



WHAT'S NEW?

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- + Saturday April 7 will be Park Ranger Caitlin Sjaarda's last day at Weir Farm NHS as an employee. To celebrate, please join us in the kitchen of the Burlingham House Visitor Center at 12:30 on Friday April 6th for cake!
- + How would you like to travel back in time and step into a masterpiece by a great American artist? On Sunday, April 29 at 1:00 p.m., you will have a rare opportunity to do just that on Weir Farm NHS's *Framing the Artscape Tour*! Take a walk in the footsteps of great American artists of the past with Park Ranger Caitlin Sjaarda as she highlights more than a dozen of the park's historic painting site locations! Visitors will be able to view, step into, and become a part of these iconic paintings through giant picture frames placed throughout the landscape! Not only will you experience first-hand the artistic tradition of the past, but works by contemporary artists will be highlighted as well. Following the tour, a special session of the *Take Part in Art* program will be offered so that visitors can return to the framed painting sites and create a work of their own with art supplies provided by the National Park Service free of charge. A professional artist will be available to provide instruction. Bring your family and friends to experience how art comes alive at Weir Farm NHS!

2012 commemorates the 130th anniversary of J. Alden Weir's acquisition of his Branchville farm. To celebrate this momentous occasion there will be cake and sparkling cider at the end of the tour for all participants to enjoy! There is no fee to participate in the walk, but registration is required. To register for *Framing the Artscape*, or for more information, please call (203) 834-1896 x 12.

- + Did you know you can be Julian Alden Weir's friend on Facebook? Many of the park's virtual visitors have 'friended' Mr. Weir and enjoy interacting with him on a regular basis! A couple months ago, a visitor to the Phillips Gallery posted images of Weir's paintings on exhibit there to Weir's Facebook page. Other visitors just stop to say 'Hi' and to share their love for Weir and the park. **The park's 2012 Visiting Artist, Xiomaro, and J. Alden Weir keep up a pretty constant dialogue!** To join in on the conversation and to friend J. Alden Weir, visit <http://www.facebook.com/JulianAldenWeir> Once you're friends with J. Alden Weir, you can suggest him to your other Facebook friends by doing the following:

1. Click the  at the top of your friend's (Weir's) profile (timeline), then click the **Suggest Friends** link.
2. Select the friend(s) you want to suggest. To find a particular friend, you can type their name in the **Find Friends** field or scroll through your complete Friends List. You can click the **Filter Friends** dropdown to sort your friends by network or Friend List.
3. Once you make all of your selections, click the **Send Suggestions** button. Each friend that you selected will receive an invitation to add your friend as a friend.

- + April brings new Artist-in-Residence Pam Rogers. Pam's reception at the Wilton Library will be Monday April 23 from 6-7:30PM. She will also be hosting an open studio for staff and volunteers on Wednesday April 25 at 1:30PM. "Pam's art examines the conceptual evolution of relationships. This on-going exploration is realized in two-dimensional works on paper and three-dimensional installation work using plant materials, handmade paper, and pigments from soil, minerals, and plants." To learn more about Pam and her work, visit <http://www.pamrogersart.com>. Welcome Pam!