



September 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 more information on Friends of the VIC memberships, visit <https://ecommunity.paulsmiths.edu/page.aspx?pid=427>

Daily, through 4 September – Plein Air Art Invitational

The Paul Smith's College VIC hosts an invitational art show featuring paintings by area artists who have painted on location, on the VIC property. Free - underwritten by Friends of the VIC.

Daily, starting 5 September – 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 - underwritten by Friends of the VIC.

Saturdays – Interpretive Canoe Paddles

7, 14, 21, 28 September

These two-hour trips provide a chance to explore the varied aquatic habitats at the VIC. Participants view Heron Marsh and Barnum Brook and paddle through a bog to Barnum Pond. Paddles are offered twice a day (at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM) every Saturday. The price is \$20 per adult, \$50 for the immediate family. Friends of the VIC receive a 25% discount. Preregistration is required. Please preregister by 5:00 PM the previous day by calling the VIC at (518) 327-6241.

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Fridays – Farmers' Market

6, 13, 20 September

The Paul Smith's Farmers' Market features fresh vegetables and berries in season, breads and other baked goods, herbs, jams and jellies and plants. The market is part of the Adirondack Farmers' Market Cooperative. The market will be open every Friday throughout the summer from 2:00 - 5:30 PM.

Saturdays – Birds of Prey Demonstrations

7, 14, 21, 28 September

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.

Selected Sundays and Wednesdays – Mushroom Walks with Susan Hopkins

1, 11, 25 September

Join mushroom expert Susan Hopkins for a casual walk in the woods to look at all mushrooms and fungi. We will discuss and identify poisonous and edible species and point out some of medicinal value too. This walk will take at least 2-2 ½ hours and will be held rain or shine. Bring a lunch if you want to stay longer to use books and reference materials provided by Susan for further study. \$10 for Friends of the VIC. \$20 for nonmembers. Please preregister by 5:00 PM the previous day by calling the Paul Smith's College VIC at (518) 327-6241.

Selected Saturdays and Wednesdays – Teddy Roosevelt Bird Walks

7, 11, 14, 18 September

Adirondack Birding Center Director Brian McAllister is leading a series of bird walks at the Paul Smiths VIC. Participants are challenged to see and hear many of the bird species identified by a young Teddy Roosevelt in his research while visiting Paul Smiths in the 1870s. Birders meet at the VIC building at 9:00 AM. \$10/person. Free for Friends of the VIC Warblers; \$8 for Friends of the VIC. Preregistration is required. Please preregister by 5:00 PM the previous day by calling the Paul Smith's College VIC at (518) 327-6241.

Every other Wednesday – 5K Trail Runs

11 & 25 September

The Paul Smith's College VIC will host a 5K trail run every other Wednesday, starting 19 June and ending 25 September. Runners get a chance to check out the VIC trails and meet other trail enthusiasts. Registration starts at 6 PM. The runs start at 6:30 PM. There is a \$5 per person entry fee.

1 & 2 September – Nature Walks

The VIC is offering a naturalist-led interpretive walk every day at 1 PM. 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.

1 & 2 September – Butterfly House

The Paul Smiths VIC Native Species Butterfly House features butterflies and moths in all stages of development. It is open daily from 10 AM to 4 PM. Visitors can view native butterflies up close and learn about the life stages and migratory patterns of these colorful insects. Butterfly House volunteers are available to point out the species of butterflies in the house that day, provide information on the insect's life cycle, and identify specific plants that are favored by each species. Inside the Butterfly House, there are nectar plants for food and host plants for egg-laying and caterpillar feeding. There are also touch boxes and information handouts on butterflies and moths. Outside the Butterfly House is a garden designed to attract butterflies. Free. The Butterfly House is supported by donations of Friends of the VIC, including the Adirondack Park Institute.

17 September -- Volunteer BBQ

VIC Volunteers will meet at 5:00 PM for a barbecue and a preview of upcoming events and activities. VIC volunteers provide visitor information, perform stewardship projects, and participate in citizen science projects. Volunteers come together on a monthly basis to socialize and talk about upcoming events and projects with the VIC staff. Folks interested in volunteering are welcome to attend. Hamburgers and hot dogs provided. Bring a place setting and salad or dessert to share.

17 September – An Evening with Jim Zumbo

Jim Zumbo '60, a former editor of *Outdoor Life* magazine and star of the TV show *Jim Zumbo Outdoors*, will give a talk at the Paul Smith's College VIC Tuesday, 17 September. Zumbo spent 15 years as a forester and wildlife biologist before his 30-year career with *Outdoor Life* magazine. He's written 25 books on hunting and fishing and has published thousands of articles and photographs in a variety of other magazines. The cost is \$5 per person. Please preregister at <https://ecomunity.paulsmiths.edu/page.aspx?pid=403>.

26 September – Strengthening the APA

This one-day conference, organized by the *Adirondack Explorer*, runs from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and includes panels on water quality in the Adirondacks and conservation design, as well as a keynote address by landscape planner Randall Arendt. The cost is \$25 per participant. Please sign up at: <http://www.adirondackexplorer.org>

27-29 September – Artist at Work Studio Tour

The Artist at Work Studio Tour, hosted by Saranac Lake Art Works, occurs the last weekend of September - at the peak of the fall colors. The Paul Smith's VIC has been designated as an Artists Rendezvous Site for the tour. The VIC will serve as a gathering space for artists to exhibit their work for the studio tour. Free.

28 September – The Adirondack Rural Skills and Homesteading Festival

This celebration of rural skills will showcase the talents of a bygone era with a distinctly Adirondack flair. Exhibitions will include logging and farming with draft horses sponsored by the Paul Smith's College Draft Horse Club and a demonstration of competitive lumberjack sports by the Paul Smith's College Woodsmen's Team. The festivities take place from 9 AM to 5 PM. \$5/person or \$10/carload.

**Upcoming Event
SAVE THIS DATE!**

Paul Smith's College VIC & BRI's Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation present:

ADIRONDACK LOON CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 13th

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Free Admission

- ★ Loon field trip
- ★ Loon presentation
- ★ Merriloons the Clown
- ★ Loon calling contest
- ★ Music, food & children's games
- ★ Loon quilt raffle
- ★ Silent auction

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