As sweet as you remember.

Reopening to our Membership and community with caution and care.
What’s New & Next?

“Whoa, Nelly.”

Summer finally shines upon us.

Thank you all for your patience and goodness through this unprecedented global health crisis. Sheltering at home and feeling isolated challenged our entire world community emotionally. The Stamford Museum & Nature Center is blessed and honored to return to service for all of you to enjoy.

We’ve managed our opening process with an abundance of care. We have safety rules and virtually every guest has followed them by arriving wearing face masks, washing hands, and practicing social distancing. We want everyone to feel that we are a safe haven for getting everyone out-of-doors again.

And we are excited to now welcome the entire community with pre-registered Admission visits – morning and afternoon sessions. Our summer exhibition “Art & the Animal” is the flagship showcase of artistry from The Society of Animal Artists, which is regarded worldwide as the most prestigious artist membership organization dedicated to the theme of animals in art.

Crisis also drives fresh, creative thinking.

Our staff team excels at this, which fills me with joy. We have a fabulous summer planned which unfolds in these pages. Three Cheers for Summer Camp! … Drive-In Movies! … a September Lobster & Clam Bake! to name a few.

Our Sunday Farm Market, now in the 151 Scofieldtown Road Farmhouse parking lot, will be filled with bounty beginning June 7 through October 18, 2020. We’ll welcome a wonderful group of loyal farmers and producers, and will be selling our very own Maple Syrup, fresh farm eggs, and a brand NEW Heckscher Farm Blend of COFFEE, thanks to our fabulous friend Chris Hallowell, owner of Turning Point Coffee in Bulls Head. Thank you, Chris!

Please know that the financial proceeds from all SM&NC programming and events you support directly benefit the bedrock of our operating budget.

We wish to remain a vital family and friends destination, and a window to the natural world for decades to come.

I look forward to seeing you here soon and often.

Melissa H. Mulrooney
Executive Director & CEO
**Events in Brief**

**ONGOING**

*SM&NC Sunday Farm Market*
Sundays, June 7 – October 18, 10 am – 2 pm

*Art and The Animal Exhibition*
Daily, through September 7

*Facebook Live Classes*
Daily at 10 am on our Facebook page. Friday classes held in Spanish.

*Live Animal, Science, and Art-Based Summer Camp*
Mon – Fri, July 6 – August 21

*Détente Exhibition*
Daily, opening September 24

**JULY**

6-10 *Junior Curator*
Mon – Fri, 3 – 5 pm

9 *Nights Out: Drive-In Movie “The Wizard of Oz”*
Thu, 6:30 pm Gates Open 8:30 pm Showtime

13-17 *Digital Camp: Kitchen Chemistry*
Mon – Fri, 2:30 – 3:30 pm

15 *Farm it Yourself: Animal Enrichment!*
Wed, 2:30 – 4 pm

20-24 *Digital Camp: Junior Master Naturalists*
Mon – Fri, 2:30 – 3:30 pm

20-24 *Junior Curator*
Mon – Fri, 3 – 5 pm

22 *Farm it Yourself: Animal Enrichment!*
Wed, 2:30 – 4 pm

23 *Nights Out: Drive-In Movie “Charlotte’s Web”*
Thu, 6:30 pm Gates Open 8:30 pm Showtime

27-31 *Junior WILD! Keepers*
Mon – Fri, 3 – 5 pm

**AUGUST**

2 *Farm it Yourself: In a Pickle*
Sun, 2:30 – 4 pm

3-7 *Digital Camp: Meet the Masters*
Mon – Fri, 2:30 – 3:30 pm

3-7 *Junior Curator*
Mon – Fri, 3 – 5 pm

**SEPTEMBER**

4 *Magical Beasts Forest Egg Hunt*
Fri, see page 16 for times

5 *Magical Beasts Forest Egg Hunt*
Sat, see page 16 for times

6 *Magical Beasts Forest Egg Hunt*
Sun, see page 16 for times

11 *Magical Beasts Forest Egg Hunt*
Fri, see page 16 for times

12 *Magical Beasts Forest Egg Hunt*
Sat, see page 16 for times

19 *Farm it Yourself: Medicinal Plants of Connecticut*
Sat, 2:30 – 4 pm

20 *Farm it Yourself: Easy Cheesy Lemon Squeezy*
Sun, 3 – 4 pm

24 *Détente: Exhibition Opening Day*
Thu, All Day

24 *Farmhouse Lobster & Clam Bake*
Thu, 6:30 pm
VISITING GUIDELINES

Our Visiting Safely Guidelines
Open Daily 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
No Pre-Registration Required

Planning Your Visit
• Parking and entry will be at the Knobloch Family Farmhouse ONLY at 151 Scofieldtown Road.
• Scan our SM&NC QR Code to view these guidelines and our Site Map.
• Concluding your visit, please exit to the Farmhouse Parking Lot via the paved path behind the Maple Sugar House.
• Meadow tables are spaced apart for your picnicking pleasure, please tidy up after use for other guests.

