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WHAT’S NEW & NEXT?

The promise of spring.

Your participation, care, and generosity have driven our 85 years of successful service to children and families in Stamford, Fairfield County, and beyond.

We have so many blessings to be thankful for, even in these challenging times. Let us celebrate the bounty and beauty of spring and the summer ahead.

I am very proud of the exceptional “re-imagining” of programming our expert Team has created and adopted this year, from Drive-in Movies to Clam Bake suppers. These are “keepers” that we’re adding to our portfolio. You will see lots of fresh programming in the pages of NEXT… and Heckscher Farm will soon come alive with new farm babies, our garden, and scads of new programs to enjoy.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Stamford Museum & Nature Center, we look forward to welcoming you here soon and often. Stay safe. Stay healthy. We must all take care of each other.

Let it be spring!

Melissa H. Mulrooney
Executive Director & CEO
Events in Brief

ONGOING

15th Annual Take a Hike Weeks!
Mon – Fri, April 5 – April 16

Global Garden: Resonant Beauty Exhibition
A Solo Exhibition of Orchid Paintings by Patricia Laspino
Daily, through April 25

Farmergarten
Mon and Wed, April 12 – June 9, 9 am – 12 pm

APRIL

2 Members Only: Glow in the Dark Painting & Egg Hunt Challenge
Fri, 7:30 – 8:30 pm

5-9 Junior WILD! Keepers
Mon – Fri, 3:30 – 5 pm

9 Members Only: Amphibian Ambles
Fri, 7 – 8 pm

11 Outdoor Adventures: Rabbits & Rodents
Sun, 1 – 2 pm

12-16 Junior Curator
Mon – Fri, 3:30 – 5 pm

16 Members Only: Amphibian Ambles
Fri, 7 – 8 pm

18 FLY: Seed Sowing for Spring
Sun, 3 – 4 pm

18 FLY: Family Pizza Party
Sun, 3 – 4 pm

21 Animals for All: Caring for Critters
Wed, 3:30 – 4:15 pm

21 Awesome Anatomy II
Wed, 3:45 – 4:45 pm

21 Animals for All: Heckscher Farm Open Evenings
Wed, 6 – 7 pm

23-24 Spring Family Campout
Fri – Sat, 6 pm – 9 am

27 Animals for All: Caring for Critters
Tue, 3:30 – 4:15 pm

28 Awesome Anatomy II
Wed, 3:45 – 4:45 pm

29 Nights Out: Farmer for the Evening
Thu, 5 – 7 pm

MAY

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Sun, 10 am – 2 pm

4 Animals for All: Heckscher Farm Open Evenings
Tue, 6 – 7 pm

5 Animals for All: Caring for Critters
Wed, 3:30 – 4:15 pm

5 Awesome Anatomy II
Wed, 3:45 – 4:45 pm

5-26 Wild Woods Adventure Afterschool
Wednesdays, 3:45 – 5 pm

7 Members Only: Heckscher Farm Evening Tour
Fri, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

7 Nights Out: Drive-In Movie
Fri, 6:30 pm Gates Open; 8:30 pm Showtime

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Sun, 10 am – 2 pm

10-14 Junior Curator
Mon – Fri, 3:30 – 5 pm

JUNE

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Wed, 3:30 – 4:15 pm

2-16 Kids, Lambs & Ducklings
Wednesdays, 3:45 – 5 pm

4 Animals for All: Heckscher Farm Open Evenings
Tue, 6 – 7 pm

4 Night Out: Drive-In Movie
Fri, 6:30 pm Gates Open; 8:30 pm Showtime

6 Outdoor Adventures: Herpetology Hike
Sun, 3:30 – 5 pm

8 Animals for All: Caring for Critters
Tue, 3:30 – 4:15 pm

12 FLY: Medicinal Plants
Sat, 2:30 – 4:00 pm

14 Animals for All: Heckscher Farm Open Evenings
Mon, 6 – 7 pm

16 Animals for All: Caring for Critters
Wed, 3:30 – 4:15 pm

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Fri, 6:30 pm Gates Open; 8:30 pm Showtime

22 Animals for All: Caring for Critters
Tue, 3:30 – 4:15 pm
VISITING GUIDELINES

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.
• 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 2 must wear a facemask at all times when arriving and when outdoors at any time when social distancing is not possible. When outdoor social distancing is possible, visitors may temporarily pull down their masks, while keeping them at the ready in plain sight.
• Adults & children over the age of 2 must wear a facemask at all times on the playground and indoors.
• Please wash your hands 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 throughout our property. Please note that our fountains and outdoor sculptures are for eyes only.

