



The

# NATURALISTS CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

Springfield Science Museum at the Quadrangle, Springfield, Massachusetts

### April to June

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### APRIL

- Thurs.-Sun. April 4-7 Festival of Flowers, *Springfield*  
 Saturday April 6 Hiking the East Branch River Trail, *Westfield*  
 Fri. - Sun. April 12-14 Northeast Natural History Conference, *Springfield*  
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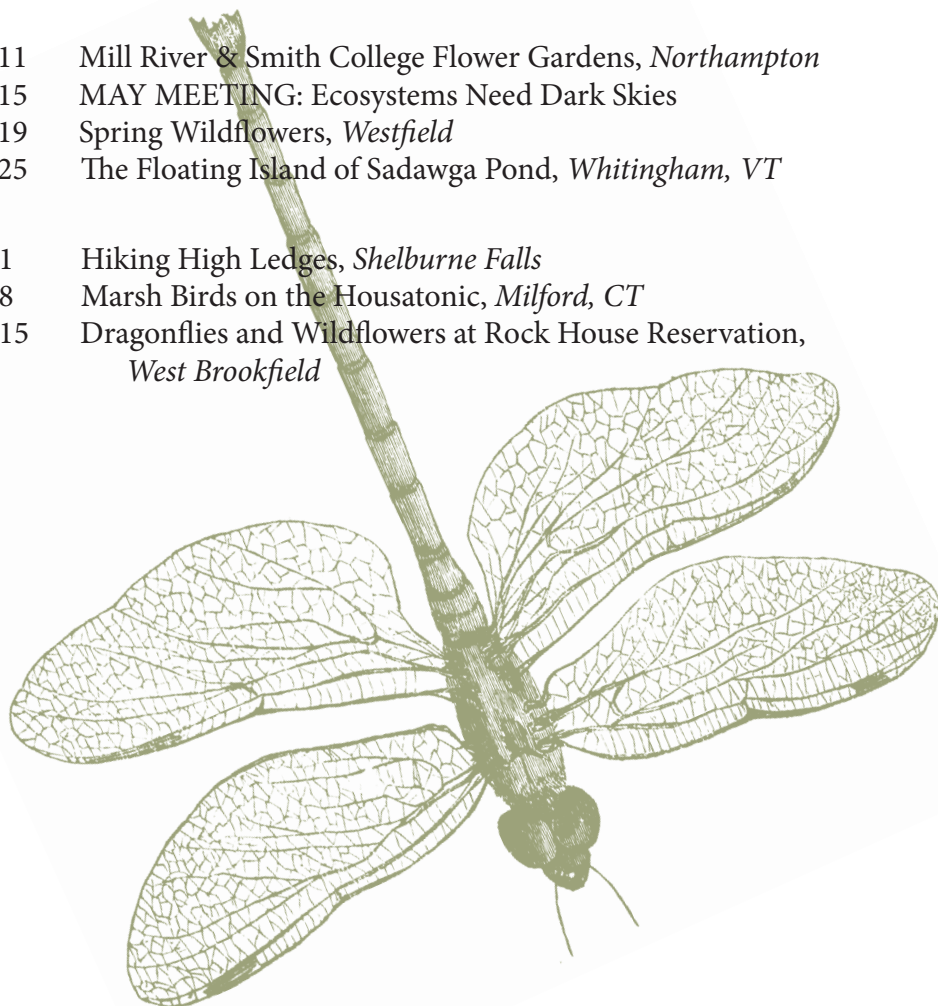
April 27  
 ~ It's Arbor Day! ~  
 Plant a tree!

### MAY

- Saturday May 11 Mill River & Smith College Flower Gardens, *Northampton*  
 Wednesday May 15 MAY MEETING: Ecosystems Need Dark Skies  
 Sunday May 19 Spring Wildflowers, *Westfield*  
 Saturday May 25 The Floating Island of Sadawga Pond, *Whitingham, VT*

### JUNE

- Saturday June 1 Hiking High Ledges, *Shelburne Falls*  
 Saturday June 8 Marsh Birds on the Housatonic, *Milford, CT*  
 Saturday June 15 Dragonflies and Wildflowers at Rock House Reservation,  
*West Brookfield*



# NATURALISTS' CORNER

## Celebrating the First 50 Years of the Naturalists' Club

This April marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Naturalists' Club. During its 50 years, the Club has sustained the tradition of promoting natural history education. That tradition is deeply rooted in New England, which was a leader in the initial formation of scientific and natural history societies. Our group has played a pivotal role in increasing public knowledge and appreciation of nature.