Our Safety Requirements
• Adults & children over the age of 4 must wear a facemask while indoors, on the playground, or anytime when social distancing is not possible.
• We ask that you stop at our Handwashing Stations upon arrival and before touching the animals.
• Social Distancing must be strictly adhered to at 6 feet. Avoid Bottlenecks. Be patient and kind.
• Children must be closely supervised at all times.

What’s OPEN at this time
• Heckscher Farm and Organic Garden, Nature’s Playground (open 6/17), our hiking trails including the Orange Adventure Trail, and the Wheels-In-The-Woods trail, as well as the Bendel Pond Meadow
• On June 17, our Bendel Mansion building and Museum Galleries will open for our wonderful summer exhibition, Art and the Animal, the flagship showcase of work from the Society of Animal Artists. Exhibition on view through September 7, 2020.
• Heckscher Farm Restrooms, next to HeckscherWILD!, and our Meadow Restrooms are open for one family at a time, please.
• Sunday Farm Market opens June 7, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM in North Parking Lot.

What’s CLOSED at this time
• Overbrook Nature Center, HeckscherWILD!, and the Art, Nature & Me Preschool.

PLEASE DO YOUR PART. The Stamford Museum & Nature Center is cooperating with all federal, state, and city directives regarding public safety. Please know that by entering our facility you accept all risk and will responsibly adhere to our policies, safety requirements, and CDC Safety Policies.
Our Sunday Market is back! This year, we’ll be in the North Parking lot (151 Scofieldtown Road) for at least our first two months.

More than ever, supporting local agriculture is important. We have returning favorite vendors Muddy Roots, Smith Acres, Beldotti’s Bakery, Conant Valley Jam, Oronoque Farms, Guasa Salsa and Sisters Wicked Good Soap, joining new vendor Charlie’s Chaga. Our own Heckscher Farm tent will feature our maple syrup, wool, eggs and coffee, as well as Arethusa Farm milk and butter, Stani Dairy Greek yogurt, and yummy pickles and relishes from Twin Pine Farms. Visit our Sunday Farm Market page at www.stamfordmuseum.org/sunday-farm-market for additional information on vendors, as well as safety protocols.

Please note: Reservations are not needed for the Sunday Farm Market. Members and non-members are welcome to shop the market during its open hours. Market shoppers wishing to also visit the SM&NC property must make advanced reservations at www.stamfordmuseum.org/reopening
NIGHTS OUT

Place: SM&NC North Parking Lot (151 Scofieldtown Road)

Per Car Pricing: Couples Admission: $40 for up to 2 people  
Family Admission: $60 for 3 or more people

Time: Gates open at 6:30 pm, Showtime 8:30 pm

Tickets: Tickets must be purchased in advance online at www.stamfordmuseum.org/drivein

Parking: All spots are first come first served, so arrive early and stroll Heckscher Farm before showtime! Socially distanced parking will allow for outdoor seating.

Refreshments: Moose & Monty’s Munch Boxes (popcorn & candy) are available to pre-purchase online with tickets.  
Food Trucks on-site until showtime
The Biggest Little Farm
THURSDAY, JUNE 18
with special Heckscher Farm friends!

Babe
THURSDAY, JUNE 25

The Wizard of Oz
THURSDAY, JULY 9

Charlotte’s Web (2006)
THURSDAY, JULY 23

Movie TBD
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

Premiering with

Summer Series Sponsor

Large Screen Format with FM Sound
All proceeds from Drive-In Movie Nights directly support the SM&NC

www.stamfordmuseum.org/drivein

Movies may be subject to change due to licensing restrictions.
Come explore the natural world in our Bendel Galleries with Art and the Animal on view through September 7th. Art and the Animal is the flagship exhibition of The Society of Animal Artists, which is regarded worldwide as the most prestigious artist membership organization dedicated to the theme of animals in art. A juried exhibit for art and animal lovers alike, visitors will get a chance to view more than 50 diverse artworks that combine natural history and fine art in various styles ranging in medium from oil and watercolors, to exquisite pencil and ink works, paper cutouts and sculpture. The Society’s 59th Annual Exhibition premiered at The Briscoe Western Art Museum in San Antonio.

