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Weir Farm and Beyond: The Art of Sperry Andrews and Photo Ceramics by Xiomáro: An Homage to J. Alden Weir and the Tile Club On Exhibit at Weir Farm National Historic Site

Weir Farm National Historic Site has two new exhibits on view in the Burlingham House Visitor Center for the 2017 season. The Visitor Center is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 10:00am to 4:00pm through October 29, 2017.

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Weir Farm and Beyond: The Art of Sperry Andrews highlights art created by C. Sperry Andrews, the last resident of the Weir House. Throughout his residency at Weir Farm, Sperry embraced the artistic tradition it held. He created thousands of paintings and drawings during his time at the farm, with numerous images of the farm itself. There are over 30 original works including views of Weir Farm and the nearby towns of Ridgefield, Wilton, Danbury, Bethel and Brookfield which show both landscapes and some interior views. Several different forms of media are included; from a large scale oil on canvas painting of the Weir House to a series of nine small pencil sketches depicting a 1973 train derailment in Redding, CT. "We are thrilled to feature so many stunning pieces by Sperry Andrews and provide visitors the opportunity to see more original artwork associated with the history of the park," said Superintendent, Linda Cook.

Pictured Above: Brookfield Pasture by Sperry Andrews on View at Weir Farm NHS

The second exhibit is titled *Photo Ceramics by Xiomáro: An Homage to J. Alden Weir and the Tile Club*. Xiomáro, a photographer and the park's Visiting Artist since 2012, applied a modern twist to the idea. Rather than painting on 8" square crème-white tiles as Weir did, Xio used his paint brush to fuse photographic prints he captured at Weir Farm NHS, and other National Parks, onto black ceramic tiles that are 4", 6" and 12" squares. The photo ceramics have a luminous surface and the accidental effects from the flow of the stippled brushwork impart an individualized antiqued texture to each piece. To learn more about Xiomáro and his photography, visit www.xiomaro.com.



Pictured Right: Photo Ceramic of the Weir Studio by Xiomáro

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About Weir Farm National Historic Site

A National Park for the Arts, Weir Farm National Historic Site welcomes you to experience the power of creativity, art, and nature. Explore the only national park dedicated to American painting and rediscover the beauty of light and color in everyday life. The 60-acre park, which includes the Weir House, Weir and Young Studios, barns, gardens, trails, meadows, and Weir Pond, is one of the nation's finest remaining landscapes of American art. Learn more at www.nps.gov/wefa and visit us on Facebook www.facebook.com/WeirFarmNHS, YouTube www.youtube.com/WeirFarmNHS, and Instagram @WeirFarmNHS.

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