Here are memories of some of the past field trips, speakers and activities of the Naturalists' Club. Some current members will remember these trips and speakers from years past! This is just a sample of hundreds of field trips and programs the Club has offered over the past 50 years. We gathered this assortment from our collection of newsletters dating back to 1969.

### SOME OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

Annual Wildflower Sale (25 years)

Walks showcasing flowers, birds (e.g., hawk migration), trees, ferns, mushrooms, astronomy, caving, the microscopic world, photography, herb farms, wreathmaking, maple sugaring, etc.

Day hiking in Quabbin, Holyoke Range, and the Berkshires

Family camping in Vermont, Indian Hollow, and DAR State Forest

Canoeing and kayaking all major New England waterways, including the Connecticut River.

Waterfall hikes at Bash Bish, Sanderson, Chapel Brook, and Wadsworth Falls.

Summer solstice picnic and star parties.

Botany at the Springfield Cemetery

Scenic Berkshire Railroad trip with Russ Hawn and Lionel Foucher

Home Wine Making with Martha Sienkiewicz

Wilderness Adventures for Teens: Canoe School and backpacking in the White Mountains with Charlie Spencer

### SOME OF OUR TRIPS

Plum Island day trip to Parker River National Wildlife Refuge – Dave Gallup, Robin Demetrius, Colette Potter and Delores Gentile.

Yearly bus trip to New York City, American Museum of Natural History – Lionel Foucher

Bus trips to Boston museums and aquariums – Lionel Foucher

Weekend Cape Cod trip to Brownies cabins and naturalist-guided tour – Jim Morin

Weekend Nantucket Island Interpretive Bike Tour.

### SOME OF OUR MULTI-DAY TRIPS

The Southwest – Jack Megas

Smoky Mountains – Tom and Nancy Condon

Virgin Islands Cinnamon Bay “camping” – Katherine and Brian Charbonneau

Nova Scotia; Wilderness Camping – Charlie Spencer

Costa Rica – Sonya Vickers

Galapagos – Sonya Vickers

Yellowstone – Sonya Vickers

Cruising the Maine Coast in Camden Maine – Bryan Clarke and Colette Potter

Bus Trip to Papillon Park and Garden in the Woods for butterflies and wildflowers

“The Hudson River in Art and Literature” – Ted Roupes

Cross Country Skiing in Vermont

Annual weekend trip to Stump Sprouts – Colette Potter, Brian Charbonneau, Dietrich and Julie Schlobohm

Day trip to Herkimer County New York; Herkimer Diamonds – Richard Sanderson and Jack Megas

Weekend bus trip to Longwood Gardens – Jim and Nancy Morin

Noble View Weekend – Al McMullen and Jack Megas

Viewing Halley's Comet in 1986, Everglades National Park – Jack Megas, Linda Leed and Dave Gallup

Smith College Greenhouse – Northampton

“Spring work is going on with joyful enthusiasm.” ~ John Muir

## SOME OF THE EVENTS

March 1980, Whale of a Day Celebration with 3,000 people at Springfield Civic Center. 40 environmental groups and speakers, parade down State Street for save the right whale our state mammal. License plates were made available.

Mt. Tom Controversy – clear cutting at Mt. Tom – Jack Megas and Richard Sanderson attended meeting of the Hampden County Commission at Springfield Hall of Justice. Sierra Club and Springfield County Forrester were also in attendance. The Naturalists' Club received support from the City Forester, Explorers Club, Appalachian Mountain Club and the general public. They encouraged the membership to write to state representatives to stop the cutting and save the pristine wilderness. Through their efforts they thwarted the plan to clear-cut Mt. Tom and saved it from future cuttings. Presentation of The Naturalists' Club Environmentalist of the Year award and dinner.

