



## MAY 2014 PROGRAMS AT PAUL SMITH'S COLLEGE VIC



After a successful maple sugaring season, Paul Smith's College VIC's award winning maple syrup is now available for purchase. Our citizen science field season is well under way and we kick off our trail race series opening VIC run with the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Jenkins Mountain Scramble, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Win Rob Marrone's photo – details below. Take a chance to win this year's Birding Celebration handmade loon wall hanging! Come in to see it for yourself.

### **APRIL 28 – MAY 27      NEW MOON ART SHOW: ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN AND WATERS**



Photographer Rob Marrone and his son, artist Dan Marrone, will exhibit their works in the Great Room Art Gallery. The show will include framed and mounted scenic photos and some works of local lakes painted on birch bark. Admission to the show is free and underwritten by [Friends of the VIC](#). \*\*Identify where the picture, "Sunrise" was taken from for your chance to win the photograph. The drawing will take place May 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **SUNDAY, MAY 4      TEDDY ROOSEVELT BIRD WALK**

9AM – 11AM      Join Brian McAllister of the Adirondack Birding Center at 9 AM in search of early migrant and VIC resident bird species. Cost: \$20/session, \$15 for Friends of the VIC, FOV Warblers – free. Please call (518) 327-6241 to register.

### **SATURDAY, MAY 10      BARKING UP THE RIGHT TREE**

10AM – 12PM      Can you identify Adirondack trees by their leaves? By their bark? Join VIC Naturalist, Michelle Berrus on a VIC walk to gain a new understanding of bark ecology and identification. Cost: \$20/session, \$15 for Friends of the VIC; call (518) 327-6241 to register.

### **FRIDAY, MAY 16      SONGWRITERS SHOWCASE**

7PM      Paul Smith's College VIC will host an evening of songs with musicians [Doug Irving](#), [Ray Agnew](#), [Gwen Tracy](#), and [Keith Gorgas](#). Admission is \$10.00 per person. Seniors, students, [Friends of the VIC](#), and children: \$8.00.

### **SATURDAY, MAY 17      TEDDY ROOSEVELT BIRD WALK**

9AM – 11AM      Search with Brian McAllister of the Adirondack Birding Center at 9 AM for late migrating VIC summer birds, setting up nesting territory, singing and showing off their mating display. Cost: \$20/session, \$15 for Friends of the VIC, FOV Warblers – free. Please call (518) 327-6241 to register.



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### **SATURDAY, MAY 17    ADIRONDACK WETLAND MONITORING PROGRAM: BIRDS AND PLANTS**

2PM – 5PM                    Help conserve the Adirondacks by becoming a citizen scientist! This training workshop will provide the tools and information needed to participate in the new Adirondack wetland monitoring program. We will begin with an overview of the wetland monitoring project and then proceed with hands-on instruction in field techniques used to record phenological data for wetland birds and plants. Trained participants will be able to enroll in the long-term monitoring program committed to improving our understanding of [Adirondack wetlands](#) and conserving these unique places for future generations. Free to the public, funded by the Center for Adirondack Biodiversity.

### **SATURDAY, MAY 17    QUILT WORKSHOP – FLOWER POUNDING, A SPRINGTIME ART**

9AM – 4PM                    In this workshop, you will learn the simple and traditional technique of transferring flower and leaf pigment to paper or a prepared fabric surface using a hammer. You will experiment with fresh flowers, leaves and grasses on muslin and paper, then work on a final nature-inspired design. You may choose to further enhance your piece with embroidery thread, beading, or other forms of embellishment. The cost is \$45.00. Preregistration is required. Call 518-327-6241.

### **SATURDAY, MAY 17    NORTHERN FOREST CANOE TRAIL MAINTENANCE CONFERENCE**

### **SUNDAY, MAY 18        VOLUNTEER TRAINING: LEARN ADIRONDACK BIRDS**

9AM – 12PM                    We are seeing more and more migrants, who wish to make the VIC their home, arriving and claiming their territory. During this training, we will brush up on identifying birds and search for good looks and listens out in this special boreal habitat with the director of the Adirondack Birding Center, Brian McAllister.

