2019 Winter/Spring Calendar of Events

Snake Feeding: Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
Meet Emory and Digger—the Museum's live snakes—and watch them eat a mouse. Donations welcome.

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Thursday, January 10
Dinner Lecture at the Rookery: Puke, Poop and DORs: Utilizing the Underappreciated Parts to Study the Ecology of Snakes
Dr. Julie Ray, science teacher for the Winter School District, used unusual methods to study the ecology of tropical snakes. Join her to learn about the amazing discoveries you can make about elusive animals just by picking up roadkill. Meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Rookery Pub. You may also join us for dinner and conversation after the presentation. Register by January 9. $5 member/$10 non-member.

Saturday, January 12
Specimen Behind-the-Scenes Tour
Are you curious about our collections? Join the Curator Naturalist for an inside look at our Museum. See specimens of interest brought out from storage for up-close viewing and information about their origin. Drop in to the Museum classroom anytime from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Donations welcome.

Tuesday, January 15
Backcountry Film Festival at the Sawmill Saloon
The Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival celebrates the human-powered winter experience through film. Join us from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Sawmill Saloon in Seeley, WI, to enjoy great films, win great raffle prizes, and support the Cable Natural History Museum's educational programs. (Caution: some films may contain casual profanity and intense situations.) Tickets are $10 at the door.

Thursday, January 17
Antler Shelf Basket (Adult Naturalist Program)
Join expert instructor Della Pleski to weave a decorative basket on a frame of a drilled antler. It is a fun basket to make, with colored sea grass and of course a little “jazz”. Weavers of all skill levels will add beads, decorative wire, or their own accents. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Cable Natural History Museum. Space is limited. Register and get your supply list by January 3. $50 member/$55 non-member.

Tuesday, January 22
Dinner Lecture at the Sawmill: MikoMan to the Gulf
Last fall, local adventurer Ned Zuelsdorf floated his pontoon boat “MikoMan” from the Twin Cities to the Gulf of Mexico. Join us at 5:30 p.m. at the Sawmill Saloon in Seeley, WI, to hear all about it! If you want to stay for dinner and conversation after the talk, then we’ll order before Ned starts, and the food will be served around 6:45 p.m. when the talk ends. Register by January 20. $5 member/$10 non-member for the talk.

Thursday, January 24 — Saturday, January 26
2nd Annual Wild about Winter Ecology Wisconsin Master Naturalist Advanced Training
Graduates of the Wisconsin Master Naturalist program and others are invited to spend a cozy winter weekend at Forest Lodge learning about nature in winter with Master Naturalist Instructor Emily Stone and other experts. The training begins at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday and will engage students in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities with experts. We’ll end by 1:00 on Saturday. All meals are included. Registration cost is $200 with lodging at the historic Gatehouse, and $135 for commuters. Register online at www.cablemuseum.org by January 14. Learn more under Adult Naturalist Programs on cablemuseum.org OR on www.wimasternaturalist.org.

Saturday, January 26
Talon Talk Live Raptor Program
Meet the Museum's live education raptors in person! Learn all about the amazing world of birds of prey from Naturalist Haley Appleman. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Please come early to find a seat. Donations welcome.

Connecting you to the Northwoods!
Tuesday, January 29
**Behind-the-Scenes Tour**
Are you curious about our collections? Join Mollie Kreb, Curator Naturalist, for an inside look at our Museum. See specimens brought out from storage; touch study skins and teaching skulls; **take an exclusive tour inside** of the collection room. You'll want to catch this opportunity to view what's not usually open to the public! 1:00-2:30 p.m. Register by January 26. Participants must be 12 years of age or older and accompanied by an adult if under 18. $10 member/$15 non-member. Space is limited.

Thursday, January 31
**Snowshoe Hike behind the Rookery Pub (Adult Naturalist Program)**
Join Naturalist Emily Stone for a moderately strenuous adventure behind the Rookery Pub. We'll look for tracks and signs, talk about the local natural communities, and explore otherwise inaccessible wetlands and islands on National Forest land. It's a new route this year! Dress for the weather. Meet at 3:00 p.m. at the Rookery, then end in the restaurant for a warm drink. Register by January 28. Snowshoes are available to borrow by calling ahead. $10 member/$15 non-member, includes your first drink. 15% off your dinner if you stay!

February

Saturday, February 2
**Hiking Adventure in Fairyland**
Join Naturalist Haley Appleman for a moderately strenuous adventure in the Fairyland State Natural Area at Forest Lodge. Explore enchanted old growth hemlocks on the former estate of Museum founder Mary Griggs Burke while experiencing and learning about the magic of nature. Be prepared for off-trail explorations. Dress for the weather. Meet at the Museum by 9:30 a.m., carpool to the site, and return by noon. Snowshoes are available to borrow by calling ahead. Register by January 31. $5 member/$10 non-member.