All One Planet Celebration for all life-forms on Earth, at Springfield Science Museum – Bob Tynan

Quabbin Eagle Watch, Enfield Lookout, Quabbin Reservoir RV and Camping Show booth, Big E grounds.

An Evening with Naturalists, a December get-together at Sonya Vickers'

Volunteer Appreciation party at Jim and Nancy Morin's home  
40th Anniversary of the Naturalists' Club Celebration at Noble View.

## SOME OF THE FEATURED SPEAKERS

450 monthly meetings over 50 years with exceptional speakers including:

Michael Guillemette “Native American Plants, Ethics, Relationship to Land”

Tom Ricardi – “Birds of Prey”

Robert Leverett – “Old Growth Forests”

Thomas Tynning – “Okefenokee – Wildlife Biology”

John McNeely, naturalist and filmmaker, *The Raven*

Richard Little, “Geology of the Pioneer Valley”

Les Campbell – “Quabbin – A Meeting of the Waters”

Michael Tougias – “Hidden Treasures of Massachusetts”

Juan Carlos-Jimenez – “Marine Mammals from Newfoundland to the Caribbean”

Ray Pawley – “The Zoo's Role in Protecting Endangered Species”

Amazing Naturalists' Club Members and Board of Directors!!

## THE CONJUNCTION

A Naturalists' Club program “Astronomy in Four Seasons” by Richard Sanderson and Jack Megas gave birth to the Conjunction, a gathering of astronomers at Northfield Mountain now in its 37th year!!

~ *Dave Gallup and Jack Megas*

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“I glanced out the window at the signs of spring. The sky was almost blue, the trees were almost budding, the sun was almost bright.”  
~ *Millard Kaufman*

## Festival of Flowers at the Quadrangle, *Springfield*

Thursday to Sunday, April 4 to 7.

The Springfield Museums are pleased to announce the Seventh Annual Festival of Flowers at the Quadrangle. Galleries and exhibits in four museums will burst with color when museum objects are creatively interpreted by florists, designers, and garden club members. Please join us to celebrate spring! Flower show and activities are included with museum admission unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit [SpringfieldMuseums.org/flowers](http://SpringfieldMuseums.org/flowers)

“April's air stirs in  
Willow-leaves...a butterfly  
Floats and balances” ~ *Bashō*

## Hiking the East Branch Trail, *Huntington*

Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Leaders: Tom & Nancy Condon

Registration: Please call to sign up (413-297-0778)

Meeting Place: Huntington Country Store on Rt. 112

We will start at a parking lot in the Knightville Dam Recreation Area and hike northward following the beautiful East Branch of the Westfield River. Designated a National Wild and Scenic River for good reason, the East Branch boasts excellent trout habitat, sparkling clear water, and a variety of habitats for abundant wildlife. We will hike from prime upland game habitat behind Knightville Dam along the river for 2 to 3 miles before turning around to return to our cars. Along the way we'll look for signs of spring. The trail is wide and level for easy hiking. Bring your binoculars, water and lunch or snacks. Dress for the weather. We'll stop at the Huntington Country Store on our way back for a delicious bakery item and hot beverage.

## **Northeast Natural History Conference, *Springfield***

Friday to Sunday, April 12 to 14

This conference promises to be, once again, the largest regional forum for researchers, natural resource managers, students, and naturalists to present current information on the varied aspects of applied field biology (freshwater, marine, and terrestrial) and natural history for the northeastern United States and adjacent regions of Canada. It will serve as a premier venue to identify research and management needs, foster friendships and collegial relationships, and

encourage a greater region-wide interest in natural history by bringing people with diverse backgrounds together. For more information on registration, fees, and program, please visit [https://www.eaglehill.us/NENHC\\_2019/NENHC2019.shtml](https://www.eaglehill.us/NENHC_2019/NENHC2019.shtml)



### **Happy Earth Day . . . and Happy Birthday!**

The Naturalists' Club was founded on Earth Day in 1969! We'll celebrate with birthday cake at our April meeting!