### **SUNDAY, MAY 18        SPRING EPHEMERAL WALK**

1PM – 3PM                    Have you noticed the explosion of springtime flowers happening before leaf-out? These flowering plants have sophisticated adaptations to take advantage of the full sun hitting the forest floor early in the growing season. Bask in the floral beauty and learn more on a walk with VIC Naturalist, Michelle Berrus for \$20, \$15 for Friends of the VIC.

### **SATURDAY, MAY 24    TEDDY ROOSEVELT BIRD WALK**

9AM – 11AM                    Join VIC Naturalist and Adirondack Birding Center Director, Brian McAllister as the search continues for singing and calling birds who make the Adirondacks their home. Some birds may be establishing territory, others carrying nesting material, while still others may already be sitting on eggs, quiet and discrete. Cost: \$20/session, \$15 for Friends of the VIC, FOV Warblers – free. Please call (518) 327-6241 to register.



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### **SATURDAY, MAY 24 JENKINS MOUNTAIN SCRAMBLE**

9AM Don't miss the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 13.1 mile wilderness run up Jenkins mountain. The 10k run, 5k walk/ run, and kids 1k make this event an excellent springtime trail experience for all outdoor enthusiasts. Fees for 13.1, 10k, 5k, and 1k cost \$50, \$40, \$15, and \$5 respectively. Prices increase after May 16<sup>th</sup>. First 50 to register on ultrasignup.com are guaranteed a t-shirt. All proceeds from the race will be used to help support the VIC.

### **SUNDAY, MAY 25 VISIT TO THE ELDERS GROVE**

1PM – 3PM Howard Stone, a retired math professor, once measured White Pine #103 to be the tallest tree on record in New York State. Although a towering giant, 103 stands humbly nestled in the elders grove, a forest of magical trees living 330 – 340 years to date. VIC Naturalist, Michelle Berrus shares this pristine, hard to find place with you. This program costs \$20/ person or \$15 for Friends of the VIC.

### **MONDAY, MAY 26 MEMORIAL DAY - NO SCHOOL DAY: WHAT'S IN THE MUD?**

9:30AM – 4PM Children aged 7-11 are invited to get their hands dirty at the Paul Smith's College VIC to identify organisms in the mud and water this time of year and to learn what their presence indicates. We will look through microscopes and magnifying lenses, create fun aquatic art, and play marsh games. Come play and explore with VIC Naturalist, Michelle Berrus. Cost: \$35, \$25 for Friends of the VIC.

### **THURSDAY, MAY 29 FRIENDS OF THE VIC AND VOLUNTEER POTLUCK**

5:30 – 7PM Friends of the VIC and volunteers of the VIC are welcome to this potluck. Bring a dish to pass. We will meet for hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is at 6 p.m.

### **SATURDAY, MAY 31 TEDDY ROOSEVELT BIRD WALK**

9AM – 11AM Search, listen, and see many Adirondack bird species with the director of the Adirondack Birding Center, Brian McAllister as he shows and teaches you all about the birds of the Adirondack VIC. Warning: you may be overwhelmed by the variety and plethora of birds seen this time of the year as breeding season is in full swing. Cost: \$20/session, \$15 for Friends of the VIC, FOV Warblers – free. Please call (518) 327-6241 to register.



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# SAVE THE DATES!

SATURDAY, MAY 24 – FOURTH ANNUAL JENKINS MOUNTAIN SCRAMBLE

13.1, 10K, 5K, & 1K

[www.pscvic.org/run](http://www.pscvic.org/run)



FRI – SUN, JUNE 6-8 – 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GREAT ADIRONDACK BIRDING CELEBRATION

[www.gabc.info](http://www.gabc.info)

12th Annual  
**Great Adirondack Birding Celebration**  
6-8 June 2014



Bicknell's Thrush  
Photo: Larry Master

Celebrate the boreal birds that make the Adirondack Mountains their summer home. This is a chance to see the Bicknell's Thrush, Black-backed Woodpecker, Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, and more. Beginning birders welcome.

- ★ All-day "Birding Across the Adirondacks" trip on Friday
- ★ Saturday and Sunday morning field trips to boreal birding hot spots
- ★ Keynote lecture
- ★ Afternoon workshops

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