Tuesday, February 5
**Tapestry Style, Ribbed Wall Basket Class (Adult Naturalist Program)**
Join expert instructor Della Pleski to make a decorative yet functional wall basket woven on a frame of 3 hoops. Weavers of all skill levels will use a variety of materials for texture and color. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Cable Natural History Museum. Space is limited. Register and get your supply list by January 22. $60 member/$65 non-member.

Thursday, February 7
**Dinner Lecture at the Rookery: Hot Topics in Geoscience**
Tom Fitz, Professor of Geoscience at Northland College, will share the newest discoveries in geoscience. Possible topics include the latest in climate science and landing on Mars. Meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Rookery Pub. You may also join us for dinner and conversation after the presentation. Register by February 6. $5 member/$10 non-member.

Saturday, February 9
**Rag Rug Workshop at the NGLVC**
Scandinavian loop weaving is a simple and durable technique that uses no thread or looms, and turns trash into treasure! Bring 1-2 old bed sheets (any size will work) or other fabric that can be easily torn into strips, and a pair of sharp scissors. Some extra materials will be on hand. You will take your rug home to finish. Younger students are welcome with an adult helper. Meet at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, WI, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Space is limited. Register by February 8, by calling the NGLVC at 715-685-9983. $10 per person. Call 715-798-3890 for more info.

Saturday, February 9
**Specimen Behind-the-Scenes**
Are you curious about our collections? Join the Mollie Kreb, Curator Naturalist, for an inside look at our Museum. See specimens of interest brought out from storage for up-close viewing and information about their origin. Drop in any time from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Donations welcome.

Tuesday, February 12
**Adventures in Alaska (in Ely, MN)**
Bears, bunnies, and bees, oh my! Join Cable Natural History Museum Naturalist Emily Stone to hear about her summer sabbatical to Alaska. She met with scientists and naturalists to learn about their exciting work. Meet at 12:00 p.m. at the Grand Ely Lodge in Ely, MN. Order lunch off the menu if you’d like. Donations accepted.

Wednesday, February 13
**Green Teacher webinar: Using Progressive Skits to Teach Food Chains**
Teacher-led progressive skits are a quick and engaging way to make food chains come alive for students aged six to adult. They provide a good mix of teacher control and student creativity, and use repetition and humor to facilitate learning. They can be customized to work with any grade level or even mixed groups by selecting the level of vocabulary and detail you include. In her presentation, Museum Naturalist/Education Director Emily Stone will walk you through the basics. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Learn more at https://greenteacher.com/webinars/.

Saturday, February 16
**Talon Talk Live Raptor Program**
Meet the Museum’s live education raptors in person! Learn all about the amazing world of birds of prey from Naturalist Haley Appleman. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Please come early to find a seat. Donations welcome.

**Birch Fairy House Making Workshop at the NGLVC**
Come help out the fairies! Materials for making darling, irresistible houses for our Northwoods fairies will be provided, including a birch log “blank” on a base. All ages welcome, but children under age 13 need to be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, WI, from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Space is limited. Register by February 14, by calling the NGLVC at 715-685-9983. $15 per person.
Friday, February 22
Pollinators of the North with Naturalist Emily Stone at the Chequamegon Birders Club Meeting
The tundra is carpeted with a swirling rainbow of wildflowers each summer, but who can brave the elements in order to pollinate them? Cable Natural History Museum Naturalist/Education Director Emily Stone spent last summer in Alaska asking herself that very question. Meet at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Washburn Public Library.

Saturday, February 23
Camp Birkie for Kids
Come join the fun at this year’s Camp Birkie for Kids! Children in Kindergarten through 6th grade can participate in this day-long environmental education camp at the Museum. Drop-off available at 7:00 a.m. and pick-up at 2:00 p.m. or when parents finish their race. Space is limited. Registration required by February 16 online or by phone. $80 per child.

March

Saturday, March 2
The Smallest Falcon at the NGLVC
The American Kestrel is North America’s smallest falcon, but as we all know, big things come in small packages. Come learn more about this tiny predator and meet the Museum’s live kestrel at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, WI. Please come early to find a seat by 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 7
Dinner Lecture at the Rookery: The Mysterious Boreal Chickadee
Steve Kolbe is an Avian Ecologist at the University of Minnesota’s Natural Resources Research Institute who has just begun field research in the Sax-Zim Bog north of Duluth, MN. He’ll give an introduction to the little-known and rarely-visited world of the Boreal Chickadee and what he and his colleagues hope to learn with the project. Meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Rookery Pub. You may also join us for dinner and conversation after the presentation. Register by March 6. $5 member/$10 non-member.

Saturday, March 9
Mushrooms of the Iceman
In 1991, the oldest natural human mummy in Europe was discovered with remnants of two mushroom species. Why was Oetzi the Iceman carrying these two mushrooms over 5,000 years ago? Join Naturalist Mollie Kreb to learn about the tinder polypore and birch polypore. Meet at the Museum for an introduction to these mushrooms, then carpool to a nearby trail to find them. Practice carrying a fire with tinder polypore and try a birch polypore tea. Dress for the weather and bring snacks and water. Meet at the Museum at 9 a.m. and return by noon. Register by March 5. $15 member/$20 non-member.