### **Holey Basalt! Amazing geology stories of Mt. Tom and the Holyoke Range**

Wednesday, April 17, starting at 7 p.m.

Tolman Auditorium, Springfield Science Museum

Speaker: Richard Little

The Holyoke Range extends east-west from the Amherst area and then curves southward, extending completely across Connecticut. It is composed of more than 400 feet of basalt lava from the Age of Dinosaurs, Jurassic Period. Find out about the development of this significant and interesting landscape that forms the backbone of the Connecticut River Valley in Massachusetts and Connecticut. You will learn about Pangaea, flood basalts, dikes, sills, development of the Connecticut Valley and its dramatic topography, glacier action and Lake Hitchcock. Many interesting mysteries are solved in this program.

Greenfield Community College Professor (Emeritus) Richard Little moved to the Connecticut River Valley in 1969 and couldn't leave. It is the best place in the world to study geology. He will bring his *Dinosaurs, Dunes, and Drifting Continents* book as well as two DVDs on local geology to the program, as well as the rare and always interesting Turners Falls Armored Mud Balls. He also runs "Fantastic Landscape Tours" to Scotland, Iceland, and National Parks. You can find more information about all these topics at [www.EarthView.rocks](http://www.EarthView.rocks).

### **WRWA Wild and Scenic Film Festival, *Westfield***

Monday evening, April 22

Dever Auditorium, Westfield State University

WRWA will again be sponsoring a screening of short films from the South Yuba River Citizens League Wild & Scenic film festival. This event is free and open to the public. For details, see <http://www.westfieldriver.org>

### **Let's Go for a Bike Ride on the Manhan Rail Trail,**

*Easthampton*

Saturday, April 27

Leader: Carole Dupont

Registration: Please contact Carole (413-896-0124; [carole0136@gmail.com](mailto:carole0136@gmail.com))

Rain cancelled our bike ride twice last year, so let's try again. We will bike 10-15 miles along a flat, pleasant bike trail, stopping occasionally to observe wildflowers and for rest and water breaks. There is a bagel shop along the trail for a light snack or lunch. Bring your trail-worthy bike, water, snacks and dress according to the weather conditions. A helmet is a must. Let's hope rain will not cancel again!

### **Chapel Brook Falls Hike to the Summit of Pony Mountain, *Ashfield***

Sunday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to mid-afternoon

Leaders: Dave and Suzy Gallup

Registration: Please call Dave and Suzy (413-525-4697)

Meeting Place: Table and Vine parking lot, Rt. 5, West Springfield

Chapel Brook Falls is a ruggedly beautiful place of ridges and forest. Some old-growth trees dot the landscape and wildflowers cover the forest floor. Streams surge and trickle for most of the year, but in spring, Chapel Falls will be in full roar! After we explore the falls, we will take a short and exhilarating hike along the summit trail to the top of Pony Mountain. The panoramic views of the highland forests and the foothills of the Berkshires are well worth the hike. All this in another Trustees of Reservations property! Don't forget to bring snacks or lunch and a camera. Rain cancels.

"The morning sun is out and bright  
Easing into all that was dark and blight  
Forcing night sneak away without a fight."  
~ Richard L. Ratliff

**Mill River & Smith College Flower Gardens, Northampton**

Saturday morning, May 11

Leader: Carole Dupont

Registration: Please contact Carole (413-896-0124 or [carole0136@gmail.com](mailto:carole0136@gmail.com))

We will hike along a very pleasant, flat stretch of the Mill River observing some interesting rock formations, early wildflowers & hopefully some wildlife. After which we will continue on the trail to the adjacent Smith College outdoor flower gardens which should provide us with some wonderfully colorful spring blooms. The Botanic Garden of

Smith College, preserving the historic landscape designed by Frederick Olmsted, is set on 125 acres bordering Paradise Pond, with nearby mountains providing an outstanding view. Campus outdoor gardens include a systematics garden, woodland & wildflower garden, Japanese garden, and a rock garden. Additionally there are a perennial garden, hardy xerophyte garden and an herb garden, with over 7,000 labeled and mapped plants in total. We'll enjoy the beautiful flowers of May before heading back to our cars at the trailhead.