What’s OPEN at this time
• Heckscher Farm and Organic Garden, Nature’s Playground, our hiking trails including the Orange Adventure Trail and the Wheels-In-The-Woods trail, as well as the Bendel Pond Meadow.
• Our Bendel Mansion building and Museum Galleries.
• Heckscher Farm Restrooms next to Heckscher WILD!, Bendel Mansion Restrooms, and our Knobloch Family Farmhouse Restrooms are open for one family at a time, please.
• Overbrook Nature Center & Gift Shop is open daily from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

What’s CLOSED at this time
• Heckscher WILD!
• Meadow Restrooms (Opens April 1)

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.
Founded as Stamford’s fine arts museum in 1936, we present six major annual exhibitions in the Bendel Mansion galleries to the culturally minded and curious. The Museum is unique among social service institutions. It is non-sectarian, draws no color line, has no politics, is entirely altruistic, and serves no special groups. It is solely dedicated to the diffusion of knowledge and desires to instill into the hearts of all who enter its door, a love for the woods and fields, the lakes and rivers, and all the creatures that inhabit them.”

– Dr. G. R. R. Hertzberg
Founder and visionary of the Stamford Museum & Nature Center, 1936

Can you imagine?

Our 85th Anniversary story begins at a simpler time. There was no television, no internet, no computers, cell phones, or social media. Communities relied on parks and town squares for family engagement, recreation, education, and entertainment. Built upon these values over eight decades, we have creatively flourished into the beloved Stamford Museum & Nature Center destination we are today. Our magical 118-acre campus celebrates nature, precious family memories, traditions, and teaching our children well.

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We revel in nostalgia, tradition, and social engagement – welcoming over 200,000 adults and children annually for programs like Drive-in Movies, Farm-To-Table Suppers, author talks, music, Sunday Farm Markets, local artisan markets, Clam Bakes, Family Festivals, Cooking Classes, Astronomy Nights, and picnics.

Our Heckscher Farm is a working New England farm, showcasing an organic garden and heritage breeds of animals, including pastures of Randall oxen, goats, Jacob sheep, llama, Alpaca; chickens, and free-range Guinea fowl. We are one of only two registered producers of Maple Syrup in the county, made right here in our Sugar House + Cidery from our own maple trees.

With over 80 acres of hardwood forest, hiking trails, and walking paths, we are the model nature-based organization for getting families out of doors year-round.
**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 as soon as dusk permits

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

**Parking:** All spots are first come first served, so arrive early!
- Socially distanced parking allows 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
Friday Evenings
all summer long

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Movies to be announced

Large Screen Format with FM Sound

All proceeds from Drive-In Movie Nights directly support the SM&NC.

Nights Out: Farmer for the Evening

Thursday, April 29  |  5 – 7 pm
Thursday, May 20  |  5 – 7 pm

Come join our farmers and lend a helping hand on Heckscher Farm. You can help the farmers feed, groom, and walk our animals including goats, sheep, cows, llamas and alpacas, donkeys, and more. Rain or shine, so dress accordingly. Refreshments will be served after your chores are done! Adults only.

Members: $20       Non-Members: $30

TREAT YOURSELF TO SM&NC “NIGHTS OUT” ADULT PROGRAMS

Dynamic adult programming that’s all about enjoying social connection (even when distant!), cultural exploration, continued learning, flavor and fun. Always an inspired gift idea.

Additional details and registration at stamfordmuseum.org/nights-out

SUNDAYS
10 AM – 2 PM
Beginning June 6
FREE Admission to the Market for all!

Our Sunday Farm Market returns for another great season! Did you know that each dollar spent on local food has twice the impact in the community as a dollar spent in a supermarket? Know where your food comes from and support local agriculture, too!

