



## October Programs at the Paul Smith's College VIC

The Paul Smith's College VIC has put together a full schedule of activities to educate and inform Adirondack Park residents and visitors about the natural wonders of the Adirondack Mountains. You can help support these programs by joining the **Friends of the VIC**. Membership is available at a range of levels, starting with individual memberships with a minimum of \$45 annual contribution. For information on Friends of the VIC memberships, visit <https://ecommunity.paulsmiths.edu/page.aspx?pid=427>

### Daily, through 3 October – [New Moon Art Show: A Sense of Place](#)

Artist [Diane Leifheit](#) and photographer Jon Chodat will exhibit their works at the Paul Smiths VIC from 5 September through 3 October 2013. [Diane Leifheit](#) creates fine art pastel paintings of the Adirondack rural wilderness. Photographer Jon Chodat's photographs display an acute level of observation; from a hummingbird hovering within the flashy red of a monarda flower to the stillness of the Great Blue Heron waiting for dinner in the reflected gold of an autumn river. Free admission – underwritten by [Friends of the VIC](#).

### Daily, starting 4 October – [New Moon Art Show: Brush with the Past](#)

Artist Matt Burnett, photographer Ed Murphy, and artist Melissa Burnett are exhibiting their work at the Paul Smith's College VIC from 4 October through 2 November. Matt Burnett is an artist whose multi-faceted work focuses on giving voice to natural forces and living history. Photographer Ed Murphy's images explore the natural beauty of the Northern Adirondacks, focusing on the mountains and vistas of Norman Ridge, and the flora and fauna of the Bloomingdale Bog and the Paul Smith's Visitor Interpretive Center. Melissa Burnett is a painter whose medium of choice is water mixable oil paints. An opening reception will be held on 4 October, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Light refreshments provided. Free admission – underwritten by [Friends of the VIC](#).

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## Daily, [VIC Map Hike](#)

The Paul Smiths VIC has developed a Map Hike to provide individuals, families, and groups with another way to enjoy the VIC trails. Participants purchase a kit for \$8 in the VIC Gift Shop. The kit includes a control card and a map which is used to navigate to the locations indicated by the small red circles on the map. Participants who fill in at least five control codes are eligible for prizes and a 10% discount on a compass at Blue Line Sports in Saranac Lake. There is no time limit on completing this activity.

## Saturdays – [Birds of Prey Demonstrations](#)

5, 12, 19, 26 October

The Paul Smith's College VIC and [Adirondack Raptors](#) invites you to spend Saturday afternoons immersed in the lives of birds of prey. Mark Manske of [Adirondack Raptors](#) will have live birds on hand from 1:00 to 3:00 PM to describe the amazing lives of hawks and owls of our region. Free - underwritten by [Friends of the VIC](#).

## Wednesday, 2 October – Future Generations Graduate School Presentations

Two students from the Future Generations Graduate School in West Virginia -- Sabina Carlson Robbilar (Haiti) and Shondell France (Guyana) -- will make presentations on their community development projects on from 10:00 AM to noon.

## Wednesday, 9 October – [5K Trail Run](#)

Kyle Dash is coordinating a series of 5K Trail runs at the VIC every other Wednesday from 19 June through October 9. Race dates: Trail run dates: 19 June: 3, 17, and 31 July; 14 and 28 August; 11 and 25 September; 9 October. Registration at 6:00 PM, start time is at 6:30 PM. There is a \$5 per person entry fee. Free for [Friends of the VIC](#) Trail Blazers; \$4 for [Friends of the VIC](#).

## Saturday, 12 October – [All About Owls](#)

To celebrate Owl Month, the Paul Smith's College VIC, Adirondack Raptors, and the Adirondack Wildlife Refuge are teaming up to provide a day-long program on owls. Activities include a presentation on Saw-whet Owl banding, a birds of prey demonstration by Mark Manske from [Adirondack Raptors](#), a presentation on raptor migration by Adirondack Birding Center Director Brian McAlister, and a presentation with live owls by Mark Manske and Wendy Hall from the [Adirondack Wildlife Refuge](#).

## **Saturday, 12 October – [Columbus Day Weekend Fall Foliage Ramble](#)**

This is the VIC Trail Run Series Grand Finale. Come join us at the Paul Smith's College VIC to run and race on some of the most beautiful trails in the Adirondacks during the peak of fall foliage. The Fall Foliage Ramble will feature a 5 kilometer and 15 kilometer race on some of the most colorful trails one can imagine! Starting at 10 am, racers will run on rolling hills as they pass by beautiful Adirondack scenery. Registration starts at 9:30 AM, and awards will follow after the end of the 15 kilometer race. Cider, doughnuts, apple pie, and pumpkin muffins will greet racers at the finish line. Winners will be awarded a hand-crafted trophy and a container of syrup from the Paul Smith's College sugar bush. Come join us all for a fun time during the peak of the Adirondack fall foliage season! The entry fee is \$25. Free for [Friends of the VIC](#) Trail Blazers; \$20 for [Friends of the VIC](#).

## **Sunday, 13 October – [Adirondack Loon Celebration](#)**

BRI's [Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation](#) and the Paul Smith's College VIC present a family-friendly celebration of the [Common Loon](#) -- the iconic symbol of the Adirondack Mountains. The day will feature activities for both adults and kids, including a field trip to a local pond, a presentation and display on Adirondack loon research and conservation, music by singer/songwriter [Jamie Savage](#), delicious loon-oriented food, a loon calling contest, plus loon-related children's activities such as face painting, a scavenger hunt, games, crafts, and Merriloons the Clown. There will also be an ongoing silent auction of intriguing loon-related items. The drawing for the [Loon Quilt Raffle](#) will be held during a reception at the end of the day. Free admission. Donations accepted.

## **Friday, 18 October, and Wednesday, 30 October – [Owl Prowl](#)**

Join Adirondack Birding Center Director Brian McAllister at 7:30 PM for a night owl prowl. \$10 for adults. \$5 for [Friends of the VIC](#). Free for PSC students. Preregistration appreciated. Call the VIC at (518) 327-6241 for more information or email [bmcdonnell@paulsmiths.edu](mailto:bmcdonnell@paulsmiths.edu).

## **Saturday, 19 October – [Nature Walk](#)**

The VIC is offering a naturalist-led interpretive walk on selected Saturday afternoons in the fall. Participants meet in the VIC building at 1:00 PM for an hour-long walk exploring different aspects of nature in the Adirondack Park. Free for [Friends of the VIC](#). \$10 for nonmembers.

## Tuesday, 22 October – Volunteer Potluck

VIC Volunteers meet at 5:00 PM for a potluck supper and a preview of upcoming events and activities. VIC volunteers provide visitor information, perform stewardship projects, and participate in citizen science projects. Folks interested in volunteering are welcome. The main dish is provided. Bring a place setting and side dish or dessert to share.

## Saturday, 26 October 2013 – [Quilt Workshop: Build a Log Cabin Quilt](#)

Karen LiVecchi will lead a quilting workshop on 26 October. Learn how to construct the traditional Log Cabin block and use it to create a table runner or wall hanging, or add blocks for a larger quilt. Workshop hours are from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The cost is \$45.00. Preregistration is required. Please preregister by Thursday, 24 October. Call 518-327-6241.

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**Upcoming event this spring:  
Save these dates!**

## 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, including Whiteface Mountain, Intervale Lowlands, Bloomingdale Bog, Madawaska Flow
- ★ Keynote Lecture by Noah Strycker, Associate Editor of *Birding* magazine
- ★ Afternoon Workshops



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