What’s New & Next?

Here comes the sun, the moon, and the stars.

Let me first say, what a joy to share the May 23 Groundbreaking for the new Planetarium & Astronomy Center with the community. Our brilliant Board of Directors, staff, friends, and so many leaders and dignitaries were here making history.

We were deeply honored to have Senator Richard Blumenthal speak so eloquently on behalf of this historic construction that will bring our Planetarium & Astronomy Center programming under one roof for the first time in our 87 year history. Mayor Caroline Simmons has been instrumental in our success so far and remarked on the cultural enrichment and science education success this new venture will bring to the state, Stamford, and the Mid-Atlantic region.

We thank Mayor Simmons, Senator Blumenthal, Senator Murphy, Congressman Himes, and our great State Delegation for your profound support of this extraordinary new asset. We look forward to generous community support in the months ahead.

In addition to witnessing dynamic construction on our site, our team is channeling sunshine into a vibrant palette of programming that unfolds in these pages of NEXT Magazine. From bird watching to moon gazing, the events and programs we’ve planned "seize the moment of the season." Our Sunday Farm Market has already opened and is filled with the bounty of our loyal farmers and vendors along with some new friends.

While you’re here, be sure to say hello and welcome Ron the otter to his new home in our Edith & Robert Graham Otter Pond. He is 3 to 4 years old and came to us from an Ohio otter facility where he recuperated after being injured by an unknown animal in the wild in Louisiana.

With so much to do, I know I can look forward to seeing you here soon and often over the summer months ahead. See you this summer, friends!

Melissa H. Mulrooney
Chief Executive Officer
**Events in Brief**

**ONGOING**

- Blue Star Museums: Active-Duty Military, National Guard & Reserve Visit Free
  Daily: Through September 4

- Nancy Macko: The Fragile Bee
  Daily: Through September 4

- SM&NC Sunday Farm Market
  Sundays: 10 am – 2 pm

- Sculpture Trail Scavenger Hunt
  Daily: All Summer

- Drop In: Meet the Animals
  Daily: July 10 – August 18 | 3:30 – 4 pm

- Native Wildlife Scavenger Hunt Trail
  Daily: July 10 – August 18

- Summer Letterboxing Trail
  Daily: July 10 – August 18

- Wild Woods Adventure After-School
  Tuedays: September 12 – October 3 | 3:45 – 5 pm

- Wonder Art Fall I
  Wednesdays: September 13 – October 4
  or Fridays: September 15 – October 6
  9:30 – 10:15 am or 10:30 – 11:15 am

- Art in Motion After-School
  Fridays: September 22 – October 13 | 3:45 – 5 pm

- Rachel Sard: Insofar
  Daily: Beginning September 22

**JULY**

- **FIY: Dairy Delight**
  Thu, 3:30 – 5 pm

- **Animals for All: Caring for Exotic Critters**
  Thu, 3:30 – 4:15 pm

- **Animals for All: Heckscher Farm Open Evenings**
  Thu, 6 – 7 pm

- **Outdoor Adventures: Fabulous Frogs**
  Wed, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

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

- **Animals for All: Caring for Exotic Critters**
  Wed, 3:30 – 4:15 pm

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

- **Outdoor Adventures: S’mores & Slides**
  Fri, 6 – 7:30 pm

- **FIY: Animal Enrichment**
  Wed, 3 – 4:30 pm

**AUGUST**

1. **Family Astronomy Night: Full Moon Fun**
   Tue, 7:30 – 8:30 pm

2. **Animals for All: Heckscher Farm Open Evenings**
   Wed, 6 – 7 pm

3. **Outdoor Adventures: S’mores & Slides**
   Fri, 6 – 7:30 pm

4. **National Farm Market Week Event**
   Sun, 10 am – 2 pm

8. **Outdoor Adventures: Otterly Amazing**
   Tue, 2:30 – 4 pm

9. **Animals for All: Caring for Exotic Critters**
   Wed, 3:30 – 4:15 pm

13. **National S’mores Day**
    at the Farm Market
    Sun, 11 am – 1 pm

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

16. **FIY: Dilly Beans**
    Wed, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