SM&NC Sunday Farm Market
Stamford Museum & Nature Center
Over her 40 year career, Patricia Laspino has developed a signature style that entwines dozens of layers of transparent oil color glazes over a sculptural groundwork of botanical impressions. Her large-scale paintings use orchids symbolically to raise awareness for environmental stewardship and convey the interconnectedness of humanity and nature. By using orchids as a metaphor in her paintings, she explores cultural and biological evolution, biodiversity, and advocacy for the natural world. Her art is the cornerstone of the “Orchid Alliance Project—Bridging Art & Science,” an environmental effort of important national and international significance in the art and science communities. Laspino believes exploring ancient attitudes about orchids and their function, through the lens of art and culture, may shed some light on the present power orchids have on us—a power she believes can transform our future in terms of global stewardship.

Sponsored by Grown Up Gardening, LLC

Repositioned as our Holiday Exhibition

The Artistry of Jacques Pépin

November 19, 2021 – January 30, 2022

While Jacques Pépin is revered worldwide for his cooking, his artwork is less-known—but equally compelling, intuitive, and creatively expressed.
Enduring Wonder celebrates the 85th Anniversary of the Stamford Museum & Nature Center by giving viewers a visual history of the development and evolution of the museum’s permanent collection. From our humble beginnings as a “cabinet of curiosities” occupying three rooms at the Stamford Trust Company building, the collection now features objects ranging from the natural world, agricultural sciences, astronomy and history, to important 19th–20th century American Art and major sculpture. The SM&NC collections have grown remarkably since the establishment of the Museum in 1936 when founder, Dr. G.R.R. Hertzberg envisioned a safe and stimulating sanctuary where children and families could learn together. Today, the Stamford Museum maintains a permanent collection of more than 20,000 objects that we continue to utilize as educational tools to teach and enrich our community.

Presented by our generous benefactors and corporate sponsors, Enduring Wonder is the centerpiece of our 85th Anniversary.
Lee Krasner was born in New York in 1908 to a Russian Orthodox Jewish family. Her formal art training included instruction with Hans Hofmann, perhaps one of the earliest and most influential Abstract Expressionist painters. Hofmann’s use of bold color to portray meaning and spirituality and the tension he created by manipulating spatial relations and fragmentation became driving influences through Krasner’s career. During the 1930s, Krasner supported herself on commissions from the Works Progress Administration’s Federal Art Project. Unfulfilled by her work on figurative images for murals, she continued to work on abstract work independently.

Krasner was already an established artist and a founding member of the American Abstract Artists collective by the time she married Jackson Pollock in 1945. She had maintained that even if she had not married Pollock, she still would have been influenced by his work, like so many other artists. She had in fact introduced Pollock to many key figures within the New York art scene, including the De Koonings and the art critic Clement Greenberg. She also encouraged and inspired his most avant-garde works.

After moving with Pollock to the Springs, East Hampton, Long Island, Krasner developed her Little Image paintings. These critically acclaimed paintings combined ancient hieroglyphics, paint splatters and heavy impasto. Though she received favorable reviews, Krasner was her own worst critic. Her experiments with new materials and techniques that did not meet her own high standards were destroyed. She then created collages from these destroyed works and from scraps of her husband’s canvases, often tearing the sheets to create improvised shapes and rough edges. After Pollock’s accidental death in 1956, Krasner appropriated his studio and began painting large-scale works in a fierce and aggressive style. She continued to constantly innovate and evolve, never fixed to a single medium or style.

A collage-inspired work, offsetting different textures and edges, Free Space plays with organic shapes and the intersection of positive and negative space. The title recalls the open nature of the frontier and escape, ideas incorporated by her early teacher Hofmann and strengthened by her experience living in Rural Springs, Long Island.
FAMILY FEST SUNDAYS

SPRING ON THE FARM

FAMILY FEST SUNDAYS

3 ENHANCED SUNDAYS IN LIEU OF OUR TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL WEEKEND

MAY 2, 9 & 16

ALL-INCLUSIVE ENTRY FEE

FROM 10 AM − 2 PM

SOCK SKATING RINK
CHILDREN’S CRAFT
LIVE ANIMAL INTERACTIONS
GAME ZONE
LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS
PLANT & HERB SALE
BABY FARM ANIMALS
LLAMA TREKKING
SHEEP SHEARING
WOOL DEMOS
POLLINATOR PARTY
MUSIC

We’re celebrating the season by bundling all the fun and games of a mini-festival into a single admission price, three Sundays this spring! Each Sunday we’ll open our site at 10 am with added attractions, enhanced programming, and fun seasonal offerings to delight the whole family until 2 pm. Standard admission rates apply after 2 pm. For your convenience, pre-register at www.stamfordmuseum.org/springfest

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Director’s Circle: FREE
Family PLUS Members: One FREE Pre-registered Sunday; $10/person thereafter
Members: $10/person Non-Members: $20/person

*Members will enjoy opportunities for advance pre-registration*
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!