Bring water, snacks, lunch, and dress for the weather.

**Ecosystems Need Dark Skies**

Wednesday, May 15, starting at 7 p.m. (Rescheduled from February's cancelled meeting)

Tolman Auditorium, Springfield Science Museum

Speaker: James Lowenthal

Plants and animals depend on Earth's daily cycle of light and dark to govern life-sustaining behaviors such as reproduction, nourishment, sleep and protection from predators. Humans need the natural day/night cycle for good health as well. A growing number of scientists, advocates and conservationists say the naturally dark sky should be protected as a valuable resource that helps keep humans connected to their shared history of stars while aiding plants, animals and insects that evolved without artificial illumination.

Dr. Lowenthal is a professor of astronomy at Smith College, Northampton. He is the Vice President of the American Astronomical Society and within the AAS sits on the Committee on Light Pollution, Radio Interference, and Space Debris. This evening's presentation will focus on light pollution, how it affects life, and practical ways we can minimize it for energy conservation and better health.

**Spring Wildflowers, Westfield**

Sunday, May 19, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Leader: Dave Lovejoy

Meeting Place: Main entrance sign to Frank Stanley Beveridge Memorial Sanctuary, located across from recreational field.

This casual walk will explore several of the habitats in the Sanctuary along the Little River, focusing on wildflowers. Many species will be in full bloom around this time. Both native and naturalized species will be observed with the possibility of seeing about 30 species. A field guide might be helpful to have along, but is certainly not necessary.

**The Floating Island of Sadawga Pond, Whitingham, VT**

Saturday, May 25, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Leaders: Nancy &amp; Tom Condon

Registration: Please contact Tom at (413-297-0778 or [spiderwoman@russellma.net](mailto:spiderwoman@russellma.net))

Meeting Place: Barnes & Noble Parking, Holyoke

In 1952, *Vermont Life* claimed that Sadawga Pond had the only "honest-to-goodness Floating Island" in North America. Join us to explore this unique feature in this beautiful 194-acre pond in southern Vermont. The island is a fen ecosystem loaded with sphagnum moss and pitcher plants. We'll paddle around this unique ecosystem and learn how plants survive in

this low-nutrient environment. The pond is also a great place to watch for birds, so don't forget your binoculars and camera. Prepare for the weather, bring along your paddling gear, lunch, and a snack. We have a limited number of boats you can rent from our local scout group at \$10/seat. Call to reserve a spot.

For those who care to join us, we'll end our day at the Whetstone Brewery and Restaurant overlooking the Connecticut River in Brattleboro.

**Hiking High Ledges, Shelburne Falls**

Saturday, June 1, from 9 a.m. to mid-afternoon

Leaders: Dave and Suzy Gallup

Registration: Please call to let us know you are coming (413-525-4697)

Meeting Place: Table and Vine parking lot, Rt 5, West Springfield

Enjoy the beauty of the forest and its wildflowers, including the rare yellow lady slipper, on this moderate two-mile hike. One of the many treats of this route is the breathtaking view from High Ledges, overlooking Shelburne Falls and the valley below. After the hike we will visit Shelburne Falls, a picturesque New England town known for its "Bridge of Flowers". If you wish, take the afternoon to explore the town's unique shops and beautiful waterfalls. Wear sturdy footwear and bring a lunch. Rain cancels.

### **Marsh Birds on the Housatonic, Milford, CT**

Saturday, June 8, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Leaders: Nancy & Tom Condon

Registration: Please contact Tom (413-297-0778 or [spiderwoman@russellma.net](mailto:spiderwoman@russellma.net))

Meeting Place: Stop & Shop Parking Lot, Riverdale Shops, Route 5, West Springfield

June 7th is World Oceans Day, so grab your boat and your binoculars and join us as we poke around the salt marshes of the Charles E. Wheeler Wildlife Area at the mouth of the Housatonic River along Long Island Sound. This 800-acre marsh has hosted over 300 species of birds including ospreys, herons, plovers, and numerous other shore birds. The marshes are laced with many small streams. This area is closed to motored boats from February until September, so we can expect a nice, quiet paddle.

