

Naturalist Edwin Teal's 1947 Journey North Tracing the Progress of Spring

Sunday, March 31 at 2 PM at WCA Red Barn

Press release

The Wilmot Community Association (WCA) and the Wilmot Conservation Commission (WCC) will sponsor "Returning North with the Spring: Retracing the Journey of Naturalist Edwin Way Teale" at 2 PM, Sunday, March 31 at the WCA's Red Barn, 64 Village Road in Wilmot.

John Harris, projects coordinator for the Monadnock Institute of Nature, Place and Culture at Franklin Pierce University, will present the program. Made possible through a grant from NH Humanities, the talk is free and light refreshments will be served.

In 1947, Teale and his wife made a four-month journey tracing the progress of spring from the Everglades to the summit of Mount Washington. The popular naturalist then wrote his best-selling book *North with the Spring* to recount the 17,000-mile journey.

Sixty-five years later, Harris set out to retrace Edwin Way Teale's route. Using Teale's journal notes and photographs, Harris examined changes in the

flora, fauna, and people along the route. In his talk, he shares the transformations and changes he found on the long journey.

Harris holds a doctorate in British and American literature from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has taught at Franklin Pierce University. In addition to his book *North with the Spring*, Harris has organized and helped edit two regional anthologies – *Where the Mountain Stands Alone* and *Beyond the Notches: Stories of North Country New Hampshire*.

The WCC supports educational programs to identify health hazards found in nature.

The WCA owns and operates the Red Barn, a community center, and Timmy Patten Park, a beach and playground. The not-for-profit organization provides facilities for entertainment, recreation and educational activities for families, adults and seniors and sponsors and cosponsors a variety of programs throughout the year.

You can find more information about the WCA and the Edwin Way Teale workshop online at www.WilmotWCA.org and the WCA's Facebook page. 

The Fells Spring Events

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For information on all upcoming events at the Fells visit www.thefells.org. More Spring events will occur in May. Visit the website for details.

March Events

Winter Song Night at The Fells

Wednesday, March 6, 7:30-8:30 PM

Come to The Fells to join a sing-along. Bring a song to sing, bring an instrument, or just come to listen. This will be the last sing-along until next December! Free. Meets in the John Hay Classroom at the Gatehouse.

First Thursday Hike at The Fells

Thursday, March 7, 11 AM

Join Brick Moltz, Education Director at The Fells, for a moderate one-hour hike on The Fells property. Get a little exercise, spend time out in the landscape, and perhaps discover something new about the property once owned by the John Hay family. Winter conditions may require snowshoes or cleats for ice. Members: free, non-members: included with regular admission fee. Meets at The Fells Kiosk.

Apple Pruning & Release Workshop at The Fells

Tuesday, March 12, 10 to 2 PM

Releasing and pruning wild apple trees can keep them healthy and result in greater fruit production for use by a wide variety of wildlife. This basic introduction to releasing and pruning wild apple trees, with both indoor classroom session and outdoor field practice, will be led by Nigel Manley from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. The indoor portion

will be held at the The Fells and then we walk one mile along a woods trail to some field pruning practice. Workshop is FREE and pre-registration is requested visit www.Forestsociety.org/Events.

Out and About at The Fells: Sweet Winter and Signs of Spring!

Tuesday, March 26, 10 to 11 AM

During the month of March we will follow spring's amazing awakening and progress. Join the Lake Sunapee Protective Association and its education staff in this program for pre-school age children and their caregivers. Children will love the hands on learning and sensory experiences; guided exploration; creative play; and art and music. Free. Meets at The Fells Gatehouse. Co-sponsored by The Fells and Lake Sunapee Protective Association. www.thefells.org

April Events:

First Thursday Hike at The Fells

Thursday, April 4, 11 AM

(See *March Events above for details*.) Meets at The Fells Kiosk.

Design Your Own Full

Season Cut Flower Garden

Saturday, April 6, 10:30 to Noon

Liz Krieg is a well-known horticulture lecturer throughout New England. Come and let her show you how to plan for and select good cutting flowers and start the design process for your own personal flower garden. Members: \$10, non-members: \$15. Advanced registration requested. To reserve call 603-763-4789 x3.

