



WHAT'S NEW?

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+ The Curatorial Division now has a greater presence on Weir Farm NHS's Facebook page. On January 23rd the park started "Museum Monday", a feature where every week an interesting photograph, artwork, letter or object from the park's collection is highlighted. The first was a *carte de visite* of a young J. Alden Weir; future postings will include etchings, printing blocks, and a plaster cast of a trout! Since the introduction of "Museum Monday", the # of people visiting the Weir Farm NHS Facebook page has increased. The 'People Talking About' and 'Weekly Total Reach' statistics have increased by 107.69% and 15.21% respectively. Enjoy "Museum Monday" and follow Weir Farm NHS at www.facebook.com/WeirFarmNHS!

+ Oh, the weather outside is frightful... but Weir Farm NHS is prepared! We're in the middle of winter and hazardous weather conditions are likely to arise. Please remember to use extreme caution and always think about safety first. In the unlikely event that it is too dangerous for staff or volunteers to leave the park during a storm, *The Preventables* recently put together a snowed-in emergency kit. Stranded staff can find the kit in a Rubbermaid container marked "Stranded Safety Kit" in the basement of the Burlingham House Visitor Center on the shelves at the bottom of the stairs. There are also 2 roll-out beds in boxes on the shelves. Please make sure you are familiar with the location of the kit- just in case! Questions? - Ask Kristin. The kit includes: 2 sleeping bags, 2 inflatable pillows, emergency blankets, hats, gloves, hand and foot warmers, crank powered radio, crank powered flashlight, first aid kit, instant cell phone charger battery, battery-powered lantern, extra batteries, 2 decks of cards, and some dice to keep you from getting cabin fever!

+ Recently, there have been reports of Bobcat sightings and calls in the area – especially in the Weir Preserve. All staff and volunteers should be aware, and should make visitors aware that there have been Bobcats seen in the area recently and they should be cautious. There is a folder marked "Bobcats" in the information drawer at the Visitor Center desk, and an information sheet can be found on the Visitor Center desk as well. Please make yourselves and visitors aware of what to do should you encounter a Bobcat. Immediately protect children and pets, back away slowly and deliberately, avoid running as it could trigger a pursuit response, and when possible, make lots of noise or spray the animal with water. Bobcats do not typically attack people, but rare cases have been reported and they could attack pets. Please let park staff know if you or a visitor has a sighting or encounter with a Bobcat.



+ 2012 Visiting Artist Xiomaro will be traveling to Washington, DC this Monday to install photographs from his 'Weir Was Here' exhibit in Senator Joe Lieberman's office. This exhibit will be up until the end of the Senator's term. Xio has also received a commission to create an artistic photographic collection of President Theodore Roosevelt's home (Sagamore Hill NHS www.nps.gov/sahi) in Oyster Bay on Long Island. TR's home will undergo a \$6.2 million rehabilitation beginning in spring 2012. The three year project will give the home a comprehensive interior and exterior rehabilitation of its architectural and structural elements, from its roof to the foundation. Like at Weir Farm NHS, Xio will be tasked with artistically documenting the interior of the house during this large-scale restoration project. To view Xio's photos of the interiors of the Weir House, Weir Studio, and Young Studio, visit http://www.xiomaro.com/photos_j._alden_weir_mahonri_young_weir_was_here_xiomaro_1.html. You can also view his 'Weir Was Here' exhibit in the Burlingham House Visitor Center during Visitor Center hours and attend one of his upcoming gallery talks on 2/5, 3/4, 4/1, and 5/6 from 2-3PM.