**FIY: FARM IT YOURSELF**

**Seed Sowing for Spring**  
**Ages 6+**  
**Sunday, April 18 | 2:30 – 3:30 pm**  
We’ve seen a renewed interest in growing food in yards! Make the most of our growing season as we learn how to sow seeds to be planted later in the spring. From germination times to growing seasons, or using containers versus in-ground planting, discover how to best produce some of your own food this spring! Each participant will take home sowed seeds for their garden. Limited to 10 participants. Children may not be dropped off for this program. All participants need a ticket. Meet at Heckscher Farm Garden.

**Members: $10/person**  
**Non-Members: $13/person**

**Medicinal Plants**  
**Ages 7+**  
**Saturday, June 12 | 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 as well. After our walk, attendants will also have the opportunity to plant their own herb garden 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: $7/person**  
**Non-Members: $10/person**

**Family Pizza Party 🍕**  
**Sunday, April 18 | 3 – 4 pm**  
Work with your family to create foundations for a great pizza dinner! We’ll prepare an awesome five-minute pizza sauce, our favorite Heckscher Chefs pizza dough, and even learn how to make our own cheese too! Participants will take their ingredients home to be able to cook their own pizza for dinner that night — just add toppings! Limited to four families.

**Members: $30/family**  
**Non-Members: $40/family**

**AT HOME LEARNING**

**Spring Curriculum Seasonal Subscription Pack (PreK – 2nd)**  
**April 12 – June 11**  
Receive a weekly curriculum via email that transforms seasonal happenings in nature into great standards-based activities to do at home or in a local natural area. Great for homeschoolers or for families wanting help with all of the amazing natural wonders of spring!

**Members: $20**  
**Non-Members: $25**

**At Home Learning Packs**  
**Some of your favorite parts of SM&NC brought to your doorstep!** Themes include Snakes, Owl Pellets, Make your own Stuffed Farm Animal and our new, limited edition Otterly Amazing pack! This pack includes a stuffed SM&NC hoodie otter, an otter behavior bingo game, and an otter stick puppet craft. This pack also contains a certificate for your family to come on a day to help give the otters their lunch! Visit our website for more information.
OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Rabbits & Rodents
Ages 6+
Sunday, April 11 | 1 – 2 pm
Join us to visit with two of our favorite groups of mammals at SM&NC — our rabbits and our rodents! Meet our three rabbits and help to exercise them. We’ll also meet our guinea pigs, chinchillas, and other rodents to learn about them. Help to make a salad feast for our guinea pigs too! Limited to 8 participants. Children 6 and up may be dropped off for this class. Children under 6 may attend with 1 adult at no additional charge.

Members: $10/person
Non-Members: $13/person

S’mores & Slides
Friday, June 4 | 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Ever wish you could have Nature’s Playground all to yourself? Join us for an evening of open playground followed by a chance to make our favorite campfire treat, S’mores! Our playground will be open to participants for 40 minutes of fun and then we’ll gather around our fire pits by the Overbrook Nature Center to enjoy some S’mores! Limited to 10 children/adult pairs.

Members: $10/ticket
Non-Members: $13/ticket
(Ticket includes 1 child and 1 adult)

Bird Hike & Nest Box Building
Ages 7+
Wednesday, May 12 | 3:30 – 5 pm
Join Visitor Services Manager and avid birder, Brian O’Toole, for a bird hike on our trails. We’ll look for sights and sounds of spring migrants as well as our resident species. Discover ways to identify common song birds and raptors. Then, work to build your own bluebird box to take home for your yard. Each pair will work to create one box. Limited to 8 pairs (16 people). Children may not be dropped off for this class.

Members: $20/ticket
Non-Members: $25/ticket
(Ticket includes 2 participants and all materials)

Herpetology Hike
Ages 5+
Sunday, June 6 | 3:30 – 5 pm
Discover the species of reptiles and amphibians that call the SM&NC home! We’ll roll over logs, check Bendel Pond, and see how our frogs and salamanders are growing up in our vernal pools. We’ll get to meet a few of our teaching reptiles as well. Limited to 12 participants. Meets at Overbrook Nature Center.