Tuesday, March 12
Trivia Night! At the Sawmill Saloon
Join the Museum for a bit of friendly competition at the Sawmill Saloon in Seeley, WI. The bar and kitchen will be at your service, and we’ll provide popcorn and lemonade. Bring a team of your friends, or join a table when you arrive. 6:00-8:00 p.m. Register by March 11. $10 per person.

Saturday, March 16
Talon Talk Live Raptor Program
Meet the Museum’s live education raptors in person! Learn all about the amazing world of birds of prey from Naturalist Haley Appleman. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Please come early to find a seat. Donations welcome.

Wednesday, March 20
Dinner Lecture at The Ranch: How Animals Learn
The science of behavior has come a long way since Pavlov’s experiments with salivating dogs. With Naturalist Haley Appleman, we’ll discover why a bear returns to the same backyard night after night, how the Museum’s raptors learn to stay calm in front of school groups, and the best ways to teach your pets. We’ll even practice training each other! Meet at 5:30 p.m. at The Ranch in Hayward. You may also join us for dinner and conversation after the presentation. Register by March 19. $5 member/$10 non-member.

April

Friday, April 5
Colorful Half-Bushel Basket (Adult Naturalist Program)
This colorful half-size bushel basket is designed with space-dyed reed along with two small bushel basket handles. You will have a chance to hone your weaving skills using start/stop weaving and twining in addition to weaving a decorative border. Join instructor Jean Carryl at the Museum from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Space is limited. Register and get your supply list by March 24. $46 member/$51 non-member.

Thursday, April 11
Colorful Half-Bushel Basket (Adult Naturalist Program)
This colorful half-size bushel basket is designed with space-dyed reed along with two small bushel basket handles. You will have a chance to hone your weaving skills using start/stop weaving and twining in addition to weaving a decorative border. Join instructor Jean Carryl at the Museum from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Space is limited. Register and get your supply list by March 24. $46 member/$51 non-member.

Saturday, April 13
Midwest Crane Count
Get involved with citizen science! We need help counting sandhill and whooping cranes at sites in Ashland, Bayfield, and Sawyer counties from 5:30-7:30 a.m. This statewide survey is organized through the International Crane Foundation. Contact Haley to be assigned a site location. (Haley@cablemuseum.org or (715) 798-3890).
Saturday, April 20
Natural Egg Dyeing
Get creative with the whole family dyeing eggs the natural way! Eggs will be decorated with dyes made from household ingredients like cabbage, onions, or turmeric. Drop by the Museum any time from 10:00-noon. $10 per group or family, limit 6 eggs.

Wednesday, April 24
Dinner Lecture at The Ranch:
Spring Wildflowers of Lois Nestel
From hepatica to sundew, spring wildflowers of northern Wisconsin are as numerous as they are unique. Curator Naturalist Mollie Kreb will introduce us to a variety of these blooms through a historic slideshow presentation originally created by Lois Nestel, a local naturalist and the Museum’s founding Director. View these recently-digitized slides from the Museum’s collection with additional commentary from Mollie. Meet at 5:30 p.m. at The Ranch in Hayward. You may also join us for dinner and conversation after the presentation. Register by April 23. $5 member/$10 non-member.

Tuesday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 1
Pastels: Painting Lakes with Diana Randolph
Use your own color photos of lakes depicting spring, summer or fall, as inspiration to create unique pastel paintings on paper. Explore the concepts of shape, space, value, and color in your composition as you interpret the landscape using strong contrasts with simplified shapes. You’ll practice different pastel painting techniques by layering the pigment on various types of pastel paper. You’ll have the opportunity to view the museum’s current exhibit. This class is offered from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on two days. You may sign up for one or both days. Bring a sack lunch or order from a local café during class. Visit www.witc.edu/ supplies for the supply list. To register please phone WiTC-Ashland at 715-682-4591, ext. 3182.

May

Saturday, May 4
Talon Talk Live Raptor Program
Meet the Museum’s live education raptors in person! Learn all about the amazing world of birds of prey from Naturalist Haley Appelman. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Please come early to find a seat. Donations welcome.

Saturday, May 25
NEW Curiosity Center Grand Opening!
Awaken your curiosity by visiting the Museum to discover our newly built children’s Curiosity Center! This amazing new adventure features a two-story treehouse, hawk’s nest viewing platform, traverse wall, puppet-theater, and many opportunities for discovering creatures who call the Northwoods their home. Bring the whole family! Refreshments will be served from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Free admission all day. Donations accepted.

Visit Our Current Exhibit!
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Becoming a Member of the Cable Natural History Museum has never been more beneficial!
The benefits of Museum membership include:
• unlimited free admission
• reduced rates on our nature and education programs
• discounts on items in the Museum Gift 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 are 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.

Thanks to our many partners, sponsors, and supporters!