The mission of The Society of Animal Artists is to promote excellence in the portrayal of animals, domestic and/or wild, in art. The Society was founded in 1960 and over the past 60 years, works created by members of The Society of Animal Artists have established new standards of artistic preeminence in fine art. Art and the Animal Annual Exhibits and Touring Exhibitions have been featured at more than 60 venues including museums and zoos, and art, cultural and science centers throughout North America. This exhibition is produced by David J. Wagner, L.L.C.
DÉTENTE: By Christopher Marley
A Dialogue with Art, Nature and Science

Artist, naturalist, and New York Times bestselling author Christopher Marley is known for his unique ability to reveal the obscure beauty in nature. In his latest exhibit, the very definition of Détente, “the relaxing of tensions between hostile groups” is experienced visually in real-time. Rich with symbolism, Marley’s Détente is an immersive experience where seemingly disparate and opposing elements of the natural world call us to reconsider all that divides us. By revealing the essential components of tension and dichotomy in beauty, Marley inspires us to see even our heartfelt differences as indispensable to a society that is rich, dynamic, even ideal.

Guests will appreciate the stunningly vivid displays for their artistry on the part of Marley, as well as the hidden artistry that nature has perfected. The specimens selected for his works are unique in their color, size or morphology, highlighting the vastness of biodiversity while symbolizing the vitality of human diversity. This revelation of beauty inspires an appreciation for both nature and humanity that extends far beyond the confines of the exhibit space. Marley’s work seeks to instill in viewers a desire to become more active in the conservation and stewardship of nature while inspiring us to safeguard and honor human diversity.

on view September 24, 2020 – January 10, 2021
ANDY WARHOL
Flowers Series, 1974

“You need to let the little things that would ordinarily bore you suddenly thrill you.”

The king of pop art, Andy Warhol, was an icon of his age and remains one of the most influential figures in contemporary art and culture. Warhol has been labeled as an artist, celebrity, writer, filmmaker, jet setter and philosopher. His vivid and eye-catching paintings and prints have a vast array of subjects. From celebrities including Marilyn Monroe and Mick Jagger to everyday items such as cans of soup and Coca-Cola bottles, Warhol proved that art can be anything.

Flowers were a recurring motif in Andy Warhol’s work. Warhol continuously revisited the use of flowers as a subject matter throughout his entire career in almost every medium. In the 1950s, he drew representational still-life works that featured flowers. He returned to the floral still life in 1974, with this series of screenprints. The Flowers (Hand-Colored) series contains ten different silk-screen prints of floral arrangements produced by Warhol and his studio. These compositions are based on images of Japanese Ikebana floral arrangements that Warhol found in a wallpaper catalog. Each print is unique, as the aniline watercolor dyes were hand-applied. These stunning prints are a part of the Stamford Museum & Nature Center’s extraordinary permanent Collection. We invite you to come view a selection of these works currently on display in the Great Hall of Bendel Mansion.
SPECIAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS

KNOBLOCH FAMILY FARMHOUSE

LOBSTER & CLAM BAKE

A special fundraising event in support of the SM&NC

September 24, 2020

SAVE THE DATE!

BEVS & BITES

AT THE FARMHOUSE

FRI

DAY

OCTOBER 23, 2020

6:30 - 9:30 PM

21+ only, please
FIY: FARM IT YOURSELF

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! A small group size ensures that everyone gets hands-on chances to participate. Programs are by pre-registration only.

Recommended for children ages 5+

Animal Enrichment!
Session I: Wednesday, July 15
Session II: Wednesday, July 22
2:30 – 4 pm
Enrichment enhances the well-being of our animals in a fun and interactive way. Come behind the scenes for a close look at how our Farm Curators create enrichment ideas! You will have the opportunity to help make an enrichment project for some of our farm animals and be there to present it to them. Limited enrollment of 10 people per session.

Members: $6/person
Non-Members: $9/person

In a Pickle
Sunday, August 2
2:30 – 4 pm
While you can pickle almost anything these days, our original pickle is the cucumber! Discover some of the different types of cucumbers that grow in Connecticut, and learn how to make a quick refrigerator pickle. Participants will take home supplies to make their own pickles at home too! Limited to 5 participants. Program location will be e-mailed to participants before class.

Members: $8/person
Non-Members: $11/person

Just Peachy!
Sunday, August 16
3 – 4 pm
Connecticut peach season is one of the best! Learn how to preserve peaches through canning and by making an easy peach freezer jam to enjoy that summer taste in the middle of winter! We’ll show an easy way to peel peaches and how to prepare for water bath canning. Participants will take supplies home to make their own no-cook peach freezer jam as well! Limited to 5 participants. Program location will be e-mailed to participants before class.

