September

Wednesday, September 2
Pizza Party at Coop’s!
Food, Fish, Friends, and FUN-raising at Coop’s Pizza in Hayward
Do you like the big fish aquarium in our “Lakes Alive!” exhibit? Then come see an even bigger fish tank at Coop’s! When you come out to eat pizza and listen to live music tonight, net proceeds will be donated to the Cable Natural History Museum! 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Thanks to Coop’s for sponsoring the Museum’s exhibit fish tank!

Bayfield County Mushroom Foray (Adult Naturalist Program)
Join local and regional mushroom experts to hone your ID skills and learn all about the amazing world of fungi. Evening lectures and the Saturday forays are open to the public. The entire event (for members of the Wisconsin and Minnesota Mycological Societies) is September 4-7. Contact emily@cablemuseum.org for more information.

Tuesday, September 8 to Friday, September 11
Natural History Paddle in the Boundary Waters 2015
Call Emily at 715-798-3890 or email emily@cablemuseum.org for more details!

Saturday, September 19
Camp Fat Tire for Kids
Are you busy with the races? Drop off your kids, grades K-6, for a fun-filled day of games, hiking, crafts and stories at the Museum. Early drop-off is available starting at 8:00 a.m. All children should arrive by 9:00 a.m. and must be picked up by 4:00 p.m. Please call if you need additional accommodations. A simple lunch and snacks will be provided. Register by September 15. $75 member/$80 non-member.

Wednesday, September 23
Drawing and Exploring: Nature and Museum Specimens (Adult Naturalist Program)
Venture outside on the grounds of the Museum and draw close-ups of the natural world that beckons you. We’ll also explore a variety of the Museum’s fascinating collections, such as animals, birds and insects. There will be a guest appearance by Aldo, an American Kestrel who we’ll sketch quickly, using gesture drawing. During class, Museum Naturalist/Curator Elsa Hansen will talk about scientific illustration and its uses. Diana Randolph will demonstrate various black & white drawing techniques using pencil, charcoal pencil and ink in the morning. In the afternoon, Diana will demonstrate color techniques using color pencil, and watercolor pencil. Meet at the Museum from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. You may bring a sack lunch or lunch may be ordered in class from the Brick House Cafe. Register by September 16. A supply list will be mailed or emailed to those who register. $35 member/$40 non-member.

Friday, September 25
Tour the Forest Lodge National Historic District
Take a guided tour for a rare opportunity to walk the grounds, visit the iconic Guest House, and see the renovation of the summer home of Mary Griggs Burke, founder of the Cable Natural History Museum. This tour will be led by Ellsworth Brown, Ph.d. - Director, Wisconsin Historical Society; Jason Maloney - Forest Lodge Team Leader, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest; and Shaun Hamilton - Director, Northwoods Initiative - The Trust for Public Land. Meet at the Forest Lodge Nature Trail at 3:00 p.m., return by 5:00 p.m. Please dress for the weather and wear walking shoes. Space is limited to 30 people. Register by September 24.
October

Friday, October 2

Comedy Night

Lorna Landvik, comedienne and author of ten novels, will entertain at Mooselips on Friday evening. Enjoy a unique opportunity to see this national performer onstage in Seeley! Appetizers, dessert, and show included in ticket price. Cash bar available. Tickets $50. 5:30 p.m. hors d’oeuvres – 7:00 p.m. show.

Saturday, October 3

Power of the Purse – FUNraising Event

Join your friends from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Lakewoods Resort on Lake Namakagon for the sixth annual Power of the Purse silent auction to benefit exhibit development at the Museum. Bid on purses and accessories, dine, and then listen as guest speaker Lorna Landvik, comedienne and author of ten novels, will take the mic for post-brunch entertainment. Space is limited, register now! $40/person. Mimosas and brunch included in ticket price. In the past five years POP has netted over $50,000 for the educational mission of the Museum.

Wednesday, October 7

Pastels: Painting Waterfalls with Diana Randolph

Use your own photos of waterfalls or close-ups of water flowing over rocks as inspiration to create pastel paintings on paper with dry pastel sticks, not oil pastels. You’ll practice layering strokes of pastels lightly in a glazing technique to paint transparent, fluid water. Your instructor will demonstrate a variety of techniques on three different types of pastel paper. This class is for all levels, though basic drawing experience is helpful. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Museum. Participants may bring a sack lunch, or lunch may be ordered in class from the Brick House Café. There is a supply list for this class. To register please call WITC at 715-682-4591, ext. 3170.