Members: $7/person
Non-Members: $10/person

Insect Eaters!
Sunday, May 30 | 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Explore the world of insectivores from mammals to spiders to even carnivorous plants! Meet some of our live animal insectivores, such as our hedgehog, and learn about bugs that people eat too! We’ll also learn about different kinds of carnivorous plants and each participant will replant a Venus Fly Trap to take home! Limited to 8 participants. Children 7 and up may be dropped off for this class. Children under 7 may attend with an adult at no extra charge.

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

Register online for programs at www.stamfordmuseum.org
DROP-OFF & DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Farmergarten (Ages 4 – 6)
Mondays and Wednesdays | April 12 – June 9 (17 classes) | 9 am – 12 pm
Not sure about a full weekly preschool experience for your child? Join us for the spring semester of our Farmergarten class on Mondays and Wednesdays. We’ll explore Hecksher Farm and help farmers with daily chores including feeding and walking animals. We’ll also get to meet and work with animals from Hecksher WILD! and spend plenty of time of time exploring our forest trails, too. Class will be held in Hecksher Barn, but students will be outside or in outdoor classroom spaces as often as possible. Limit of 8 students for a small group experience. Students should pack a nut-free snack and drink each day. No class on 5/31.
Members: $565  Non-Members: $615

Books & Beasts
Fridays May 7 – June 11 | 3:30 – 4 pm
Join us on the Meadow for a distanced reading of one of our favorite pieces of children’s literature and meet an animal straight from its pages! Rain will cancel.
Members: FREE  Non-Members: FREE w/Admission

AFTER-SCHOOL

Awesome Anatomy II
Ages 8 – 12 | 3:45 – 4:45 pm
Wednesdays, April 21 & 28, May 5 & 12
Do you love learning about the inner workings of living things? Over these new four sessions, students will conduct experiments to understand how our bodies work to digest our food, breathe, and much more. In addition to hands-on activities, we will meet new animals as we explore the differences and similarities between their physical adaptations and the human body, as well as some child-friendly introductions to dissection. We will also discover how cells and their parts allow our body systems to work and even if our genes can determine things like our eye color or our favorite food. Limited to 8 students.
Members: $55/child  Non-Members: $65/child

Wild Woods Adventure
Ages 5 – 9 | 3:45 – 5 pm
Wednesdays, May 5 – 26 (4 weeks)
Explore the forest like never before as we search for salamanders and snakes, help to build a fort, learn how to make fire, and more! We’ll hike in the forest, learn some basics of wild edibles, dig in the dirt, search the stream for creatures, and discover our engineering skills as we make a small dam for our stream. We’ll test our outdoor adventure skills in a safe, fun atmosphere that will allow kids to challenge themselves while exploring our wild woods! Limited to 8 children for a great small group experience, so register early.
Members: $60/child  Non-Members: $70/child

Kids, Lambs & Ducklings (Ages 5 – 9)
Wednesdays, June 2 – 16 (3 weeks) | 3:45 – 5 pm
Get a chance for an up-close meeting with the newest farm babies! Help to socialize the goat kids, meet our lambs, and see what feathery fowl babies have hatched on the farm in recent weeks.
Members: $45/child  Non-Members: $55/child
Family Programs

Junior Environmental Educator (JEE)

Summer 2021 | Ages 15 – 17

The SM&NC JEE program is an opportunity for students ages 15-17 who have an interest in education and the environment. Positions are available during seven weeks of summer camp:
June 28-July 2, July 5-9, July 12-16, July 19-23, July 26-30, August 2-6, August 9-13.

JEE staff will assist educators in many aspects on the camp program, including preparation, group management, morning welcome/check-in, afternoon pick-up, and activity coordination. JEE staff will receive hands-on training in developing age-appropriate, innovative environmental education curriculum, in Connecticut natural history and in managing a multi-age, co-ed group. Volunteers are required to attend an orientation session for an overview of responsibilities and camp curriculum. JEE participants must be 15 by the start of camp, be able to commit to a minimum of 5 camp days and be willing to submit a current medical record for camp files. JEE participants and their parents must sign off on a volunteer code of conduct. Orientation materials will be sent to participants this year. There will be a maximum of 1 JEE volunteer per camp group per week. All COVID protocols must be followed.

