

Events at The Fells June 2019

Press release

Some events require advance registration. Call (603) 763-4789 x3. For more information on the activities listed below visit www.thefells.org.

Permaculture Gardening Workshop

Saturday, June 1, 10 to Noon

“Lasagna gardening” or sheet mulching is a no-dig method of preparing a garden bed with lots of benefits. Join Sophie Viandier, a permaculture expert from Garden Life, LLC in New London, NH for this workshop. Following a brief presentation, we will gather to build a new pollinator garden bed. Participants will take home a pollinator plant. Members: \$10, non-members: \$15. Advanced registration requested.

Summer at The Fells: Landscape and Legacy – Famous Trees of The Fells

Thursday, June 6, 2 to 4 PM

Join Dave Anderson of the Forest Society for a hike and trail side discussion of “Famous Trees of The Fells.” We will employ historic maps, and writings by the naturalist John Hay. Members \$10, non-members \$15. Meet at The Fells Gatehouse Kiosk. Advance registration requested.

28th Annual Plant Sale: Member Preview

Friday, June 7, 4 to 5 PM

Members, join us for this special early bird shopping. We have an array of outstanding plants, including specialty alpiners, rock garden plants, and

some signature plants. Receive 10% off all Fells plants, get advice from our expert landscape staff and be sure to visit our White Elephant table. Held at The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens Main House Pebble Court rain or shine.

28th Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, June 8, 8:30 to 11:30 AM

Buy quality, well-established plants and shrubs propagated and field dug from The Fells very own gardens, as well as from the region’s finest nurseries. Also Fells signature, specialty alpine, and rock garden plants. You’ll also find unique garden art and a white elephant table overflowing with gently used clay pots and landscape tools. Tours of our Main House and gardens will be offered free of charge beginning at 8:30 AM to all shoppers. Members, save 10% on all Fells plant purchases! The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens Pebble Court at the Main House.

The Fells Main House

Commences Summer Hours

The Main House is now open 10 to 4 PM Wednesday through Sunday June 19 to September 2. Discover what life was like on an early 20th century New Hampshire summer estate. See new exhibits in history, ecology and art. Take an historic guided self-guided tour of the 22 room Colonial Revival Main House, explore the renowned gardens and sculpture, build a fairy house in the children’s Fairy Village and experience the natural

world on an easy hike along one of our scenic trails. Our Plant Stand located in the Gatehouse Courtyard is open daily, 10 to 4 PM. Site admission applies.

Summer at The Fells: Landscape and Legacy– A Hay Family Picnic on Sunset Hill

Friday, June 21, 11 to 2:30 PM

The Hay family often enjoyed a picnic on the top of Sunset Hill. This summer, on the summer solstice, join Kitty Hay, Dave Anderson of the Forest Society and members of The Fells staff for a traditional Hay Family picnic at the top of Sunset Hill. Co-sponsored by Society for the Protection of NH Forests and The Fells. Members \$20, nonmembers \$25, lunch included. Meet at the The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens Gatehouse Kiosk. Advance registration required.

Diplomacy: Then and Now Lecture Series – Stumping for Lincoln:

John Hay’s Mission to Florida

Sunday, June 23, 11 to 12 PM

Hoping to bring Florida back into the Union in time for the 1864 election, President Lincoln sent John Hay to begin repatriating Floridians in Union-held bastions along the East Coast. Lecturer Mike Pride is editor emeritus of the Concord Monitor; a writer, historian and retired administrator. This event is free and open to the public. Advance registration is requested, though walk-ins are welcome. This program is made possible by a grant from New

Hampshire Humanities.

Historic Wallpaper at The Fells

Tuesday, June 25, 1 to 2:45 PM

Presentation by Laura McCoy

Join wallpaper specialist and designer Laura McCoy as she presents her research on the history and manufacture of wallpaper and its reproduction. Includes a tour of The Main House and its historic wallpaper. Meets at the Gatehouse Classroom. Members: free, non-members: included with regular admission fee. Advanced registration is requested, though walk-ins are welcome.

VINS: “Reptile Rendezvous”

Wednesday, June 26, 1 to 2 PM

Explore the characteristics of reptiles! Meet reptile ambassadors up close and learn about the adaptations of these beautiful creatures to their habitats here in New England. Touchable artifacts and hands-on materials complete the experience. Members: free, non-members: included with regular admission fee. Advance registration is requested.

Afternoon of Sculpture & Jazz

Sunday, June 30, 5 to 7 PM

Join us for the opening of our new outdoor sculpture exhibit and the music of the Michael Parker: Instrumental Jazz Trio with Vocals, Sax, Guitar, Piano/Bass, amid the beautiful gardens and landscape of The Fells. \$40 per person. Advance registration requested.

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fence line. The application was deemed complete at that meeting. Tonight, Bardsley presented the Board with the Mylar for their signatures. Bardsley noted that there is a right of way for Proctor that is not noted on the survey, but is in the deed. Hodgson asked Bardsley to show where the Proctor Right of Way would be on the survey.

There being no public comment, Urie made the motion to accept the Annexation Plan. Hodgson seconded the motion. All in favor. The Annexation Plan is accepted. The mylar was signed by members of the board and will be filed at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds by Moyer.

NON-BINDING CONSULTATION FOR 120 VALLEY ROAD: (Tax Map 23-323-194) by Kathy and Jim Vashro.

The Vashro’s are potential purchasers of this property. The property has approximately 118 acres and lies in the Agricultural Residential District. The property is in Current Use. There is a home on the property along with an airplane hangar/garage. The Vashro’s asked many questions including the following:

- Subdivision - Can the property be subdivided?

The Board explained that in that district the property needs at least 250’ of road frontage on a Class V or better road. That district also requires a minimum of two acres. Additionally, the depth ratio of 4-1 must be taken into ac-

count on the lots so that the lots are not made into bowling alley lots.

- Farm Stand – Can they have a farm stand? The Board said yes

- Airplane Hangar/Garage – Can it be turned into two separate apartments, one for each of their aging parents? The Board indicated that they could not, but explained that an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) attached to their home is something to think about. The Board explained they could do one ADU per parcel of land. A detached ADU requires a Special Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA).

- Boat Storage – Could the airplane hangar/garage be used for storage. The Board indicated that Site Plan Review would be required because it’s a change of use of the property.

- Parking Campers/Campground – Could they park campers on the property to use as dwellings? The Board explained by town ordinance a camper cannot be lived in for more than 90 days. If the camper is vacant and only parked on the property, it can be there forever. Additionally, Site Plan Review would be required for a campground because it is a change in use of the property.

- Weddings at the Farm – Could the property be used for weddings? The Board indicated that again, Site Plan Review would be required because it is a change in use of the property.

The Board explained that Site Plan Review is to review their plans, the See Minutes on page 31