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Summer shines upon us.

This is simply my favorite time of year. We can’t wait to have our Summer Campers here and truly enjoy the Summer months ahead. Let us put the more trying times behind us, shall we? Come visit our splendid ENDURING WONDER exhibition in the Bendel Mansion, which showcases treasures, popular culture, and fine art from our permanent collections. A signature of our 85th Anniversary year.

Our Sunday Farm Market is already opened and filled with bounty. We have welcomed a wonderful group of loyal farmers and producers and again and are selling our very own Maple Syrup, fresh farm eggs, signature coffee, and other products.

We welcome you all to spend this 85th Anniversary year exploring the features and treasures that are destinations on our 118-acre campus. And, of course, our team is serving up great movies, events, and programming which unfold in these pages of NEXT Magazine.

We are committed to present the best in educational programming and community events. We thank you for your devotion to the Stamford Museum & Nature Center and ask that you continue to champion and support us as a cultural jewel in the crown of Stamford.

Thank you, Members and devoted friends for supporting us. I look forward to seeing you soon and often over the summer months ahead.

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

**ONGOING**

**Sunday Farm Market**
Sundays, 10 am – 2 pm

**Mini Golf on the Meadow**
Daily throughout July, 10 am – 4 pm

**Enduring Wonder Exhibition**
SM&NC 85th Anniversary Exhibition 1936-2021
Daily, through August 22

**Animals for All**
Mon – Thurs, see pg. 16 for sessions

**Farmergarten**
Mon and Wed, Sept 20 – Dec 15, 9 am – 12 pm

**Wonder Art**
Tuesdays, September 21 – October 26
Wednesdays, September 22 – October 27
9:30 – 10:15 am or 10:45 – 11:30 am

**Junior WILD! Keepers**
Mon – Fri, Sept 27 – October 1, 3:30 – 5 pm

**Birds in Art Exhibition**
Daily, September 3 through October 31

**Flying Colors Art After School**
Tuesdays, Sept 14 – October 5, 3:45 – 5 pm

**Wild Woods Adventure After School**
Wednesdays, Sept 15 – October 6, 3:45 – 5 pm

**Cool Concoctions After School**
Fridays, Sept 17 – October 8, 3:45 – 5 pm

**JULY**

2 Drive-In Movie: The Greatest Showman
Fri, 6:30 pm

6 Farm it Yourself: Woolly Workshop
Tue, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

9 S’mores & Slides and Mini Golf
Fri, 6 – 7:30 pm

16 Drive-In Movie: Lion King
Fri, 6:30 pm

21 Farm it Yourself: Excellent Equines
Wed, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

23 Nights Out: Stella Blue’s Drive-In Concert
Fri, 8 – 11 pm

26 Snakes of the World
Mon, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

31 Wizard Picnic
Sat, 1:30 – 3 pm

**AUGUST**

6 Drive-In Movie: WALL-E
Fri, 8:30 pm

6 Things with Wings Night Hike
Fri, 8:30 – 7:30 pm

20 Drive-In Movie: Night at the Museum
Fri, 8:30 pm

22 Farm it Yourself: Berry Bonanza
Sun, 3:30 – 5 pm

**SEPTEMBER**

2 Birds in Art Opening Reception
Thurs, 6 – 8 pm

6-8 Vacation Drop Off Days
Mon – Wed, 9:30 am – 12 pm

10 Pellets & Prowl
Fri, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

11&18 Feathered Friends
Saturdays, 10 – 10:45 am or 11 – 11:45 am

19 Stream Hunters
Sun, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

22 First Fall Bird Hike
Wed, 10 – 11 am

24-25 Fall Family Campout
Fri – Sat, 6 pm – 9 am

26 Fall Family Fest Sunday
Sun, 10 am – 2 pm

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

30 Farmhouse Lobster & Clam Bake
Thursday evening

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**EXPLORE MORE!**

**Sharing the gift of wonder.**

**DISCOVER EVEN MORE AT THE SM&NC!**

Spend this milestone year exploring an abundance of treasures.

**Heckscher WILD!**
Reopening to the public on July 6, Heckscher WILD! brings world habitats to life with exotic animals and plants from across the globe, and provides visitors a chance for interaction through feedings, demonstrations, and special events.

**The Pollinator Garden in Loving Memory of Eric Spiller**
Dedicated in fall of 2020, our pollinator garden provides habitat and food for a number of important pollinator species, from butterflies to bees, to birds. The Eric Spiller Pollinator Garden was designed to include plants that vary in blooming cycles to provide foliage and flowers from spring into fall, as well as food for various stages of a pollinator’s life cycle. The Stamford Museum & Nature Center is honored to be part of the Connecticut Pollinator Pathway, a profound program of environmental stewardship.