Members: $12/person
Non-Members: $15/person

Register online for programs at www.stamfordmuseum.org
Medicinal Plants of Connecticut
Ages 7+
Saturday, September 19 | 2:30 – 4 pm
Join us for a nature walk and discussion about how many of our local plants have been used as cures and treatments for everything from coughs to headaches. Along the way, we will discover how local tribes used various plants in their daily life, and how many of the same plants appear in our lives today. After our walk, attendees will also have the opportunity to make their own tea bag to take home! We will be walking outside and using some trails so please dress accordingly and note that some paths will not be accessible to strollers.

Members: $6/person
Non-Members: $9/person

Easy Cheesy Lemon Squeezy
Ages 6+
Sunday, September 20 | 3 – 4 pm
In case you missed this popular class the first time, it returns again this summer! Meet our mama goats and new kids. Then, head to the Farmhouse to demo an easy farmer’s cheese that you can make from home. All participants will get ingredients to take home to make their own cheese! Limited to 5 participants. Program location will be e-mailed to participants before class.

Members: $12/person
Non-Members: $15/person

National S’mores Day
Sunday, August 9
11 am – 3 pm
We’ll celebrate our favorite non-traditional holiday again this year! Participant families will get a packet of ingredients to be able to roast their own S’mores! More information will be available closer to the event.
SUMMER WITH THE SM&NC

Live Animal, Science and Art-based Summer Camp
PreK4s – 7th grade
July 6 – August 21

Seven weeks of age-appropriate, outdoor, safe fun! Visit our website for current enrollment openings. Half day programs for PreK4s through 4th grade, and full day programs for grades 3 – 7. Small group size of 10 kids.

Junior Curator
Ages 11 – 13
June 22 – 26 | July 6 – 10 | July 20 – 24 | August 3 – 7
Monday through Friday | 3 – 5 pm

Our Junior Curator program provides hands-on, behind-the-scenes training in the care of our farm animals. Completion of the class enables participants to volunteer on Heckscher Farm. Small group size of 5 students.

Junior WILD! Keepers
Ages 11 – 13
June 29 – July 3 | July 27 – 31 | August 17 – 21
Monday through Friday | 3 – 5 pm

Our Junior WILD! Keepers program provides hands-on, behind-the-scenes training in the care of our exotic animals. Completion of the class enables participants to volunteer in Heckscher WILD! Small group size of 5 students.
Ages 6+
Join us for our all-new Digital Camps! Camps will include a daily 1-hour educator-led program, curriculum for additional at-home activities, and a materials kit available for curbside pick-up at the SM&NC that contains needed materials for the week. 10 kids maximum for a small group experience. Children from the same family may attend as one camper, but will only receive one materials kit. Individual registrations from the same family will each receive a set of materials. Meeting and materials information will be sent the week before camp begins.

Kitchen Chemistry
July 13 – 17 | 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Explore some of our favorite science experiments with materials that are already in your house! Discover a few different types of slime that can be made from common ingredients, turn computer paper into some awesome flying machines, test substances in your house for acids and bases, explore the world of yeast as we make our own dough, and more. The SM&NC will provide some materials that can be picked up curbside, but everything else can be easily sourced around your house.

Members: $60
Non-Members: $70

Junior Master Naturalists
July 20 – 24 | 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Delve into the world of Connecticut wildlife as we learn about some of the most fascinating animals in our area. Learn how to ID Connecticut snakes and turtles, see what common groups of mammals call our habitats home, learn common animal tracks, and create some activities in your yard to see what animals are around your area! Through a combination of live animals, artifacts, digital images, and printables, we’ll get a great look at our incredible local wildlife.

Members: $60
Non-Members: $70

Meet the Masters
August 3 – 7 | 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Art comes in many forms! We’ll explore some of our favorite “Masters” in this virtual program. Learn about the work of John James Audubon and how he changed the face of bird science. See how Picasso and Matisse’s works influenced the modern art movement and more. Each day, we will introduce one of the artists and their work, and then students will undertake their own project inspired by our Master of the day. Most supplies for each project will be included in the materials pack.

Members: $60
Non-Members: $70

Heckscher Chefs at Home
August 10 – 14 | 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Join us for a virtual version of our cooking camp! We’ll work together to make some of our favorite recipes, our awesome pizza dough, our own butter, a fresh tomato sauce, and more! Cooking projects will be ones easily adaptable to home with your everyday kitchen tools. We’ll provide most ingredients within our materials pack for ease. Each chef will also receive their own bottle of SM&NC’s own maple syrup in their pack, too!

