



# Cable Natural History Museum 2013 Winter/Spring Calendar of Events

## Museum Hours:

**Tuesday—Saturday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**  
For information and registration  
call 715-798-3890 or e-mail [info@cablemuseum.org](mailto:info@cablemuseum.org)

## January



**Thursday, January 10**  
**Rag Rug Workshop with Emily (Adult Naturalist Program)**

Scandinavian loop weaving is a simple and durable technique that uses no thread or looms, and turns trash into treasure! Bring old bed sheets or other fabric that can be easily torn into strips, and a pair of sharp scissors. Two or three sheets will make a 2'x4' rug. Some extra materials will be on hand. Gather at the Museum from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Register by Tuesday, January 8. \$5 member/\$7 non-member.

**Saturday, January 12**  
**Bat Box Workshop**

Bats make great neighbors! Come learn why, and build your own bat house to encourage them to stick around your home (and not INSIDE your home). Noon-4:00 p.m. at the Museum. All materials and instruction are provided. Register by January 8. \$55 member/\$65 non member.

**Saturday, January 26**  
**Snowshoe Adventure**

Join Naturalist Emily Stone for a moderately strenuous adventure at the Forest Lodge Nature Trail. Learn about winter tree ID, animal tracking, birds, and anything else you're curious about! Be prepared for narrow trails with some hills and a steady pace. Dress for the weather, bring snacks and water. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Forest Lodge Nature Trail. Donations accepted. Snowshoes available to borrow by calling ahead.



**Wednesday, January 30**  
**Snowshoe Adventure**

Join Naturalist Emily Stone for a moderately strenuous adventure at the Swedish Settlement on the North Country Trail. Learn about winter tree ID, animal tracking, birds, and anything else you're curious about! See the remains of an old homestead! Be prepared for narrow trails with steep hills and a steady pace. Dress for the weather, bring snacks and water. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Museum to carpool. Donations accepted. Snowshoes available to borrow by calling ahead.



**Thursday, January 31**  
**Dinner Lecture: The Beauty and Ecology of Land Snails (Adult Naturalist Program)**

Eric North, local ecologist extraordinaire, has a passion for snails. Here in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, we have Land Snail diversities that rival the tropical rainforests of New Zealand and Madagascar! Come join us at the Rookery Pub for a presentation that will enlighten you just a bit to the amazing beauty and interesting ecology of these cryptic critters. Dinner and conversation begin at 5:30 p.m., or just come for the program at 7:00 p.m. Register with the Museum by January 25. \$5 member/\$10 non-member covers just the program. Dinner is on your own.

## February



**Saturday, February 16**  
**Stories and Songs with Laughing Fox**

Michael Charette is a member of the Red Cliff band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. He also goes by the name Baapi Waagoosh, meaning "Laughing Fox" in the Anishinaabe Language. Come listen to Laughing Fox play his beautiful hand-carved traditional flute and tell stories from his culture. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Museum. All ages welcome. Donations accepted.

**Wednesday, February 20 through Saturday, February 23**  
**We LOVE Winter Exhibit**

Drop by the Museum Classroom between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to see some of our most unique animal mounts, and learn why they love winter! Did you know that their future is in peril? Find out more! All ages. Donations accepted. (The exhibit is not available from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Saturday, due to Camp Birkie.)

**Friday, February 22**  
**Family Snowshoe Hike**

Are you looking for a fun activity to do with the family before the big "Birkie" race? The Museum has partnered with the American Birkebeiner Foundation for a one mile leisurely snowshoe hike in the peaceful winter woods. Learn about winter wildlife and tracking and experience the Northwoods on snowshoes. Meet at the Museum at 10:00 a.m. and return by noon. A limited number of adult and children's snowshoes are available for use from the Museum for \$2/child pair and \$4/adult pair. The program will not occur if the temperature is below 5° F. Donations accepted.



## Winter Animal Tracking

(Adult Naturalist Program)

Take one or both sessions!

A great way to keep up on your skills!

**Friday, February 8**

### Part I - Hands-On Presentation

Learn the basic skills of animal tracking with tracking expert, Sarah Boles. Meet at the Museum from 2:00-6:00 p.m. for a slide show presentation and interactive lecture and discussion.

**Saturday, February 9**

### Part II - Field Trip

Meet at the Museum from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. for the Winter Animal Tracking field experience. Participants will carpool to areas within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest in search of animal tracks such as: wolf, coyote, fox, fisher, bobcat, elk, and deer. Depending on the snow depth and location of tracks, tracking may be done on snowshoes over uneven terrain. A limited number of adult snowshoes are available for use from the Museum with advanced notice. Participants must provide their own bag lunch. Dress accordingly for the weather. The field session is dependent on weather conditions and may need to be rescheduled.