**Letterbox Trail**
A multi-point scavenger hunt on some of our favorite trails. A family favorite! Can you find all the letterboxes?

**Bendel Mansion Galleries**
In addition to hosting rotating seasonal exhibitions, the SM&NC collects only the highest-quality objects that are exhibition worthy, and in excellent condition. Today, the Stamford Museum maintains a permanent collection of more than 20,000 objects. The collection is defined by five categories: American Art, late 19th century – 1965; Native American Art & Artifacts; Natural History of New England; American History and Culture (pre-1940); Connecticut Agriculture, late 19th century to 1940.

**The Harry Day & Day Family Foundation Millstone Fountain**
Dedicated in November 2018, our distinctive fountain’s centerpiece was sourced from a historic mill. Originally used for grinding grain, it now graces the Michael & Carole Fedele Family Plaza. Remember, our fountain’s smaller stones are not for throwing.
ON THE MEADOW

Mini Golf on The Meadow THROUGHOUT JULY

Stamford Museum & Nature Center

Mini Golf on The Meadow

Monday – Friday | 10 am – 4 pm
$3/person
Weekends & Evenings
$5/person

Wheels in the Woods Universally Accessible Trail
Opened in the fall of 2006, the Wheels in the Woods Trail #7 is a universally accessible nature trail that gives people of all abilities the opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds of our natural setting as it meanders alongside the Poorhouse Brook and through our mature hardwood forest. Stroll on the boardwalk as it crosses the brook twice, stopping on one of the observation platforms to enjoy the sounds of water as it crashes downstream, or catch a glimpse of our wildlife along the trail. This special trail was made possible through a generous gift from the Wheels in the Woods Foundation and with the help of the Aquarion Water Company.

Orange Adventure Trail
Along this trail, you’ll come across new and exciting challenges and obstacles to complete. You can access the Orange Adventure Trail by using our Wheels in the Woods trail next to the Overbrook Nature Center.

The Woodland Meadow
While enjoying the forest, keep an eye out for bluebirds in our Woodland Meadow, located by our vernal ponds. This ecosystem contributes to the biodiversity of our site at a time when meadow ecosystems and their species have been on the decline. Pollinator houses and bluebird boxes are soon to come as part of our Meadow restoration project.

The Overbrook Nature Center & Gift Shop
Open daily from 10 am – 4 pm, the Overbrook Nature Center showcases changing displays of small animal ambassadors, and dioramas of Connecticut wildlife, rocks and minerals. Located in the Overbrook Nature Center, our Gift Shop features SM&NC souvenirs for children and adults, farm and nature toys, delicious snacks, ice cream and cold drinks, local honey, SM&NC’s own maple syrup (produced right here on the farm!) and much more.

Nature’s Playground
Our exciting playground in the woods is nestled into a rocky hillside. Kids can climb to a tree house with a lookout, then wind their way down a tubular slide or zoom down the otter slide. They can jump on a bouncing bug, try to walk across a moving bridge, climb into a hawk’s nest to survey their territory, or even dig for fossils in the huge sand pit.
Authentic Drive-In Experiences for Family Nights Out!

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

Per Car Pricing: Couples Admission: $40 for up to 2 people
Party 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
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The SM&NC welcomes the Stella Blue’s Band for a live Drive-In Concert! Each car receives 2 parking spaces – one for your car and the other for your chairs. Spaces are first come first served.

Refreshments: You can pre-order a Munch Box for $25 (or two for $40) with your registration. Each comes with snacks and 2 IPA beers.

Stella Blue’s Band, founded in 2009, recreates the experience of being at a Grateful Dead show. The band has been lighting up the tri-state area with its high-energy performances. With dynamic jams and artful improvisation, Stella has developed a loyal following with shows that thrill the GD faithful and newcomers alike. Rain date July 25th

$120/car (8 people max)
Friday, July 23 | 8 – 11 pm
stamfordmuseum.org/stellablues

Nights Out: Farmer for the Evening

Wednesday, September 29 | 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 press your own apple cider. Rain or shine, so dress accordingly. Refreshments, including hard cider, 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, cultural exploration, continued learning, flavor and fun. Always an inspired gift idea.