17. **Animals for All: Caring for Exotic Critters**
    Thu, 3:30 – 4:15 pm

**SEPTEMBER**

4. **MEMBERS ONLY**
   **FIY: Farmer for a Day**
   Mon, 3 – 4 pm

6. **Animals for All: Caring for Critters**
   Wed, 3:30 – 4:15 pm

8. **4th Annual Knobloch Family Farmhouse Lobster & Clam Bake**
   Fri Evening

10. **Outdoor Adventures: Stream Hunters**
    Sun, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

12. **Animals for All: Heckscher Farm Open Evenings**
    Tue, 6 – 7 pm

16. **Animals for All: Caring for Exotic Critters**
    Sat, 10 – 10:45 am

17. **Apple Day at the Farm Market**
    Sun, 10 am – 2 pm

20. **Drop-In Program: Migration Station on the Meadow**
    Wed, 3 – 4:30 pm

21. **Opening Reception**
    **Rachel Sard: Insofar**
    Thu, 5 – 7 pm

25. **Vacation Drop-Off Day**
    Mon, 9:30 am – 12 pm

27. **Drop-In Program: Migration Station on the Meadow**
    Wed, 3 – 4:30 pm

28. **Nights Out: Hard Cider Tasting & Apple Cidering Night**
    Thu, 6 – 8 pm

Many photos thanks to Belinda Sheets, Mary Trehan, Maria Ernco, and SM&NC Staff.
On the morning of May 23, we officially broke ground on the Phase II Planetarium & Astronomy Center, joined by Stamford Mayor Caroline Simmons and Senator Richard Blumenthal. Afterward, CEO Melissa H. Mulrooney and Michael Fedele, Co-Chair of The Campaign for Future Generations, shared the exciting details of our long-range vision.

The new 11,000 square-foot facility will reinvigorate a core pillar of the SM&NC’s Mission and bring our organization’s Planetarium and Observatory programs under the same roof for the first time in our 87-year history. Astronomy programming has long been an SM&NC Mission signature ever since our first astronomy classes were held in 1941. They continue to this day, and will abound in the years to come.
PHASE II GROUNDBREAKING

bringing imagination to life.

Scan our QR code or visit stamfordmuseum.org/phase2 for more, including a full deck of schematics.
On May 12, we hosted our annual *An Evening With* benefit in the Knobloch Family Farmhouse. This Friday night red carpet event elevated the classic Dinner and a Movie duo to new heights.

Guests enjoyed a curated meal prepared by Chef Robin Selden and her culinary team from Marcia Selden Catering and a brief program emceed by Colin Cosell, just moments before we dimmed the lights for the Connecticut premiere of the award-winning film, *The Artist & The Astronaut*. Joined by writer and director Bill Muench, composer Todd Hobin, and “The Artist” herself, Pat Musick, the stellar evening celebrated the impacts and intersections of art and astronomy, two timeless signatures of our charge and Mission.

Thanks to the generosity of individual donors and corporate sponsors, *An Evening with The Artist & The Astronaut* successfully raised funds in support of our efforts to broaden the scope and number of those we serve through educational programming, both on-site and in our community’s classrooms. This year’s event followed previous *Evenings With* Geoffrey Zakarian in 2022, Lidia Bastianich in 2020, and Jacques Pépin in 2019, also in support of our educational reach.
**Farmer for the Evening**  
**Thursday, July 20 | 5 – 7 pm**

Come join our farmers and lend a helping hand in putting Heckscher Farm to bed for the night. You can help feed, groom, and walk our animals including goats, sheep, cows, donkeys, llamas and alpacas. We’ll be working rain or shine, so dress accordingly. Refreshments will be served after your chores are done! Adults only.

**Members:** $20  
**Non-Members:** $30

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**Hard Cider Tasting & Apple Cidering Night**  
**Thursday, September 28 | 6 – 8 pm**

Enjoy an evening celebrating the apple. Sample hard ciders from in and around the state of Connecticut, complemented by food pairings and apple products like apple pie. Attendees will also get the chance to make their own fresh cider in our Cidery. Adults 21+ only.