Thursday, October 8

All About the Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas (Adult Naturalist Program)

The Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas II is a comprehensive field survey that documents the distribution and abundance of birds breeding in an area. The information will allow us to see changes in bird populations since the last survey and to understand possible future changes. Learn how birders can help this 5-year project, the biggest citizen science effort in the history of Wisconsin. Mike Reese, Director of Volunteers for the Atlas, and Bill Mueller, Director of the Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory, will explain this incredible project, and show you how to get involved! 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Museum. Register by October 6. Donations accepted.

Saturday, October 10

Building Bat Boxes

Join Museum Collections Monitor John Kudlas to make your own bat house! Bats make great neighbors, so you can encourage them to stick around your home (and not INSIDE your home). The workshop runs from 9 a.m. to noon. All materials and instruction are provided. Register by October 8. Space is limited. Cost is $10 member/$15 non-member per house.

October 12–18

Wolf Awareness Week

Thursday, October 15

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Wolves in Yellowstone

The Timber Wolf Alliance at the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute at Northland College is celebrating Wolf Awareness Week. The talk will be at 7:30 p.m. at the SOEI. Meet at the Museum at 6:15 p.m. to carpool to the lecture. Register by October 14. The lecture is free. A donation for gas money is appreciated.

Friday, October 16

Oh Deer!

Food. Water. Shelter. Get yours while you can! Join Master Naturalist Volunteer David Broadwell for a fun-filled morning of animal games. You’ll think like a deer, protect like a muskox, and eat like an owl. It’s Wolf Awareness Week, so you might even hunt like a wolf! Kids and families of all ages are welcome. 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Museum. Register by October 15. Donations accepted.

Saturday, October 17

Tamarack Walking Sticks

Join Wisconsin Master Naturalist Volunteer Brenda Maier to make and decorate a beautiful, durable walking stick from a tamarack pole. Adults who want the full experience can come at 9:00 a.m., and bring a sharp knife to strip the bark off their pole. Anyone, including kids ages 8 and up with an adult helper, can arrive at 11:00 a.m. to decorate and personalize a pre-striped stick. Everyone should be able to finish by noon. Space is limited. Register by October 16. $10 member/$15 non-member per walking stick.

Thursday, October 22

Dinner Lecture: This Vast Pollution (Adult Naturalist Program)

Join Gary Glass for a discussion of the impacts of mining on Lake Superior. Meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Rookery Pub. You may also join us for dinner and conversation after the presentation. Register by October 20. $5 member/$10 non-member.

Saturday, October 24

Crex Meadows Birding Adventure (Adult Naturalist Program)

Join avid birder Tom Matthiae for an afternoon at Crex Meadows wildlife area near Grantsburg, WI. We’ll spend a few hours in the afternoon exploring the marshes and brush prairies, looking for species such as trumpeter swans and rough-legged hawks. Toward dusk we’ll be able to see hundreds, if not thousands, of sandhill cranes as they move into the refuge from surrounding areas to roost for the night. Stop for dinner in Siren at Adventures Restaurant & Pub on the way home. Meet at the Museum at 12:30 p.m. and return by 9:00 p.m. Register by October 21. $30 member/$35 non-member.
Wednesday, October 28
Girls Night Out at the Museum
Mingle with awesome women (including our female staff), ask questions, enjoy the exhibits and Collections Room from 6:00-8:00 p.m. No registration required. Just bring an hors d’oeuvre and wine to share, and your glass. Halloween theme; costumes encouraged! Prizes awarded! For more information contact the Cable Natural History Museum at 715-798-3890.

Friday, October 30
Who’s LIVING at the Museum?
Get up close and personal with the critters who live at the Museum! Join Master Naturalists Jayme and Carol to meet Digger, Emory, Scuba, and their friends. Fun and informative for curiosity seekers of all ages. Meet at the Museum from 10:30-11:30 a.m. $5 member/$7 non-member per family.

November
Wednesday, November 4
Casserole Carrier Basket
(Associated Naturalist Program)
Join instructor Jean Carryl to craft this ideal casserole basket. Bring your own 9 x 13 casserole dish to make a perfect fit with this basket. Handles are made from a forest green colored cotton webbing to keep your hands cool while transporting.
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Museum. Space is limited. Register by October 28. $33 member/$38 non-member.

Saturday, November 7
Shiitake Growers Association of Wisconsin’s (SHII-GAW) Annual Meeting (Public Welcome!)
Joe and Mary Ellen from Field and Forest Products will give an overview of 6 mushroom varieties (besides Shiitake!) you can grow in your woodlot. They will also introduce the new Woodsource Connection, through SHII-GAW and Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association, a communication platform between woodland owners and mushroom cultivators to buy and sell wood for mushroom cultivation. Join local cultivator and wild mushroom man Tavis Lynch for his wisdom on integrating wild mushrooms with cultivated varieties from his farm; bark and twig identification for mushroom log harvest; and a sampling of wild crafted mushroom products through the local forest. Join us at the Cable Natural History Museum from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Register by November 1. Registration fee of $49 includes coffee, lunch, and snacks.