Additional details and registration at stamfordmuseum.org/nights-out
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 collection has 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 celebration.
Birds enthrall us with their stunning plumage, amusing antics, and lilting song. Avian art inspires in endlessly novel ways, too, evoking the freedom of flight and the fragility of their earthbound existence. Artists from throughout the world push themselves to new heights, striving to be selected for the internationally renowned Birds in Art exhibition. Birds, in all of their majesty and fragility, connect us with the natural world. When some of the world’s most talented artists look to birds for inspiration and strive to be among those chosen for the internationally renowned Birds in Art exhibition, the resulting artworks are stunning. The 45th anniversary exhibition of Birds in Art is organized by the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Wausau, WI.
Our Sunday Market returns!

This year, we’ll return to our spacious North Parking Lot location at 151 Scofieldtown Road.

More than ever, supporting local agriculture is vital. 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!

We have returning favorite vendors Beldotti Bakery & St. Ex Specialty Foods, Conant Valley Jams, Muddy Roots Farm, Oronoque Farms, Sisters Wicked Good Soap (every other week), Passionately Pasta (once per month), Smith Acres LLC, Guasa Salsa Vzla, Three Feathers Farm and Plant Love, joining new vendors. Our own Heckscher Farm tent will feature our maple syrup, wool, eggs and coffee, as well as fresh items from Arethusa Farm, Twin Pines Farm, BeesLove, Hilltop Apiaries, Owl’s Brew, Maple Craft and Stani Dairy. Visit our Farm Market webpage at [www.stamfordmuseum.org/sunday-farm-market](http://www.stamfordmuseum.org/sunday-farm-market) for the most up-to-date information.
SPECIAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS

A special fundraising event in support of the SM&NC

Thursday, September 30th

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FRIDAY | October 22, 2021
6:30 pm in our North Campus Lot

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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!

Woolly Workshop
Ages 6+
Tuesday, July 6 | 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Discover how we go from sheep to sweater on Heckscher Farm! Meet our sheep and see how fast our spring lambs have grown up! Then, we’ll discover how we wash, card, and spin wool into yarn. Each person will also start a Wool Dryer ball to take home. Limited to 10 participants. Meet at the Farmhouse.
Members: $8/person
Non-Members: $11/person

Excellent Equines
Ages 6+
Wednesday, July 21 | 3:30 – 4:30 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, including adults escorting children, must have a ticket.
Members: $8/person
Non-Members: $11/person

Berry Bonanza
Sunday, August 22 | 3:30 – 5 pm
Did you know that technically a grape is a berry but a raspberry is not? Despite its name, raspberries are one of mid-summer’s best treats. We’ll harvest berries from our garden bushes if they are ready, learn how to identify wild raspberries versus invasive wineberries, and then create our own no-bake raspberry sauce to take home. Limited to 10 participants.
Members: $12/person
Non-Members: $15/person

Register online for programs at www.stamfordmuseum.org

Save the Date
Trick or Treat on the Farm
sessions through
October 22 – 31

Please note: Some of our program registration policies have changed, please visit our website to learn more.
First Fall Bird Hike
Ages 8+
Wednesday, September 22 | 10 – 11 am
From migrating raptors to fall warblers, the fall can be a great time to search for birds. We’ll tour around Bendel Mansion, Bendel Pond, and our trails to see what we can find. Join Visitor Services Manager and birder Brian O’Toole to learn about what is happening during fall migration and about the birds that will remain at the SM&NC all year. Binoculars recommended; a few basic pairs will be available for borrowing. Limited to 12 participants. Meet at the Overbrook Nature Center.
Members: FREE
Non-Members: $3/person

Pellets & Prowl
Ages 6+
Friday, September 10 | 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Join us for our annual favorite! Dissect an owl pellet and discover the types of prey that owls eat. We’ll learn about the types of owls that call Connecticut home and then head out into the woods to call for our local owls. Limited to 15 people. All participants require a ticket. Program will be entirely outside if weather permits. Meet at Overbrook Nature Center.
Members: $8/person
Non-Members: $11/person

Stream Hunters
Ages 5+
Sunday, September 19 | 3:30 – 4:30 pm
From mayflies to salamanders, there is a great world beneath the rocks and leaves of the stream! Join SM&NC staff for a chance to explore Poorhouse Brook for the amphibians, macroinvertebrates, and fish that call it home. We’ll walk through our stream classroom to see what we can find. Please be prepared to walk in the stream; water shoes are recommended. Meet at Overbrook Nature Center. Limited to 15 participants. All participants require a ticket.
Members: $8/ticket
Non-Members: $11/ticket

Snakes of the World
Monday, July 26 | 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Discover some amazing snakes from across the globe! From the longest snake in Connecticut to the smallest python in the world, learn about the ecology of these amazing creatures. Each child will get to decorate their own wooden snake to take home too! Children 7 and up may be dropped off for this program. Children 7 and under may attend with an adult at no charge.
Members: $10/ticket
Non-Members: $13/ticket