$80 application fee

For more information on the program, please contact Lisa Monachelli at lmonachelli@stamfordmuseum.org or 203.977.6568. For an application, please visit our website.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

15th Annual Take a Hike Weeks!

Monday, April 5 – Friday April 9
Monday April 12 – Friday April 16

Our favorite spring vacation activity is back! Let’s get outside and celebrate spring. Join us for two weeks of small group hikes, family challenges, and outdoor self-guided activities. Please visit our website closer to the dates for daily schedules. A full agenda will be on our website in mid-March.

All Take a Hike Week programs are FREE for members and FREE with admission for non-members.

Spring Family Campout

Friday, April 23 – Saturday, April 24 | 6:00 pm – 9 am

Spring is finally here! Celebrate with a night under the stars at the SM&NC. Arrive anytime between 5 and 6 to choose your “campsite” on the meadow, by the Pollinator Garden, or on the Mansion lawn. Distanced picnic tables will be available for a bring-your-own dinner. We’ll have a variety of staff-led outdoor activities in small groups, such as night hikes, live animal presentations, and naked-eye astronomy. Each family will also receive a packet with a scavenger hunt and materials for a do-it-yourself family craft! In the morning, take an early stroll on the farm as the animals get up for the morning and enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, fruit, and more before starting off your Saturday. Limited to 18 families. Families must bring masks to wear if not social distancing on the property. Activities and campsites will be designed for distancing.

Members: $90 for up to 2 campers; $115 for up to 4; $150 for up to 6; age 3 and under free
Non-Members: $110 for up to 2 campers; $135 for up to 4; $170 for up to 6; age 3 and under free
MEMBERS-ONLY PROGRAMS

Glow in the Dark Painting & Egg Hunt Challenge
Ages 6+
Friday April 2 | 7:30 – 8:30 pm
Join us for an evening egg hunt in our woods! We’ll first get a chance to do some glow-in-the-dark painting on a canvas and then have a chance to hunt on our trails after hours for glow-in-the-dark eggs. Limited enrollment of 15 children. One free adult per child. Pre-registration only.
Meets at Overbrook Nature Center.
Members: $10/child + 1 adult

Amphibian Amble
Ages 5+
Fridays, April 9 & 16 | 7 – 8 pm
Join us for this spring favorite, now celebrating its 40th year of programming! Grab your flashlights, hiking boots, and discover some of the unique creatures that visit these vernal pools once a year to lay their eggs like wood frogs, American toads, and spotted salamanders. Register early, this event sells out every year! Limited to 15 people.
Meets at the Overbrook Nature Center.
Members: $7/person

Heckscher Farm Evening Tour
Ages 5+
Fridays, May 7 & 14 | 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Join us for an evening stroll to see what Heckscher Farm is like after hours! Visit with our new farm babies, peek in the barns where the animals sleep at night and give an evening snack to the pigs. Limited to 12 participants.
All participants need a ticket.
Members: $7/person

Excellent Equines
Ages 6+
Tuesday, May 11 | 3:30 – 4:45 pm
Horses and donkeys have long been favorite animals on New England farms. We will discuss the history and care of these animals, and examine their importance in the development of Connecticut agriculture. Students will then meet the equines of the Heckscher Farm and learn more about them through hands on experiences. Limited to 10 participants. Children may not be dropped off for this program. All participants must have a ticket.
Members: $10/person
Goats Galore! 🐐
Ages 5+
Sunday, May 23
Session 1: 1 – 2:15 pm  Session 2: 2:45 – 3:45 pm
Join us for a spring version of our popular goat program! Meet the newest kids in our herd, help to exercise a goat, and paint your own paper maché goat to take home! Limited to 10 participants per session. Children may not be dropped off for this program. All participants must have a ticket.

Members: $10/person

Heckscher Farm Open Evenings
Wednesday, April 21 • Tuesday, May 4, Tuesday, May 11 • Thursday, May 20 • Monday, June 14
6 – 7 pm  |  All Ages Welcome
These open farm evenings are designed for kids, adults, and families for whom traditional program environments may not work best, but who would still enjoy an after-hours experience. Join us for an “open farm” evening and move throughout the farm at your own pace and in an order of your own design. Small, controlled attendance provides a relaxed, sensory-friendly atmosphere. Heckscher Farm and our restroom facilities are fully-accessible. Staff will be on hand for questions but will not be providing a formal program. Limited to 50 tickets.