Registration is required by February 1 and limited to 15 participants over the age of 12.  
Part I: \$5 member/\$7 non-member.  
Part II: \$7 member/\$12 non-member.

**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 sponsored by the Conserve School of Land O'Lakes, WI, in partnership with the American Birkebeiner Foundation and the Museum. Camp Birkie for Kids will include outdoor activities, crafts, games, snacks, and lunch. Participants will also have the opportunity to visit the Museum. Register online at the Conserve School's website: [www.conserveschool.org](http://www.conserveschool.org) or call (866) 547-1300. Space is limited. Registration is required.



**Wednesday, February 27**

### Mail Basket Class (Adult Naturalist Program)

Join instructor Jean Carryl for this useful and easy beginner basket. The mail basket can hang on the wall or sit on the counter to store mail or organize any number of items. Embellishments (feathers, beads, deer buttons, etc.) will be available for purchase at the class. Meet at the Museum from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Space is limited. Register and get your supply list by February 20. \$30 member/\$35 non-member.



## March



**Saturday, March 2**

### Wooden Spoon Carving (Adult Naturalist Program)

Come learn how to carve your own wooden spoon with Jarrod Stone Dahl from Woodspirit Gallery. Participants will discuss the use of tools, the best types of wood, and the proper wood grain orientation following the Swedish design for spoons. All materials and tools are provided. Meet at the Museum from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Register by February 23. \$55 member/\$60 non-member.



**Wednesday, March 6**

### Needle Felting with Natural Materials (Adult Naturalist Program)

Join local artist Birgit Wolff to create a beautiful needle felted wool wall hanging or table decoration. Needle felting uses a special needle to bring fibers together with no glue or thread. Bring your own pine cones, birch bark or other items you would like to incorporate into your masterpiece. Meet at the Museum from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 pm. All felting materials will be provided or bring your own. Register by March 1. \$30 member/\$35 non-member.

**Saturday, March 9**

### Fairy House Making Workshop

Fairies, descendants of the now extinct elf peoples are sometimes found at the divisions of rivers, in hollow trees and occasionally under toadstools. With the harsher winters in the North Woods of Wisconsin, fairies often enjoy more substantial housing made by their fans and believers. Come and help out the fairies by crafting housing from found materials at the Museum from 10:00 a.m.-12:00p.m., with local artist Donna Post. Bring an empty oatmeal container (fairies love the smell of oatmeal), or an empty can or small box. We will provide additional materials for making darling, irresistible houses for our Northwoods fairies. All ages welcome. \$5 member/\$10 non-member per house.





**Thursday, March 14**

**Dinner Lecture:**

**Why Wisconsin Forests Look the Way They Do  
(Adult Naturalist Program)**

John Kotar, emeritus professor of forest ecology from University of Wisconsin-Madison, developed an ecological classification system for Great Lakes forests. His system is based on patterns of plant species composition of forest communities. It is used to make forest management decisions for any purpose. He will talk about how geology, soils, climate, natural disturbances and history of land use interact in creating a rich variety of forest types and distinct and predictable patterns of their distribution on the landscape. Join him for dinner and conversation at the Rookery Pub at 5:30 p.m., or just come for the program at 7:00 p.m. Register with the Museum by March 8. \$5 member/\$10 non-member covers just the program. Dinner is on your own.

**Wednesday, March 20**

**Happy Equinox!**

**World Storytelling Day Potluck and Campfire**

Celebrate the beginning of spring and World Storytelling Day! Bring a dish to pass, and a story to share. Weather permitting, stories will be told around a campfire in the Outdoor Classroom. 5:00-7:00 p.m. All ages welcome. RSVP requested by Friday, March 15. Donations accepted.



**Saturday, March 23**

**Sugarbush Adventure**

Join local naturalist, Metro Maznio, to learn about the process of tapping maple trees to make syrup and sugar. Meet at the Museum at 1:00 p.m. to carpool to the trailhead. Roads and woods are often muddy in March, so wear good boots and drive your truck. Be prepared for a 1 to 2-mile walk, and bring warm layers. Return around 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$3 member/\$5 non-member or \$10/member-family. Please register by March 21.



**Wednesday, March 27**

**Ebony Diamond Twill Bowl Basket Class  
(Adult Naturalist Program)**

Students will have a chance to perfect their weaving skills while following a twill pattern and shaping their bowl as they weave. This woven bowl will be beautiful whether hung on your wall or placed as a centerpiece on your table. Intermediate/advanced level. Meet at the Museum from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Space is limited. Register and get your supply list by March 20. \$35 member/\$40 non-member.



## April



**Wednesday, April 3**

**Pastels – Rocks and Water with Diana Randolph**

Express the subject of rocks and water in rivers, lakes or ponds. Using pastels (not oil pastels) you'll work from your own photos, simplifying the values (lights and darks) of the different planes (sides) of rocks to make them appear solid and three-dimensional. We'll also focus on reflections of rocks in water.