**Members:** $40  
**Non-Members:** $50

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Celebrate the end of summer at our 4th annual **Knobloch Family Farmhouse Lobster & Clam Bake**, a casual outdoor New England feast with friends and family on the Fedele Family Farmhouse Plaza. This special supper supports the bedrock educational programming and operations of the SM&NC.
NANCY MACKO
THE FRAGILE BEE
on view through September 4, 2023

Since the early nineties, Nancy Macko has drawn upon images of the honeybee society to explore the relationships between art, science, technology, and ancient matriarchal cultures. In her most recent exhibition, The Fragile Bee, Macko combines painting, printmaking, digital media, photography, video, and installation elements to create a unique visual language. This combination of media allows her to examine and respond to issues related to eco-feminism and nature, as well as to explore her interest in mathematics and prime numbers while attempting to make the implicit connections between nature and technology explicit.

The Fragile Bee also explores the artist’s love of plants through images that investigate the botany world as seen through the honeybee’s eyes. She photographs botanical specimens that the honeybee pollinates and visually records nature’s exquisite beauty, fragility, and often, cruelty. The recent decline in the honeybee population and, more broadly, the idea of life and death in nature are prevalent themes in her work. Deeply concerned with the disappearance of honeybees, Macko seeks to raise awareness regarding the vulnerability of their ecosystem through her art.

Nancy Macko
Blanket Flower (Gaillardia aristata), 2018
Archival digital print mounted on white sintra and faced with Plexiglas®
40 ½ x 40 ½ inches

Desert Candle 2 (Eremurus ‘Romance’), 2018
Archival digital print mounted on white sintra and faced with Plexiglas®
40 ½ x 40 ½ inches
Rachel Sard: *Insofar* is a celebration of texture, luminosity, and transparency through painting. Rachel is fascinated by the slight imperfections and subtle tonal shifts in often overlooked objects. The subjects of her work—a pile of stones, discarded onion peels, a mass of oyster shells—become vessels through which she can explore the optical qualities of paint, taking the slightest nuances of light to the furthest possible visible moment.

In *Insofar*—her first museum exhibition—Rachel exposes the peculiar attributes of familiar subjects, such as the plum shades of a smooth pebble or the pocked surface of a rippled clam shell.

Rachel’s works are exhaustively detailed studies that feature densely packed subject matter bursting toward the edge of the canvas, pushing realism precariously close to abstraction. Her paintings encourage viewers to look closely and deliberately, revealing the artist’s subtle but purposeful brushstrokes.

Her creative process is an exercise in stamina and precision, as she can take months to complete one painting, revisiting each canvas over time to make meticulous changes to her compositions.

Many of the works in *Insofar* were inspired by objects selected by the artist from the Stamford Museum’s natural history collection. *Insofar* will include many of the objects that served as Rachel’s source material alongside her paintings to create a unique visual dialogue between the artist, her process, and her inspiration.
Harold Grinspoon began his art career in 2014 at the age of 84 when a cherry tree fell in his backyard. Wanting to repurpose his tree, he worked with a team to create his first sculpture, which was 30 feet high.

Since then, Grinspoon has created more than 100 large-scale sculptures that explore his fascination with the effects of nature and the concept of repurposing objects that have aged out of their original function.

To create his sculptures, Grinspoon is constantly searching for unique fallen trees, driftwood, and items from antique stores.

At his Western Massachusetts studio, he creates preliminary sketches or models to assist in the collaboration process with his team. They help bring his ideas to life, and sometimes evolve along the way.

Grinspoon expresses his infatuation with nature by bringing attention to the wood grain, encouraging the viewer to admire the natural knots and patterns of the wood.