Caring for Critters
Tuesdays, April 27, May 25, June 8 & June 22
Wednesdays, April 21, May 5, May 19, June 2 & June 16
3:30 – 4:15 pm  |  Ages 8+
This new program provides a chance for hands-on work with our Heckscher Farm animals for students with disabilities for whom our Junior Curator program environment may not be as successful. The small group allows for a great experience at each participant’s pace and comfort-level. Limited to 3 participants per program. A parent or caregiver must also attend with each participant. As this program is designed for small groups, we ask that you make other arrangements for siblings.

These programs are provided free of charge thanks to the generosity of our grant partners.

We are thrilled to announce a new series of opportunities open only to families of students with disabilities. Join us for evening “open farms” or hands-on animal care programs. We strive to make our site and programs accessible to all visitors. Animals for All has been made possible by funding from Abilis Community Foundation and the Dorr Foundation.
If you have questions, please contact Lisa at lmonachelli@stamfordmuseum.org.
We Stand with Great Leaders
Our Partners in Environmental Education

As we welcome spring, we give special thanks to our Business Affiliates Members – charitable corporate partners, large and small, whose commitment and financial sponsorship directly supports the good work we do year-round. We are especially grateful for their dedication throughout this challenging past year.

In 2020-21, we welcomed new distinguished members Charter Communications, ConnectiCares, TransAmerica, and The First Bank of Greenwich. We happily welcomed back Riley Volvo Cars Stamford, Diageo, Ernst & Young, First County Bank, General Reinsurance Corp, Savings Bank of Danbury, Santa Energy, and Eversource, just to name a few. For a complete list of our Business Affiliates and membership benefits, please visit our website at www.stamfordmuseum.org/affiliates.

To learn more 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.

We strongly encourage our SM&NC Members and friends to use the goods and services of our trusted community partners.

Premier Partners

Associate Partners

ConnectiCares
Day Pitney LLP
Eastern Land Management
Eversource
First Management Services, Inc.
General Reinsurance Corp.
Grown Up Gardening LLC
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Martin, DeCruze & Company
PKF O’Connor Davies LLC
Pitney Bowes
Reckson/SL Green
RSM US
Savings Bank of Danbury
SummerRain
Stamford Health
The First Bank of Greenwich
Membership is your passport to all the wonders of the SM&NC!

UNLIMITED Year-Round Admission to our Grounds and Museum

- 10% Discount in our Gift Shop
- 50% Admission on Fest days & priority pre-registration
- Discounts on all programs, classes, camps, and events
- Host On-Site Birthday Parties
- Exclusive pre-registration for camps
- Family Plus Members receive 10 guest passes each year
- Director’s Circle Members enjoy 20%-30% discounts off facility rentals

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

FACILITY USE & OUTDOOR SPACES

FOR SMALL-SCALE OR SOCIALLY DISTANCED EVENTS

State-of-the-Art Technology and WiFi capabilities for Live Video Conferencing & Virtual Events

Check out 360° virtual tours at www.stamfordmuseum.org/venues
HOURS:

**Stamford Museum Galleries & Bendel Mansion**
Monday – Saturday, 9 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 11 am – 5 pm
February – October
Monday – Saturday, 9 am – 4 pm; Sunday, 11 am – 4 pm
November – January

**Heckscher Farm**
Daily 9 am – 5 pm; April – October
Daily 9 am – 4 pm; November – March

**Heckscher WILD!**
To be determined

**Nature’s Playground, Hiking Trails**
Daily, 9 am – 5 pm (weather permitting); February – October
Daily, 9 am – 4 pm (weather permitting); November – January

**Overbrook Nature Center & Gift Shop**
Hours vary

**SM&NC Closed**
New Years Day, Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Day

The Stamford Museum & Nature Center is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

Register online for programs at [www.stamfordmuseum.org](http://www.stamfordmuseum.org)

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**85TH ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING**

**June 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm | Online Via Zoom**

Written notice is hereby given that the Stamford Museum & Nature Center shall hold its annual meeting of the Corporation. Please join us as we recount the many accomplishments of the past year. 
RSVP to membership@stamfordmuseum.org

[www.stamfordmuseum.org/next](http://www.stamfordmuseum.org/next)