Prepare for the weather, and bring along your paddling gear, lunch, and a snack. We have a limited number of boats you can rent from our local scout group at \$10/seat. Please call to reserve a spot.

### **Dragonflies and Wildflowers at Rock House Reservation, West Brookfield**

Saturday June 15 from noon to 2 p.m.

Leader: Sonya Vickers

Registration: Please call Sonya (413-218-7742)

Meeting Place: Big Y parking lot in Palmer, north of the turnpike entrance on Rt 32, at 11:15 a.m.

Rock House Reservation, managed by The Trustees of Reservations, is a 75-acre property with hiking trails and a pond. The landscape was shaped by the last ice age, which placed huge rocks at strange angles, producing some of the "caves". For 7,000 years, it was used by Native Americans, who built fires that reflected off the rock walls. Archaeologists have found early tools and pottery these people left behind. We will walk the trails searching out wildflowers of June and go to the pond to hunt for the dragonflies searching for mates and dinner. Field microscopes will be provided so that people can experience some of the pond organisms that the dragonflies use for food. Those who wish can stop on the way back for an ice cream break at a local stand. Bring a hiking lunch. Binoculars or a camera with a telephoto lens will help you spot the dragonflies.

"It was June, and the world smelled of roses.  
The sunshine was like powdered gold over the  
grassy hillside. ~ Maud Hart Lovelace,  
*Betsy-Tacy and Tib*

## **Looking forward to:**

### **Stump Sprouts Weekend,**

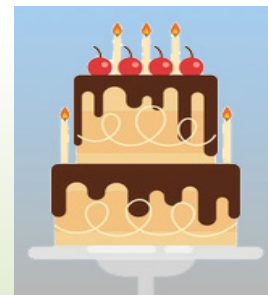
Friday, September 6 through Sunday, September 8

Dinner on Friday evening through Sunday luncheon.

Leaders: Dietrich and Julie Schlobohm

Registration: Reservations and 50% deposit should be sent to arrive by Monday, August 12. This trip may be cancelled if fewer than 18 people have paid by that date. For current information, please call Dietrich or Julie (413-788-4125). All-inclusive cost for two nights' lodging and six meals is \$172 per person. Indicate your roommate preference and make your check payable to The Naturalists' Club and send to Dietrich Schlobohm, 52 Poplar Ave., West Springfield, MA 01089.

High on the side of a mountain with a magnificent view, Stump Sprouts ski lodge provides a beautiful setting for walking, hiking, or relaxing in solitude. A ninety-minute drive from Springfield, the property consists of a 450-acre tract surrounded by Dubuque, Savoy, and Mohawk State Forests. Guests need to bring their own bedding, towels, and toiletries; bathrooms are shared. Our hosts will provide superb family-style garden-fresh meals, complete with homemade breads, and cookies. There is usually a choice of meat or vegetarian fare. Bring along binoculars, good footwear, curiosity, and a sense of adventure. Limit: 20 people.



## **Save The Date**

### **Naturalists' Club's 50th Birthday Weekend**

Friday to Sunday, October 4 to 6

***Happy Birthday, Naturalists' Club!***

Plan to celebrate in a big way at AMC's Noble View Outdoor Center in Russell. You can stay overnight in the Double Cottage or come for just a day. Plenty of nighttime activities and daytime exhibits and events will keep you busy. Invite your friends and neighbors.

We'll show them what a great club we are! Highlights will include bat-box building, themed hikes, visits from birds of prey, nature readings around the campfire, displays and exhibits, birthday cake, a picnic lunch, and much, much more.

Details to follow in the summer newsletter.

You don't want to miss this blowout party!

## Nominating Committee and Election

Naturalists' Club elections are held at the May meeting. Anytime prior, members may contact the Nominating Committee to make additional nominations.

Nominating Committee members are:

- Karen Daniels (413-786-8228)
- Delores Gentile (413-783-6113)
- Colette Potter (413-786-1805)

The following incumbents are running:

- President ~ Dave Gallup
- Vice President ~ Nancy Condon
- Treasurer ~ Dave Lovejoy
- Corresponding Secretary ~ Suzanne Gallup
- Recording Secretary ~ Sonya Vickers
- Directors ~ Tom Condon, Carole Dupont, Jack Megas, Dietrich Schlobohm

Nominations may also be made from the floor at the May meeting.

