January

Wednesday, January 8
Dinner Lecture at The Ranch:
Halfway 'Round: Adventures on Lake Superior
After discussing the idea of sailing around one of the world’s largest lakes, a crew of four friends put their plan into action this past fall. Join us for a lively evening of stories as we learn how Northland College alumni spent a month traveling Lake Superior by 18-foot catamarans. 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 January 6. $5 member/$10 non-member.

Thursday, January 16
Dinner Lecture at the Rookery: Northern Exposures
Join Duluth author Sam Cook as he shares images and stories from a 38-year career as an outdoors writer with the Duluth News Tribune. Sam’s rambles have taken him from the Boundary Waters to the Northwest Territories, Hudson Bay, Alaska and the North Pole. 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 14. $5 member/$10 non-member.

Saturday, January 18
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.

Tuesday, January 21
Science at the Sawmill: 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 6:30 p.m. at The Sawmill Saloon in Seeley. Arrive early to enjoy dinner and drinks. Register by January 20. $5 member/$10 non-member.

Thursday, January 23 — Saturday, January 25
Wild about Winter Ecology: Mammals
(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 on American martens, wolves, elk, and mammal skulls. We’ll end by 1:00 on Saturday. All meals are included. Registration cost is $205 with lodging at the historic Gatehouse, and $140 for commuters. Register at www.cablemuseum.org by January 14.
February

Wednesday, February 5
Dinner Lecture at The Ranch:
A Romp Through Freshwater Aquatic Invertebrates
Dr. Kurt Schmude is a Natural Sciences professor at UW Superior with a passion for aquatic invertebrates communities that occur in the rivers, lakes, and wetlands in Wisconsin and surrounding areas. Join Dr. Schmude for an organized romp through those communities. 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 February 3. $5 member/$10 non-member.

Thursday, February 6
Minerals and Rocks
(Wisconsin Master Naturalist Advanced Training)
Do you love rocks? Want to know more? During this workshop, Prof. Tom Fitz of Northland College will help us explore the basics of mineral chemistry and crystal structure; examine beautiful specimens; and become familiar with some of our most interesting local rocks. Bring a hand lens if you have one, and bring your favorite samples for show-and-tell! We’ll meet in Prof. Fitz’s lab, Room 142, in the Larson-Juhl Center for Science and the Environment at Northland College in Ashland, WI. 9:00-11:30 a.m. Space is limited. Register by February 3. $10 member/$15 non-member.

Saturday, February 15
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 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bring lunch, and be prepared to go outside for a walk of up to 1 mile. Space is limited. Register by February 5 by calling the NGLVC at 715-685-9983. $50 per person. Call 715-798-3890 for more info.

Tuesday, February 18
Natural Connections at Treehaven
Join naturalist and author Emily Stone to be transported across the moat into a magical world where nature is better than fiction. Meet at 6:00 p.m. at Treehaven in Tomahawk, WI, for dinner; the speaker follows at 7:00 p.m. The cost is $15 per person. Register at least one week prior by going online to www.uwsp.edu/treehaven and clicking on Public Programs. For more information, call Treehaven at 715-453-4106.
March

Wednesday, March 4
Dinner Lecture at The Ranch:
Life as an Itinerant Wildlife Photographer
Professional wildlife photographer and outdoor writer Keith Crowley travels the world in search of wild things in wild places. His award-winning work has been published in hundreds of media outlets and he has written three full-length books on the outdoors. Join us for a presentation on his work and travels. Meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Hayward. You may also join us for dinner and conversation after the presentation. Register by March 2. $5 member/$10 non-member.

Saturday, March 7
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. or 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Space is limited. Register by March 6, by calling the NGLVC at 715-685-9983. $10 per person. Call 715-798-3890 for more info.

Thursday, March 12
Dinner Lecture at the Rookery:
Assessing Prey for an Endangered Carnivore
American martens are endangered in Wisconsin and the availability of small mammal prey could be limiting their recovery. Join Ally Scott, Master of Science student in Wildlife Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, to learn about the status of small mammals in northern Wisconsin. 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 11. $5 member/$10 non-member.

April

Saturday, April 4
Natural Egg Dyeing
Have fun with the whole family dyeing eggs the natural way! We will use 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.

Saturday, April 18
Exploring Forest Management
Through the WoodsCamp program, private landowners can get advice about managing their forest. Join DNR Forester Andy Wilcox for a field-based introduction to the program and what it can do for you. Not a landowner? Discover how a forester sees the trees. Meet at the Museum at 10:00 a.m. to carpool to a nearby site, and return by noon. Dress for the weather and for off-trail explorations. Registration required by April 16 for this free program.

May

Tuesday, May 5
Science at the Sawmill:
Spring Wildflowers of the Northwoods
From hepatica to sundew, spring wildflowers of northern Wisconsin are as numerous as they are unique. Museum Curator Naturalist Mollie Kreb will share photos and stories of a variety of blooms for us to look out for and look forward to discovering. Meet at 6:30 p.m. at The Sawmill Saloon in Seeley. Arrive early to enjoy dinner and drinks. Register by May 4. $5 member/$10 non-member.

Saturday, May 9
Spring Photography Hike
Use your lens to find inspiration in nature! We’ll start inside to review seasonal nature highlights and basic photography tips. Then carpool to a local trail for a naturalist-guided hike and photo opportunities. Bring any type of camera, from smartphone to digital SLR, as we focus on composition and connecting to nature. Ages 16 and up. Meet at the Museum at 8:30 a.m. Return by 10:30 a.m. Registration requested by May 8. Donations accepted.
Wednesday, May 13 and Thursday, May 14
Pastels: Edge, Color & Value 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.

Saturday, May 23
Exhibit Open House: Mysteries of the Night
Where do birds go to bed? Who made that sound? What is darkness anyway? Solve these mysteries and many more as you travel from dusk to dark and back to dawn in our new exhibit. Refreshments will be served from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Free admission all day. Donations accepted.

Saturday, May 23
Night Hike: Frog Chorus
Night in the Northwoods is never quiet! We’ll learn all about frogs calls, then carpool to a local frog pond and listen to the chorus of these small, but loud, nocturnal creatures. On a short hike, we might also encounter other sounds of the night. Meet at the Museum at 8:00 p.m. and return by 10:00 p.m. Adults $5 member/$10 non-member, kids are free.

Saturday, May 30
Bird ID Hike
Whether you are new to birding or just need a refresher after a long winter, join Naturalist Haley Appleman to learn basic bird identification. We will examine field marks and listen to unique songs while exploring trails at the Cable Community Farm. 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Dress for the weather. Meet at the Farm at 13765 Perry Lake Road. Pre-registration requested, drop-ins welcome. $5 member/$10 non-member.

Saturday, May 30
Wildflower ID Hike
Observe some of the most beautiful and short-lived flowers during a hike to Juniper Rock Overlook with Naturalist Mollie Kreb. Be prepared to hike a mile and back on narrow, muddy trails. Bring a camera if you’d like to capture your finds. Meet at the Museum at 12:30 p.m. and return by 4:00. Register by May 29. $5 member/$10 non-member.

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 Museum Director, Deb Nelson, 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.

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