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Pools of Mud and Magic

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was seconded by Alan and all were in favor. Meeting ended at 10:20 PM.

School Board

January 15, 2019

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER: The Andover School Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by ASB Chair, Dean Barker.

Board Present: Dean Barker, Brian Gilman, Theresa Georges and Aimee Menard.

Administration Present: Mark MacLean, Randy Wormald, Jane Slayton, Kathleen Boucher and Judith Turk.

Public Present: Tina Cotton

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

For the PUBLIC SESSION of December 4, 2018, Brian motioned to accept the minutes and Aimee made the second. All were in favor and the minutes were approved with no discussion.

For the WORK SESSION of December 18, 2018, Brian motioned to accept the minutes and Aimee made the second. All were in favor and the minutes were approved with no discussion.

3. FINANCE REPORT: Aimee motioned to accept the finance report. Brian made the second. All were in favor and the report was approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5. BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Dean thanked the Board and Administration regarding budget preparation efforts. He gave a reminder of the Public Budget Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, January 15th. There will be a meeting of the Andover School District Safety Committee on Wednesday, January 30th at 6:00 p.m.

6. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Jane spoke about the Spelling and Geography Bees, an upcoming Blood Drive created as an event by an eighth grade student as a community service project, the eighth grade visit to Merrimack Valley High School, an upcoming safety assembly, a Leaders in Prevention Retreat to be attended by AEMS students, the Mandarin Club and the statewide assessments scheduled for April/May.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

Tuesday, April 17, 10 to 11 AM

Peeping frogs, squirming salamanders and emerging turtles will be the stars of our April activities. Join the Lake Sunapee Protective Association and its education staff in this program for pre-school age children and their caregivers. Free. No reservations necessary. Meets at The Fells Gatehouse. Co-sponsored by The Fells and Lake Sunapee Protective Association.

John Hay National Wildlife Refuge Presentation and Field Workshop

Saturday, April 27, 10 to Noon

The John Hay Refuge was established in 1987 when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service acquired the former summer estate of John Hay.

A. AEMS Building Project Update: The administration continues to fine tune the funding that will be returned to the taxpayers following the completion of the construction project. They are anticipating the completion of some miscellaneous projects. The ASB signed consent to the Public School Infrastructure Grant Funds.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Draft Warrant: The draft of the Andover School District Warrant for the annual Meeting to be held on March 4th and the Andover School District Election Warrant for March 12th were presented for review.

B. NHSBA- 2019 Delegate Assembly- Proposed Resolutions Summary: A summary document of submitted resolutions by the New Hampshire School Board Association was presented to the ASB. Aimee motioned to approve the proposed resolutions of the NHSBA 2019 Delegate Assembly. Brian made the second. All were in favor and the resolution proposal summary was approved.

9. MANIFEST JOURNAL ENTRIES TO SIGN: Brian made the motion to approve the journal entries. Theresa made the second. All were in favor and the entries were approved.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mark expressed his appreciation to everyone for their collaboration with the Budget Committee in preparation for the presentation. The public hearing will be held on January 16th at the Andover Town Hall and the Annual Meeting will be held on March 4th at Andover Elementary Middle School.

11. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Randy represented the Merrimack Valley School District and New Hampshire at a National Science Standards Conference, National Academy of Science recently held in Washington, D.C. Two AEMS alumni, Matthew and David Reynolds participated on the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Team that won the contest for the state of NH, resulting in \$20,000 funding for school equipment.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Aimee made the motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m., Brian made the second and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned. 

The estate was to be set aside "... for public use as an inviolate sanctuary for migratory birds, as a migratory bird and wildlife reservation..." Join Steve Agius, Wildlife Refuge Manager with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as he presents the history and natural characteristics of the Hay Refuge and its partnership with The Fells. The presentation will be followed by an easy to moderate hike into the Refuge.

Vernal Pool Adventure Walk for Families

Sunday, April 28, 1 to 2:30 PM

Can you hear it? Spring is finally in the air and amphibians all over are calling.

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