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Weir Farm Grand Opening Weekend 5/24 & 5/25

The Big Reveal – Grand Opening of the Weir House, Weir Studio, and Young Studio

Wilton and Ridgefield, Connecticut

Artist Julian Alden Weir was a 19th century rockstar in the world of Impressionist painting. He also had a stylish flair for interior design that will inspire you to you rethink your own living room. How do we know?

We've seen inside the wildly artistic Weir House, Weir Studio, and Young Studio. Now it's your turn to join us for the "big reveal" on the Grand Opening Weekend, Saturday May 24 and Sunday May 25 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

After a decade of state-of-the-art restoration work, these nationally celebrated buildings have been completely restored with original furniture and artwork. Wander through the eccentric and charming house and studio spaces that inspired generations of famous and talented American artists. The unique décor includes many European elements from Weir's overseas travels, including rich Flemish tapestries, a Bavarian staghorn chandelier, a Delft tile framed fireplace, and medieval stained glass.

The interior design and outdoor landscapes also reflect Weir's fascination with nature. Walk in his footsteps as you explore 60-acres of national park landscape, including the Weir Pond, historic gardens, orchards, fields, and forest. Be inspired by the artistic legacy started in the Weir Studio and enjoy free-to-use watercolor supplies and laid-back instruction from local professional artists as part of the park's popular Take Part in Art program.

Rediscover the other buildings on-site, with special access to the Artist-in-Residence Studio, a new exhibit of Sperry Andrews' paintings, and a display of works by local, contemporary artists for sale in the visitor center.

While exploring, chat with those directly involved in the restoration, including the park's superintendent, curator, collections manager, and park rangers. Be sure to bring your web-enabled devices and share your photos from the Grand Opening Weekend using the hashtag #WeirOpen.

To preserve the park grounds, there will be no on-site parking during the Grand Opening Weekend. All parking will be at nearby Branchville Elementary School, 40 Florida Road Ridgefield, CT 06877. Free shuttle service will run continuously between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm each day.

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Weir Farm National Historic Site was home to three generations of American artists. Julian Alden Weir, a leading figure in American art and the development of American Impressionism, acquired the farm in 1882. After Weir, the artistic legacy was continued by his daughter, painter Dorothy Weir Young and her husband, sculptor Mahonri Young, followed by New England painters Sperry and Doris Andrews. Today, the 60-acre park, which includes the Weir House, Weir and Young Studios, barns, gardens, and Weir Pond, is one of the nation's finest remaining landscapes of American art.

For more information about Weir Farm National Historic Site or the National Park Service, please:

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