S’mores & Slides (and Mini Golf, too!)
Friday, July 9 & 23 | 6 – 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! These special evenings will also allow participants to show off their skills on our Mini Golf course on The Meadow! Our playground and golf will be open to participants for the whole time, and our fire pits by the Overbrook Nature Center will be lit to enjoy some S’mores. All attendees 3 and over require a ticket.
Members: $12/person
Non-Members: $15/person

Things with Wings Night Hike
Friday, August 6 | 7:30 – 8:30 pm
Join us for a chance to explore the crepuscular and nocturnal creatures that call the SM&NC home! We’ll take a sunset hike to look for our resident bats and birds, look for signs of our local owls, and see which insects are out and about. Meet at the Overbrook Nature Center. Limited to 15 participants. All participants must have a ticket.
Members: $8/person
Non-Members: $11/person
PRESCHOOL & PARENT/CHILD PROGRAMS

Farmergarten (Ages 4 – 5)

Mondays and Wednesdays | September 20 – December 15 (25 classes) | 9 am – 12 pm

Not sure about a full weekly preschool experience for your child? Our new Farmergarten class returns for the 2021-2022 school year! Designed for students who are not looking for a full week preschool experience, Farmergarten provides many of the traditional aspects of preschool with hands-on experiences on Heckscher Farm and with our animals. Students will plant and harvest in the garden, work directly with our farm and exotic animals, and help with seasonal farm chores, all while exploring the museum’s trails and grounds. Held in our private Heckscher Barn classroom, Farmergarten is taught by our environmental education staff. While it won’t include all aspects of preschool (such as formal parent-teacher conferences), students will work on educational benchmarks as well as motor and vestibular sense skills, through free play and hands-on exploration. Staff will provide feedback to parents throughout the year. This year, the program will run in two semesters: Fall and Winter/Spring. Students may sign up for one or both. Winter/Spring registration will be opened to Fall students before the general public.

Class will be cancelled if Stamford Public Schools are closed or delayed. Children must turn 4 by November 1, 2021. Students should pack a nut-free snack and drink each day. Late, prorated registrations are available as space allows. Limited to 8 students. Minimum of 4 students needed to run program.

Members: $825  Non-Members: $900

Please note:
There will be times some weekdays when Nature’s Playground and Heckscher WILD! will be closed for visiting summer camp groups. These times will be posted on our website, social media, and at our gates.
We appreciate your patience as we begin to welcome back visiting camp groups while still working under State of Connecticut Department of Health guidelines.

Wonder Art

Ages 18 month – 2+ (with caregiver)

Tuesdays, September 21 – October 26
Wednesdays, September 22 – October 27
9:30 – 10:15 am or 10:45 – 11:30 am

Join us for opportunities to explore the season through art projects, live animal visits, sensory experiences, stories, and more! This fall, we’ll use a combination of our Vegetable Garden classroom and outdoor Heckscher Barn space but still keeping our small group atmosphere.

Weekly themes will reflect seasonal happenings on the farm and in the forest, so we’ll see the changes of the coming fall! Please note, siblings who are in a baby carrier on a caregiver are welcome, but please make arrangements for any other siblings. Meets at Heckscher Barn/Garden. Group size limited to 5 children with caregivers. Groups will not share art materials, and all materials will be switched or cleaned between sessions.

Members: $96  Non-Members: $116

Wonder Art Mini Session: Feathered Friends

Saturdays, September 11 & 18
10 – 10:45 am or 11 – 11:45 am

We are celebrating the coming of our fall exhibition, “Birds in Art,” with a special Saturday mini-session of our popular Wonder Art caregiver and child class. We’ll create our own bird-themed art with age-appropriate, open-ended projects. We’ll meet a bird and some animals that are not feathered too. Class will meet for two weeks. Limited to 5 child/caregiver pairs.

Members: $32  Non-Members: $38

Heckscher WILD! will reopen to the public from 1:00 – 3:00 pm Tuesday – Sunday (closed Mondays) starting July 6th!
VACATION DROP-OFF DAYS

September 2021  |  Ages 5 – 9
Monday, September 6 – Wednesday, September 8
9:30 am – 12 pm
No school? No problem! Join us for a half-day of fun with our Environmental Education Staff! We’ll explore the forest for the coming signs of fall, visit with our live animals, try our hands at science experiments, create some great art and more! Limited to 10 children

Members: $35/child per day
Non-Members: $40/child per day

VACATION DROP-OFF DAYS

Fall Family Campout
Friday, September 24 – Saturday, September 25 | 6 pm – 9 am
Our fall family campout returns! Join us for a night under the stars at the SM&NC. Arrive any time between 5 and 6 to choose your campsite on The Meadow or by the Pollinator Garden. Each site will have its own picnic table available for a bring-your-own dinner. We’ll have a variety of staff-led outdoor activities like night hikes, live animal presentations, and science projects. Each family will also receive a packet with a scavenger hunt and materials for a do-it-yourself family terrarium as your evening 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 16 families.