_Tulip_ was created by cutting a fallen oak tree into sections, which allows the viewer to investigate its many nooks and crannies. The wood's natural curves evoke the petals of a flower in a gentle breeze, and the oak sections grow out of its base, imbuing the once downed tree with new life.
Ellen Reardon passed away peacefully at home on April 27, 2023, surrounded by her family, following a short yet fierce battle with cancer. Ellen directed our Art, Nature & Me Preschool, where she spent 30 years as the Head of Early Childhood Education. She was a pioneer in art & nature integrative education and early childhood learning, as well as our dear colleague, mentor, teacher and friend. Ellen had a fondness for children and animals alike, and spent her career being of service to both. She instilled a sense of wonder in hundreds of children, parents and teachers, and she cherished nature for the discovery and growth that can be found anywhere you look.

To make a gift in honor and memory of Ellen, visit www.stamfordmuseum.org/ellen-reardon-tribute-fund or scan the QR code below with your mobile device.

Scan to Give

Through your gift, Ellen’s legacy will live on and continue to nurture our youngest learners for years to come through teacher and student enrichment at our Art, Nature & Me Preschool.

Ellen Reardon
Director
Art, Nature & Me Preschool

There’s no such thing as bad weather – just bad clothes!

SCULPTURE TRAIL SCAVENGER HUNT

at Stamford Museum & Nature Center

Before setting out, be sure to drop by Bendel Mansion’s reception desk to pick up a guide to our all-new Sculpture Trail Scavenger Hunt, and gain a brand-new perspective of our beautiful grounds through art and history! Self-guided by prompts and clues from start to finish, you’ll explore our sculpture trail at your own pace while learning surprising facts about our permanent collection’s many outdoor sculptures, as well as the important artists — both past and present — who created them. This fun and interactive adventure for guests of all ages is free for Members and included in the price of admission for all visitors.
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Our popular FIY series teaches 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

Dairy Delight
Ages 5+
Thursday, July 6
3:30 – 5 pm
A great source of calcium, Vitamin D and protein, dairy has been considered one of the major food groups by the USDA since 1933. Come see how to milk a goat, and discover the many products that come from local dairies within our Nutmeg State. Taste some delicious local Connecticut ice cream and try your hand at making your own ricotta cheese from fresh local milk! Meets at the Knobloch Family Farmhouse.

Members: $15/participant
Non-Members: $18/participant

Animal Enrichment
Ages 6+
Wednesday, July 26
3 – 4:30 pm
Join us for a chance to see how we keep our animals enriched and engaged. Our farm staff will demonstrate a few of the ways that we use enrichment techniques to ensure that our animals are always happy and healthy. We’ll see how different items are used for animals including our cattle, pigs and otters. Discover how enrichment can benefit your pets at home, too! Limited to 15 participants ages 6 and up. Meets at the Heckscher WILD! porch.

Members: $10/participant
Non-Members: $12/participant

Dilly Beans
All Ages
Wednesday, August 16
3:30 – 4:30 pm
Did you know that beans are one of the easiest garden products to preserve? Create your own refrigerator-pickled Dilly Beans using local green beans and herbs. This recipe is sure to become an instant family favorite! All materials will be provided. Meets at the Knobloch Family Farmhouse. Tickets include registration for one child and adult pair. Limited to 10 pairs.

Members: $15/participant pair
Non-Members: $18/participant pair

Farmer for a Day
MEMBERS ONLY
Ages 8+
Monday, September 4
3 – 4 pm
Our popular Farmer for a Day program is back for Labor Day! Help our farmers with some daily chores, like haying or walking our animals. You’ll get to see your favorite farm friends up close, and maybe even give some of them a treat! Limited to 10 participants. Children 8+ may be dropped off. Children under 8 may attend with an adult at no additional charge. Meets at the Heckscher WILD! porch.

Members: $10/participant
OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Fabulous Frogs
Ages 5+
Wednesday, July 12
3:30 – 4:30 pm
Learn all about these toad-ally awesome amphibians. We’ll discover which types are native to Connecticut, meet some live frogs and toads from around the world, and take a hike on the trails to see if we can find some of SM&NC’s resident frogs. All attendees, including adults, must have a ticket. Limited to 16 participants. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Meets at Overbrook Nature Center.

