

Ausbon-Sargent Plans Snowshoe Hike on Johnson & Byfield Tracts

Press release

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust invites you to join them on a Timber Harvest/Snowshoe Hike on the Johnson/Byfield Easement, Saturday, January 27, 2018, from 10 to Noon.

Nate Byfield, owner of the 92-acre Johnson/Byfield conservation easement in Sutton Mills, along with Merrimack County Forester Tim Fleury and forester Tim Wallace, will host a tour of this important property. We hope you will join us as they share how a timber harvest is part of land stewardship.

As a good steward of his property and as a means to sustain this property

for generations to come, Nate is managing his land by following a low-impact forest management plan created by Tim Wallace.

Note: The trails are icy in spots. In addition to dressing warmly, participants need to wear either ice and snow tracking cleats, ice trekkers or snowshoes.

Refreshments will be served. RSVP to Kristy Heath at 526-6555 or email kheathausbonsargent.org

Driving directions and more information can be found at www.ausbonsargent.org/calendar.



Free Program on Recent Discoveries About Our Solar System

Sat., Feb. 3 at Hopkinton Town Library

Press release

The Nature Discovery Center (formerly The Little Nature Museum) of Warner will hold free educational programs this winter. The first will be "Recent Discoveries about our Solar System," presented by Curtiss Rude, former high school chemistry and physics teacher and astronomy teacher at New England College and Granite State College.

The program will be held Saturday, February 3 from 1:30 – 2:30 PM in the

Community Room, Hopkinton Town Library, 61 Houston Drive, Contoocook. The program focuses on current knowledge of our solar system and how we came to know it. It will include images and data from interplanetary probes of Pluto, Saturn and Jupiter, and results from the rovers still operating on Mars. There will be opportunity for questions at the conclusion of the program.

Please call 603-746-6121 for weather-related cancellation information. For more information about the Nature Discovery Center, visit: www.littlenaturemuseum.org.



Ausbon Sargent Seeks Funds for Wendell Marsh Expansion Project

Would add 40 acres of wetland habitat

Press release

For a number of years Ausbon Sargent and the Town of Sunapee have been focusing on conservation efforts around Wendell Marsh off of Rt. 11 in Sunapee. This area was identified by the Town of Sunapee as a high priority for conservation due to its pristine wetland habitat for waterfowl, wading birds and other wildlife, as well as for the protection of water quality. In the 1960's, the NH Fish and Game purchased 10 acres to build a dam that would enlarge and enhance the waterfowl habitat at Wendell Marsh. Ausbon Sargent then partnered with the Town of Sunapee in 2013 to protect the 136-acre Wendell Marsh North property. In 2015, Ausbon

Sargent and the Town of Sunapee protected an additional 143-acres referred to as Wendell Marsh South. The Town of Sunapee and Ausbon Sargent are now looking to close on another important wetland and upland habitat of nearly 40 acres located in the same watershed.

The bulk of this \$99,000 project will come from the Town of Sunapee, a bargain sale by the seller, and a Burton Morgan Foundation grant. We are in need of some extra help from neighbors and friends in the area to cover the shortfall that will help to protect this pristine property. If you'd like to help, please let us know!

Take a look at our website www.ausbonsargent.org to see what else is happening at the land trust.



Register Now for Lakes Region Lacrosse

Registration open through Feb. 28

Registration for Lakes Region Lacrosse is open now through February 28 for all interested athletes. Girl's & Boy's teams for grades 7 & 8, 5 & 6, 3 & 4, and 1 & 2 are planned and will be offering a fast-paced spring sport. New players are welcomed and encouraged to sign up. Last year, over 150 youth athletes began or continued the development of their skills, sportsmanship and knowledge of the culture and tactics of lacrosse. Registration can be completed at lrlacrosse.org. If you have questions about the Lakes Region Lacrosse Club or registration, email lrlreg@gmail.com. Winter skills clinics will be offered, watch the website for details. Scholarships available upon request.

The Lakes Region Lacrosse Club is open to girls and boys of all abilities

who reside in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire and live in surrounding towns that do not currently have a youth lacrosse program. Participants include residents of Alton, Center Harbor, Gilford, Gilmanton, Belmont, Meredith, Moultonboro, Northfield, Sanbornton, and Tilton. The club is a member of the New Hampshire Youth Lacrosse Association (www.nhyla.org). The club's home field is the Meadows Complex in Gilford, New Hampshire.

Practices typically begin in late March, with weather/field conditions being the primary factor. Practices are held 2-3 times per week. Seven regularly scheduled league games occur on Sundays and an occasional Saturday, beginning April 8 through mid-June. Approximately one half of the games are held locally and one half require travel to host towns in New Hampshire.



New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell

Presented by Wilmot Historical Society

Press release

On Sunday, February 4, the Wilmot Historical Society will present a program on quilts featuring Pamela Weeks. Binney Family Curator of the New England Quilt Museum, she is author of several articles on quilt history and has published a book on Civil War Quilts.

Pamela lectures nationally on quilt-making and quilt history and uses quilts to tell stories of the Civil War, women's history, and industrial history. "Quilt history is full of myths and misinformation as well as heart-warming tales of service and tradition. Quilting is

not just an American art; nearly every world culture that has cold weather uses quilted textiles."

Pamela Weeks weaves a world history, women's history, industrial history, and just plain wonderful stories into her presentation. Participants are invited to bring one quilt for identification and/or story sharing.

The program, which starts at 2 PM, will be held at the WCA Red Barn next to the post office in Wilmot. Refreshments will be served starting at 1:30.

This program is sponsored in part by the NH Humanities to Go program. More info at www.wilmothistoricalociety.org/.



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