



WHAT'S NEW?

9/30/12

+ **Say It Ain't So David:** Please join us this Friday, October 5th at 12:30, in the Visitor Center kitchen for cake in honor of David Low's last day at Weir Farm NHS.

+ **Hunting in Weir Preserve:** The Weir Preserve of the Weir Farm Art Center will be conducting their tenth annual controlled deer hunt in order to curb the white-tailed deer population. The dates for the hunt are as follows:



BOW

October 1 through November 13 (excluding Nov. 6)
UNTIL 10 A.M.; **WEEKDAYS ONLY**

FIREARMS

November 14 through December 21 (excluding Nov. 22 & 23) ALL DAY; **WEEKDAYS ONLY**

NO HUNTING ON WEEKENDS

There will be no entrance to the Weir Preserve from Weir Farm NHS during these time periods. This information is posted on entrances to the Weir Preserve. If you are outside and see someone heading into the preserve at these times, please warn them and refer to signage for more information. In the past, visitors have overlooked the NO HUNTING ON WEEKENDS notice, so please stress that the preserve is open to hikers on all weekends during the controlled hunt period. The hunt is not scheduled for Nov. 6th, 22nd and 23rd because of school closings. If a visitor has questions or concerns about the hunt that you cannot answer, please refer them to Weir Preserve Stewardship Committee member Alice Levin at (203) 762-7287.

+ **Hantavirus News:** As discussed at the last All-Staff Meeting, there is a small supply of Hantavirus protection items in the Visitor Center basement. There is currently a white bin marked "Hantavirus protection" next to the basement sink containing plastic bags and latex gloves; it will soon contain a spray bottle with the proper bleach solution. These supplies are there as a safety measure. For those of us who frequent the basement but are not trained to deal with cleaning up potentially hazardous materials, only use these supplies if absolutely necessary. If absolutely necessary, spray mouse droppings with spray bottle containing bleach solution. Please let Greg know ASAP if you find mouse droppings.



+ **Weir Was Here - Secret Rooms, Doors and Windows:** Do you wish you could get a glimpse into Julian Alden Weir's home and studio, but you just cannot wait for their 2013 opening? There is hope for those of us who never had the chance to see Xio's work on display in the Visitor Center or for anyone who just can't get enough of Xio's amazing photographic exploration of Weir Farm NHS. Join Xio for an evening of art, coffee (courtesy of Starbucks/Wilton), jazz and mingling at G&B Community Cultural Center (49 New Street, Wilton, CT) on Saturday, October 13, at 7:00 p.m. There will be all new photographic prints of "Weir Was Here - Secret Rooms, Doors and Windows" on exhibit and available for purchase. The reception is free to attend, although there is limited space available. To RSVP, or if you want more information, visit Xio's website at www.xiomaro.com