Thursday, November 12
Dinner Lecture: The Pollinator Problem
(Associated Naturalist Program)
In the midst of a precipitous decline worldwide, insect pollinators have garnered attention in the media as scientists scramble to find answers to this unprecedented crisis. Local Ecologist Eric North will shed light on the issues causing the declines and challenges facing farmers and land managers in keeping our systems intact, and what’s happening locally and regionally to promote pollinator recovery and conservation. Meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Rookery Pub. You may also join us for dinner and conversation after the presentation. Register by November 10. $5 member/$10 non-member.

December
Wednesday, December 2
Holiday Market Basket
(Associated Naturalist Program)
Join instructor Jean Carryl to craft this fancy market basket. Woven with red, green and gold space-dyed reed along with seagrass, it has a 10" D shaped handle and would be a great addition to your holiday decor.
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Museum. Space is limited. Register by November 25. $37 member/$42 non-member.

Saturday, December 5
Natural Holiday Decorations (Food Shelf Benefit)
Stop by the Museum between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to make your own natural or recycled holiday decorations. Crafty kids of all ages can appreciate celebrating the season the thrifty way! The cost is a $5 donation to the Food Shelf or a similar value of non-perishable food items.

Saturday, December 5
Evergreen Centerpiece with Candle
Join Wisconsin Master Naturalist Volunteer Jean Hansen to learn about our native evergreens while making this beautiful holiday centerpiece for yourself or as a gift. A container, candle, ribbon accent and mix of evergreens will be provided. Bring a tool capable of cutting small branches, and garden-type gloves for dealing with prickly branches. Adults, and kids ages 8 and up with an adult helper, can join us from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Museum. Space is limited. Register by December 4. $10 member/$15 non-member.
Thursday, December 10

Dinner Lecture: The Changing Cryosphere
(Agent Naturalist Program)

Bob Jacobel is a Professor of Physics at St. Olaf College in Minnesota and has been a participant in the US Antarctic Research Program since 1987. The Jacobel Glacier on the Sulzberger Coast of West Antarctica is named in honor of his contributions to Antarctic science. He will be giving an overview of ice on planet earth, where we find it, and what’s happening today. Meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Rookery Pub. You may also join us for dinner and conversation after the presentation. Register by December 8. $5 member/$10 non-member.

Saturday, December 12

My what big teeth you have!

Teeth, and all the other bones in skulls, can tell you a lot about what an animal eats and how it lives. Join Master Naturalist Volunteer David Broadwell in examining animal skulls to learn more about their former owners. Everyone is welcome. Kids under age 11 should bring an adult helper. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Museum. Register by December 11. Donations accepted.

Saturday, December 12

Glaciers in a Sandbox

Discover the amazing forces that created much of our Northwoods landscape! By playing with sandboxes, balloons, and your own imagination, kids of all ages can gain a better understanding of the world around them, while having plenty of fun on the side. Meet in the Museum Classroom from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Donations accepted.

Saturday, December 19

Christmas Bird Count

Volunteers are needed to assist the National Audubon Society in an annual winter bird census. Participants record and count birds and bird species within 15-mile diameter circles in the Cable and Hayward area from dawn to dusk. Bird feeders within the circles are also surveyed, so feeder counters are also needed. Please contact the Museum at 715-798-3890 or e-mail Naturalist/Curator Elsa Hansen at elsa@cablemuseum.org for more information if you are interested in volunteering.

Becoming a Member of the Cable Natural History Museum has never been more beneficial!

In addition to unlimited free admission, members receive reduced rates on our nature and education programs, and a discount on items in the Museum Shop. Members play a vital role in supporting exhibits, programs and special events. Annual memberships start at just $30. Visit www.cablemuseum.org for more information, and to become a member today! Thanks to our current members, whose support makes our events possible!

Get Involved — Become a Museum Volunteer!

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Call our Volunteer Coordinator, Beda McKinney, at 715-798-3890.

Museum Admission:

All current members will be granted free admission to the Museum at all times. All other adult visitors to the Museum are charged a $5 admission fee. Children (up to the age of 18) always have free admission. On Tuesdays, admission is free for all visitors.

The Mission of the Cable Natural History Museum is:

Connecting people to Northwoods nature through educational experiences that inspire wonder, discovery, and responsibility.

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