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## Bring the great outdoors inside this winter

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**ART AND THE OUTDOORS** “Searching for Life” presents drawings and paintings that artist Jennifer Houle created during her 2016 residency in Great Smoky Mountain National Park, cut short due to the tragic Chimney Tops 2 wildfire. Houle’s art is on view Feb. 1 through 27 at the Mass Audubon Habitat Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary, 10 Juniper Road, **Belmont**. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekends 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In conjunction with the exhibit, on Saturday, Feb. 11, a slideshow of local animal tracks will be shown at 11 a.m., followed by a guided walk outside to identify animal footprints (weather permitting). Houle will then offer a gallery talk from 1 to 3 p.m.

The National Park Service inaugurates its second century with a fine art photographic exhibit open now through March 19 at Fruitlands Museum titled “Find Your Park: National Parks in New England,” which includes several large-scale photographs by New York artist Xiomaro. To showcase the beauty of New England and the important work being done to preserve and promote the national parks, curator Rebecca Migdal selected four super-sized photographs by Xiomaro, all hung from the ceiling so that visitors get the sense of walking through the parks to explore their cultural, historical and natural wonders. Fruitlands Museum is located at 102 Prospect Hill Rd., **Harvard**. For hours, admission fees and more information, call 978-456-3924 or go to [www.fruitlands.org/exhibitions](http://www.fruitlands.org/exhibitions).

The Nature Connection, a **Concord**-based organization that works to bring the power of nature to people with limited or no access to the outside world including at-risk youth, elders, and people with disabilities, invites the public to a fundraiser called “Come To Your Senses: Warm Your Heart with the Power of Nature” on Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Trinitarian Congregational Church, 54 Walden St., Concord. The event is designed to stimulate winter-weary senses through natural influences such as local organic honey and chocolate tastings, essential oils, fresh flowers, hot tea, hand massage, and a chance to make herbal lotions and sachets. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2736317](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2736317). For more information, email [info@nature-connection.org](mailto:info@nature-connection.org).

**IDEAS AND ACTION** Harvard University researcher Dr. Samuel Mehr will lecture on “On the Origins of Music,” exploring studies in cognitive science and evolutionary psychology as they relate to people’s perceptions of music, on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. at Indian Hill Music School, 36 King Street, **Littleton**. Admission is \$10 (free for IHM students). For more information, call 978-486-9524, ext. 116, or go to [www.indianhillmusic.org](http://www.indianhillmusic.org).