Members: $10/participant  
Non-Members: $12/participant

S’mores & Slides
Ages 6+
Fridays, July 21 & August 4
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! Our playground will be open to participants until 7:15 pm, and we’ll have S’mores available by the fire pits starting at 6:45 pm. Tickets include registration for one child and adult pair. Limited to 15 participant pairs. Check in on the Meadow near the totem poles.

Members: $12/participant pair  
Non-Members: $15/participant pair

Otterly Amazing
Ages 6+
Tuesday, August 8
2:30 – 4 pm
Learn about our amazing North American River Otters and get a chance to see our new otter up close! Create some enrichment for our otters, learn what our keepers feed them, get a behind the scenes tour of the exhibit, and get an up-close look at the training that we’re conducting with Sadie and Ron as well! Ages 6 and up.

Members: $10/participant  
Non-Members: $12/participant

Stream Hunters
Ages 5+
Sunday, September 10
3:30 – 4:30 pm
One of our annual favorites returns! Join us to glimpse life around and below the surface of Poorhouse Brook. From crayfish to caddisflies, we’ll search for the many amazing critters who make their living in the stream! Please come dressed to go into the stream. Nets provided. All attendees, including adults, must have a ticket. Limited to 16 participants. Ages 5 and up. Meets at Overbrook Nature Center.

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

Register online for programs at www.stamfordmuseum.org
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

AFTER-SCHOOLS

Wild Woods Adventure
Ages 5 – 9  •  4 Weeks
Tuesdays, September 12 – October 3
or Wednesdays, September 13 – October 4
3:45 – 5 pm

This popular after-school is back! Explore the forest like never before as we search for salamanders and snakes, build a shelter, learn how to make fire, and more! We’ll explore our Poorhouse Brook, learn some basics of wild edibles, dig in the dirt, try out our Orange Adventure Trail, and discover our engineering skills as we make brush piles for wildlife. We’ll challenge our outdoor adventure skills in a safe and fun setting while exploring our very own wild woods! Limited to 12 children for a great small group experience, so register early.

Members: $60/participant
Non-Members: $72/participant

Art in Motion
Ages 7 – 12  •  4 Weeks
Fridays, September 22 – October 13
3:45 – 5 pm

We’ll explore a variety of art forms that use or depict motion. Explore the mobile art of Alexander Calder and others, the abstract art of Jackson Pollack and Wassily Kandinsky, and the movement shown in Starry, Starry Night by Van Gogh. Participants will get to create a mobile using recycled materials, paint a canvas inspired by Van Gogh’s distinct style, use paintballs and brushes to splatter a Pollack-inspired piece, and form a work with their own Kandinsky-inspired trees. All materials will be provided. Limited to 10 participants.

Members: $60/participant
Non-Members: $72/participant

VACATION DROP-OFF DAY

Ages 5 – 9
Monday, September 25
9:30 am – 12 pm

No school? No problem! Join us for a fun morning of live animals, art projects, and exploration! Limited to 10 kids for a great small group experience. Must be 5 by the date of the program. Please pack a peanut/tree nut-free snack and reusable water bottle. Drop off at Heckscher Barn. Pick up at the Knobloch Family Farmhouse.

Members: $45/participant
Non-Members: $50/participant

SAVE THE DATES

UPCOMING FALL DROP-OFF DAYS

AGES 5-9
October 9 & November 10

AGES 4-6
December 18 & 19
Full Moon Fun
All Ages
Tuesday, August 1
7:30 – 8:30 pm
Join us on the Meadow as the sun sets to see August’s first full moon of the month, the “Sturgeon Moon,” in all its glory! Learn the phases of the moon, create some great moon-themed crafts, and hear some stories about the moon from around the world. Limited to 30 registrants. Rain will cancel.

Director’s Circle: FREE
Members: $5/participant
Non-Members: $8/participant
3 and under: FREE

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

SM&NC Drop-In Programs are always free for Members and included in the price of admission for Non-Members.