Members: $90
Non-Members: $100
SM&NC BIRTHDAYS

ON-SITE
Farmer for a Day Birthdays
Ages 5+

Saturdays & Sundays
June 13 – August 16 | 11 am & 3 pm

Have a birthday child who loves animals? Join us for this new 60-minute birthday experience! The birthday child and two friends will get an amazing hands-on, behind-the-scenes experience with our farm animals! Create a snack for the pigs, help to walk a goat, llama or donkey, and hang out with the goat kids! Each child will also get a Farm Critter Creation animal to take home. Program includes admission for birthday child’s family and 2 guests. Maximum of 3 children for the program. Contact registration at birthdayparties@stamfordmuseum.org for availability.

Members: $150  Non-Members: $200

SM&NC At-Home Learning Packs
FRESH, FUN & NEW!

Remote Science & Animal Programs
Bring learning directly to your group! Our educators are available to lead programs on a variety of topics through Zoom or Google Meets. We can develop individual programs or series curriculum for your group! Contact our Director of Education at lmonachelli@stamfordmuseum.org for scheduling.

SM&NC At-Home Learning Packs

$20 each

Bring some of our favorite educational activities into your house while supporting the SM&NC! Each kit is safely packed by staff, and will be delivered curbside to your mailbox or front porch (within a certain radius) or can be picked up during a preregistered visit. Dissect an owl pellet, create your own farm stuffed animal, or explore the world of rocks & minerals. New packs on Astronomy and Snakes coming soon!

Packs available: Owl Pellet Dissection, Farm Critter Creation (horse or pig), Rocks & Minerals, At Home Astronomy: Coming Soon! Stupendous Snakes: Coming Soon!
We missed it in April, so join us for our re-imagined egg hunt! Dress in your favorite costume or animal shirt, hunt for eggs in the forest, and look for our hidden magical beasts throughout the trails! We’ll have real-life magical beasts to meet, and a craft for each participant. As previously, the small group size and program design allow kids to move at their own pace through our all-accessible trail. Plenty of eggs on the trail ensures that no one will be left out! Each participant can choose their own prize from our exciting selection of stuffed animals, craft and slime kits, games, and more. New registration will open July 15. April registrants will get priority on new session dates and times.

Please note: Max of 25 children per session. All tickets must be purchased in advance. Additional tickets cannot be purchased on the day of the event. Additional adults or children in non-member parties who are not registered must pay gate admission. Gate admission is included in the price of the program for registered non-members. Please check registrations carefully. Tickets will only be accepted for their corresponding sessions.

Members: $20/child; Member Adults: FREE
Non-Members: $25/child; 1 FREE Adult with each child admission; Additional Adults: $5 (will be charged at gate)
Thanks to the generous support from Business Affiliate Members like **First County Bank**, **Aquarion Water Company**, **Ernst & Young**, **Santa Energy**, and newest member **Riley Volvo Cars Stamford**, we are able to educate and inspire thousands of students in our area.

We are pleased to welcome back returning Business Affiliate Members **Diageo NA** and **Stamford Rotary**. Our partners help us sustain and increase our art and educational programming year after year, so we can continue to offer in-school programs like “Meet the Animals,” in which our staff brings live animals into the classroom, and our seasonal on-site programs like Apple Cidering and Maple Sugaring.

For information 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 contact Karen Meizels at 203.977.6546 or kmeizels@stamfordmuseum.org.

For a complete listing of our Business Affiliate Members and membership benefits, visit www.stamfordmuseum.org/affiliates. **We strongly encourage SM&NC members and friends to use the goods and services of our trusted community partners.**

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UNLIMITED Year-Round Admission to our Grounds and Museum

- 10% Discount in our Gift Shop
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- Host Birthday Parties On-Site
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- Director’s Circle Members enjoy 20%-30% discounts on facility rentals

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

Coffee Available for Purchase at our Sunday Farm Market

A fresh community partnership with all proceeds benefitting the Stamford Museum & Nature Center.

Heckscher Farm Blend
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Check out 360° virtual tours of the Knobloch Family Farmhouse & Bendel Mansion at www.stamfordmuseum.org/venues

FACILITY USE
As beloved as before.

For this edition of NEXT, we’ve gone digital.

To ensure accurate, up-to-the-minute information for your summer reference, we’ve produced this digital edition of NEXT in place of our print magazine, which we can update with program and event details as they develop.

Paired with ongoing SM&NC email updates, going digital for this edition will allow us to keep you informed throughout the season.

www.stamfordmuseum.org/next