Members: $95 for up to 2 campers; $120 for up to 4; $160 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

YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Wizard Picnic
Saturday, July 31 | 1:30 – 3 pm
Celebrate one of our favorite wizard’s birthday with a little magic of our own! Reserve a table for our Wizard Picnic and join us for a magical afternoon. We’ll start with some self-guided crafts and a delivery of a light snack and drink pack for your wizard family. Then meet some live magical creatures and enroll in our Potions class with some great experiments. Wizard attire is encouraged! Limited to 8 families.

Members: $40 for 1 adult & 1 child; $80 for up to 4 people; $120 for up to 6 people, under 3 free
Non-Members: $50 for 1 adult & 1 child; $100 for up to 4 people; $150 for up to 6 people, under 3 free
AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Junior WILD! Keepers: Fall Session 1
Ages 11 – 13
September 27 – October 1 | 3:30 – 5:00 pm
Junior WILD! Keepers was established in 2015, with the opening of our Heckscher WILD! exotic animal exhibit. Similar to our Junior Curator program, WILD! Keepers gives participants hands-on experience in the care, feeding, and enrichment of our exotic teaching animals, from chinchillas to lizards. Upon completion of this class, participants are eligible to volunteer with the animals in the Heckscher WILD! exhibit. Limited to 5 participants. Must be 11 by the time of the program.
Members: $150 | Non-Members: $170

Flying Colors Art 🎨
Ages 6 – 10
Tuesdays, September 14 – October 5 | 3:45 – 5 pm
We’ll celebrate our newest exhibition, *Birds in Art*, by creating our own great bird-themed art! Get a behind-the-scenes look at the works in our exhibition. Each participant will create their own works of art using different media inspired by some of our favorite artists who worked with birds. Explore the works of Charley Harper, Constantin Brancusi, David Sibley, and more.
Members: $65/child | Non-Members: $75/child

Wild Woods Adventure
Ages 5 – 9
Wednesdays, September 15 – October 6 (4 weeks) | 3:45 – 5 pm
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

Cool Concoctions
Ages 6 – 10
Fridays September 17 – October 8 (4 weeks) | 3:45 – 5 pm
We’ll make our favorite slimes, doughs, mixtures, and more in this hands-on science class! Each week, create some amazing concoctions and learn the science behind them. Class will be held outside in our Wheels in the Woods picnic area unless in the event of extremely inclement weather. Students will be distanced for projects and will have their own materials with which to work. Limited to 8 students for a great small group experience.
Members: $60/child | Non-Members: $70/child
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.

**Heckscher Farm Open Evenings**

*Wednesday, July 7* • *Monday, July 12* • *Thursday, July 22* • *Wednesday, July 28*  
*Tuesday, August 3* • *Monday, August 9* • *Thursday, August 19* • *Tuesday, August 24*  
*Monday, August 30* • *Monday, September 13* • *Tuesday, September 21* • *Wednesday, September 29*

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 30 tickets. Rain will cancel. Service dogs are welcome but we ask that emotional support animals remain at home.

**Caring for Critters**

*Wednesday, July 7* • *Thursday, July 15* • *Tuesday, July 20*  
*Wednesday, August 4* • *Tuesday, August 10* • *Thursday, August 18*  
*Thursday, September 9* • *Tuesday, September 14* • *Wednesday, September 22*

3:30 – 4:15 pm  |  Ages 5+

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 size allows for a great experience at each participant’s pace and comfort-level. Rain will cancel. Limited to 3 participants per program.

These programs are provided free of charge thanks to the generosity of our grant partners.
As we welcome summer, 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. New members include Carmody Law, Charter Communications, ConnectiCare, Spot On Veterinary Hospital & Hotel and The First Bank of Greenwich.

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 visit our website at www.stamfordmuseum.org/affiliates or 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.

In addition to corporate support, we are generously funded by numerous charitable foundations. For a complete listing please visit our website.
Membership is your passport to all the wonders of the SM&NC!
UNLIMITED Year-Round Admission to our Grounds and Museum

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- 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

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