Meet the Animals
Daily, July 10 – August 18 | 3:30 – 4 pm
Drop in for a chance to meet some of our critters up close! Meets at the Otter Outdoor Classroom. Rain will cancel.

Migration Station on the Meadow
Wednesdays, September 20 & 27 and October 4 | 3 – 4:30 pm
Join us for this all-new offering to learn about the fall migration of raptors in our area and hopefully spy some birds on their southern migration. Stop by the Meadow any time between 3 – 4:30 pm to discover how to identify different types of migrating raptors with the aid of our birding expert, Brian O’Toole. We’ll have bird-related crafts and binoculars available to view hawks, as well as the birds at our feeders. Rain will cancel.

DROP-IN TRAIL ADVENTURES

Summer Letterboxing Trail
Daily, July 10 – August 18
Beat the heat on our cool summer trails and try out our new letterboxing trail! Letterboxing is a treasure hunting hike that challenges you to solve clues to locations of letterboxes containing special stamps. Bring your own journal to add a stamp for each box you find! Pick up a guide at the Bendel Mansion’s reception desk, Overbrook Gift Shop, or on our website.

Native Wildlife Scavenger Hunt Trail
Daily, July 10 – August 18
Hit a part of our green trail on this special summer adventure! We’ve hidden a number of figurines of native wildlife along the trail. See if you can find them and learn about some of our area’s incredible local wildlife. Pick up information about this hike at Bendel Mansion’s reception desk, Overbrook Gift Shop, or on our website.

Sculpture Trail Scavenger Hunt
Daily this Summer: Self-guided by prompts and clues from start to finish, explore our sculpture trail at your own pace and gain a brand-new perspective of our grounds through art and history! See page 10 for details.
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

WONDER ART

Wonder Art Fall I  •  Ages 18 months – 2+ (with caregiver)
Wednesdays, September 13 – October 4 or Fridays, September 15 – October 6
9:30 – 10:15 am or 10:30 – 11:15 am
As the summer nears its end, we’ll welcome the first signs of fall! We’ll explore the last of the garden’s harvest, watch the first leaves change colors, and more. Limited to 6 adult/child pairs. Meets in Heckscher Barn.

Members: $68 for 4 week session
Non-Members: $76 for 4 week session

Heckscher Farm Open Evenings
All Ages Welcome
Thursday, July 6 • Wednesday, August 2 • Tuesday, September 12
6 – 7 pm
Our “open farm” evenings are designed for kids, adults and families for whom traditional program environments may pose challenges, but who would still enjoy an after-hours farm experience. Move throughout Heckscher 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 not providing a formal program. Limited to 30 tickets. Service dogs are welcome, but we ask that emotional support animals remain at home.

Caring for Critters
Ages 5+
Tuesdays, July 18 & August 15 • Wednesday, September 6
3:30 – 4:15 pm
This program provides an opportunity for hands-on work with animals on Heckscher Farm 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. Registration includes one participant and an accompanying adult. Limited to 3 participant pairs. Please only register participants and not caregivers/accompanying adults.

Caring for Exotic Critters
Ages 7+
Wednesdays, July 19 & August 9 • Thursdays, July 6 & August 17
3:30 – 4:15 pm
Saturday, September 16
10 – 10:45 am
Work with our exotic animals, like tortoises and chinchillas, in small group-tailored settings during Heckscher WILD!’s closed hours. Programs are approximately 45 minutes.

Members & Non-Members: FREE

Animals for All programs remain free of charge thanks to the support of our generous grantors, the Dorr Foundation, New Canaan Community Foundation, and the Abilis Foundation. Please contact Lisa at lmonachelli@stamfordmuseum.org with any questions you may have.
This year, we’re back in our spacious North Parking Lot location at 151 Scofieldtown Road. Come shop local with your favorite vendors, along with some new friends. Visit the Heckscher Farm tent for our very own maple syrup, local honey, Arethusa Farm products, and more. Vendors will have their own ordering systems. All transactions are between the customer and vendor. The SM&NC Farm Market is not responsible for any transactions. www.stamfordmuseum.org/sunday-farm-market

**FARM MARKET SPECIAL EVENTS**

**National Farm Market Week** ....... **Sunday, August 6**  ·  **10 am – 2 pm**
Live animals, crafts, local food tastings, and all SM&NC Members receive 20% off all purchases from the Heckscher Farm tent.