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## EVENTS AT LAUGHING BROOK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

These programs at Laughing Brook require registration with Mass Audubon (800-710-4550) and most require a registration fee. Laughing Brook is located on Main Street in Hampden. For more information and registration, visit the Mass Audubon website at [www.massaudubon.org](http://www.massaudubon.org).

We're planning a yearlong celebration of fun events and programs in honor of our 75th Anniversary. All events are open to the public and people of all ages and abilities.

### Vernal Pools at Laughing Brook

Saturday, April 20, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Instructor: Kevin Kopchynski - Photographer and Naturalist

Come explore Laughing Brook's vernal pool in search of wood frogs and spring peepers. At this time of year we should be able to see tadpoles and adults as well as egg masses. Suitable for all ages.

"I watch the trees all dressed up in the Spring,  
While posing as they stand in line,  
Placing their best foot forward, showing off their leaves  
and fighting for attention,  
One tree at a time" ~ Charmaine J Forde

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### Introduction To Digital Nature Photography

Sundays, May 5 and 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. (two sessions)

Instructor: Kevin Kopchynski - Photographer and Naturalist

Meeting Place: Melville Room, Hampden Town Hall,  
625 Main St., Hampden.

Learn the basics of nature photography, just in time to photograph the beauty of spring in the Connecticut River Valley! We will discuss best practices for capturing an image, understanding exposure and focus, and using both manual and automatic exposure settings. Both digital and film users can benefit from this instruction, though when discussing equipment we will concentrate on digital photography and the special opportunities and challenges it offers. After the first session, participants are encouraged to take photos for review at the second session. The program is not designed for children.

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## Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary is celebrating 75 years!

• Community Supported Since Day One •



Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary is an ecological gem and education innovator. For its 75 years of existence, Arcadia has been a protector of land and important wildlife habitats as well as an innovator in environmental education and addressing the climate crisis.

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## FROM THE TREASURER

Those with a date of "18-19" (or later) on your newsletter mailing label have paid for this year. Otherwise, your dues are owed for the year that started in September 2018. You may renew by sending a check (payable to The Naturalists' Club) to Dave Lovejoy, Westfield State University, Department of Biology, Westfield, MA 01086 or by giving the check to Dave at the next monthly meeting.

Note: If your contact information has not changed, the form below need not be completed. We would, however, like to have your email address if you haven't sent it previously. Please direct changes or inquiries to Dave Lovejoy, who maintains our mailing list. And please let Dave know if you would like to receive your newsletter electronically.

## MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- \$15 per year for Individual or Family Membership
- \$25 per year for Supporting Membership
- \$50 per year for Sustaining Membership
- \$300 for Lifetime Membership

## Reminder

### To receive electronic updates, please send us your email address

On occasion, information of interest to club members becomes available after our Newsletter has gone to press. Such information can include, for example, changes in speakers for upcoming meetings and late-breaking trip announcements. If you'd like to receive these electronic updates, please be sure to share your email address with Dave Lovejoy ([dlovejoy@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:dlovejoy@westfield.ma.edu)), who maintains the Club membership list.

### Renew your membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Requests for programs/trips \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive the electronic newsletter instead of a paper copy? \_\_\_\_\_

Please send information per the above to: Club Treasurer, Dave Lovejoy, Department of Biology, Westfield State University, Westfield, MA 01086

The NATURALISTS' CLUB was founded in 1969 for the purpose of actively promoting knowledge, appreciation, and preservation of our natural environment.

It is an all-volunteer non-profit organization.

Education is a main focus of The NATURALISTS' CLUB.

Programming, with an emphasis on local natural history, is designed to create camaraderie among people of diverse interests through experiences deepening their appreciation of nature.

Activities are geared to acquaint the layperson with the natural world, mostly through field trips. Monthly meetings are held at the Science Museum at the

Quadrangle in Springfield, Mass. Most field trips and programs are free.

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