The instructor will demonstrate pastel painting techniques. There's a supply list for this class. Meet at the Museum from 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m. Participants may bring a sack lunch or order lunch from the Brick House Café. To register please phone WITC – Ashland at 715-682-4591, ext. 3170.

**Saturday, April 6**

**Worm Watch**

Did you know that earthworms are not native to Wisconsin? Our forests are in danger from invasive earthworms who can change our northern landscape. The Museum is partnering with the Great Lakes Worm Watch to survey earthworm abundance in our local area. Come learn about worms and get dirty digging for earthworms! 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Donations accepted.

**Saturday, April 13**

**Midwest Crane Count**

Get involved with citizen science! Participants are needed to help count and monitor the abundance and distribution of sandhill cranes at predetermined sites in Ashland, Bayfield, and Sawyer counties from 5:30-7:30 a.m. This statewide survey is organized through the International Crane Foundation. To participate, contact Katie at the Museum to be assigned a site location. Registration is required by April 6.



## May

**Saturday, May 11**

**Wildflower Hike to Morgan Falls and St. Peter's Dome**

Join Naturalist Emily Stone to learn her favorite spring plants! Be prepared for 5 miles of hiking on uneven and uphill terrain. Dress for the weather, bring at least a quart of water and snacks. Meet at the Museum at 10:00 a.m., or the trailhead at 11:00 a.m. Register by Friday, May 10. Donations accepted.



**Thursday, May 16**

**Birding in the National Forest**

Hike trails and visit sites within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest in search of birds. See Blackburnian Warblers and Scarlet Tanagers. Walk through a northern hardwood forest, and skirt the edge of a bog and wetland. Meet at the Museum at 6:30 a.m. and return by 10:30 a.m. Space is limited. Registration is required by May 15. Cost is \$8 member/\$13 non-member or \$20 member family. No charge if you are a registered Chequamegon Bay Birding and Nature Festival participant.



**Saturday, May 18**

**Birding and Nature Fest Storyhour with Redberry Books**

Join us as we welcome our feathered friends back to the Northwoods! Designed for children of all ages, especially those between 3 and 9 years-old, storyhour involves books, crafts, and games. Open to all. Meet at the Museum at 10:00 a.m. and join in the fun as we explore how books can be the starting point for all sorts of learning. Donations accepted.

**Saturday, May 25**

**Exhibit Open House: Deer Camp**

Humans in Wisconsin have interacted with deer for thousands of years, and this remarkable animal has made a huge impact in our hearts and minds. Deer Camp is where friends and family meet to share in Wisconsin's deer hunting tradition. Come learn about the unique features and adaptations of this creature, from the tips of a buck's antler to the bottom of their hooves.

Experience the different roles this animal has played in Wisconsin's human history, from prehistoric times to today's hunting camps. Hunters and non-hunters alike will walk away with new insights on our relationship with the White-tailed Deer. Stop by the Museum to celebrate between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Donations accepted.



**Wednesday, May 29**

**Field Walk with John Kotar:**

**Why Wisconsin Forests Look the Way They Do**

Have you ever wondered what that plant was, and why it grows there? John Kotar can tell you! As emeritus professor of forest ecology from University of Wisconsin-Madison, Kotar developed an ecological classification system for Great Lakes forests. Join him on a field trip to a local trail to talk about how geology, soils, climate, natural disturbances and history of land use interact in creating a rich variety of forest types and distinct and predictable patterns of their distribution on the landscape. Meet at the Museum at 10:00 a.m. and return by noon. Be prepared to carpool to a nearby site. Expect a short walk with many pauses for questions and answers. Register by May 24. \$5 member/\$10 non-member.

## June



**Wednesday, June 5**

**Sketching Outdoors with Diana Randolph  
(Adult Naturalist Program)**

Strengthen your connection to nature through drawing. Meet at the Museum from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Bring your hard cover sketchbook for both outdoor and indoor sketching. We will journey outdoors and then we'll work indoors for part of the day. Please bring landscape photos in case of severe weather. Participants may bring a sack lunch or lunch may be ordered in class from the Brick House Café. \$23 member/\$28 non-member. Space is limited so please register early. A supply list will be sent to you.



## Visit Our Current Exhibit!

Open through April 13, 2013

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## Museum Admission Policy:

All current members will be granted free admission to the Museum. All other adult visitors to the Museum are charged a \$5 admission fee. Children (up to the age of 18) always have free admission when accompanied by an adult. On Tuesdays, admission is free for *all* visitors. If you are at the Museum just to attend a program, you will not be required to pay admission as well, unless you wish to visit the exhibits.

## 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 10% discount 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](http://www.cablemuseum.org) for more information, and to become a member today! Thank you 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.

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