**National S’mores Day** ....... **Sunday, August 13**  ·  **11 am – 1pm**
Our favorite non-traditional holiday! Stop by the Market from 11–1 to make your own S’more!

**Apple Day** ....... **Sunday, September 17**  ·  **10 am – 2 pm**
Apple Cider demonstrations, apple tastings, and local apples for sale!

**Trick or Treat at the Market!**
**Sunday, October 29**
Connecting your company
to the good work we do.

As a Business Affiliates Member, your company will be aligned with an organization dedicated to education and environmental stewardship. You’ll be joining with other distinguished companies, large and small, whose commitment to the SM&NC supports our Mission to bring the wonders of art, nature, astronomy, and early childhood education to the community. Business Affiliates Membership at any level sets a great example of community support for other businesses to follow.

To learn more about partnership opportunities, please contact Karen Meizels, Director of External Affairs, at KMeizels@stamfordmuseum.org or 203.977.6546.
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 programs, classes and special events
- Members-only “Digital First Look” at NEXT Magazine
- Host On-Site Birthday Parties (contact jfranz@stamfordmuseum.org)
- Exclusive access to Summer Camps and family favorites
- Family Plus Members receive 10 guest passes annually

Learn more about our Membership benefits and levels by visiting www.stamfordmuseum.org/membership, emailing membership@stamfordmuseum.org, or calling Julie directly at 203.977.6533.

DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE

- With three distinguished levels, our Director’s Circle is the SM&NC’s highest tier of Membership.
- Director’s Circle Members enjoy 20%–30% discounts off facility rentals and other significant benefits.

GO DIGITAL!

More than 2,200 of our Members have already lightened their wallets by transitioning to a digital card!
Contact Membership to receive your personal email link to download your Member card to your mobile device’s wallet.

MEMBERS-ONLY FAMILY FAVORITES

Trick or Treat on Heckscher Farm
sessions span October 20–28
Registration opens October 2 & 4

FIY: Pumpkin Carving
Saturday, October 21

MEMBERSHIP & FACILITY USE

FACILITY RENTALS AT THE SM&NC

DISTINCTIVE INDOOR VENUES & OUTDOOR SPACES

Weddings • Corporate Events • Holiday Parties • Private Events

To learn more or arrange a tour, contact Gigi at 203.977.6530 or events@stamfordmuseum.org

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

Stamford Museum Galleries & Bendel Mansion
February through October
Monday – Saturday, 9 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 11 am – 5 pm

November through January
Monday – Saturday, 9 am – 4:30 pm; Sunday, 11 am – 4:30 pm

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

Heckscher WILD!
Daily, 12 – 4 pm

Nature’s Playground, Hiking Trails
Daily, 9 am – 5 pm (weather permitting): February through October
Daily, 9 am – 4:30 pm (weather permitting): November through January

Overbrook Nature Center & Gift Shop
Daily, 10 am – 4 pm
Winter Hours: Weekends, 10 am – 4 pm

SM&NC Closed
New Years Day, Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Day
as well as any days in observance.
1:00 pm close on Christmas Eve & New Years Eve

SPOTLIGHT ON

THE OVERBROOK GIFT SHOP

Located in the Overbrook Nature Center between Otter Pond and Nature’s Playground, our
Gift Shop carries SM&NC souvenirs and gifts for both children and adults, farm and nature
themed toys, cold drinks and delicious snacks including ice cream during the warmer months,
local honey, exhibition posters, SM&NC logo apparel, and much more.

While you’re at the shop, enjoy the Overbrook Nature Center’s changing assembly of small
animal ambassadors, dioramas of Connecticut wildlife, rocks and minerals, or simply watch
the birds at the bird feeder viewing window. We’re open daily throughout the warmer months.