more info, email emily@cablemuseum.org at the Cable Natural History Museum. To register, visit wimasternaturalist.org.*

August

Tuesday, August 23 to Friday, August 26
Natural History Paddle in the Boundary Waters 2016

Space is limited. Contact Emily at 715-798-3890 or emily@cablemuseum.org with questions and to register by August 1. \$375 member/\$400 non-member.*