In our cupboards, on our floors, painting our landscapes - Maples

The Maples are some of our most familiar and beloved trees. They are native to the far east: (China, Japan, Korea, Manchuria) and North America. Maples produce a distinctive winged fruit called a *samara*, also commonly known as helicopters or whirlybirds.

Maples grow to 45 meters (145 ft) or occur as shrubs less than 10 meters tall. Most are deciduous but a few in southern Asia and the Mediterranean region are evergreen. They are shade-tolerant when young and are often late-successional in ecology. Many of the root systems are typically dense and fibrous.

Maples are important ornamentals for lawns, streets, and parks. They offer a great variety of form, size, and foliage. In fact, New England is known worldwide for its fall foliage display primarily because of the impressive oranges our sugar maple turns. The red maple (*A. rubrum*) is one of the most common trees in its native eastern North America.

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Daylily Collection Donated to Viles Arboretum

Thanks to an extremely generous gift of Henry and Joanne Minot of Edgecomb, the Viles Arboretum will be home to over 120 cultivars of daylilies. Color will be the prevailing rule of this collection. It will grace the south side of the Oak Grove located next to the Green Ash and Tamarack Collections.

The daylily (Hemerocallis) genus of about 20 species originally came from Asia and were discovered and collected during the 1800’s. Dr. Arlow Stout who worked at the New York Botanical Garden from 1911 to 1948 was a pioneer in crossing various pairs of species. He named over 90 cultivars and was the first to produce a completely red flower. Stout’s daylily cultivars were variations on the yellows, oranges and hints of red found in the original species. One of his early cultivars, Buckeye (1941), is bright yellow with a vivid red eyezone, and unlike any of its parents. These early heirloom daylilies of Stout’s demonstrate a wide variety of flower sizes and heights as well as leaf and plant characteristics. Daylilies in this collection of about 60 cultivars will bloom from early June through late October in Maine. Many of these heirloom cultivars are no longer available commercially. Yet even today hybridizers may select one of these originals for a specific character to add to a modern daylily.

In honor of Dr. Stout the American Hemerocallis Society established the Stout Silver Medal award program in 1950. This medal is awarded each year to a beautiful and distinctive daylily cultivar that should do well throughout the country. The medal winners from 1950 to 2006 are also part of the donation and show the many different ways that daylilies have changed over the years. For example, Bess Ross (1962) has a large bright red flower, on a particularly strong stalk and Moonlight Masque (2004) introduced a maroon eyezone against an unusual creamy background. Although there are several Stout Medal collections in gardens around the country, the Viles Arboretum collection will demonstrate the hardiness of these daylilies in Maine’s climate. Today there are over 80,000 registered daylily cultivars most of which bloom mid-summer. These historical collections will not only provide color to our landscape, but also historical insights into the great variety of daylily flower colors and shapes available in nurseries today.

Henry and Joanne Minot commented, “Maintaining the heirloom varieties is vital as today’s hybridizers can still combine new species with the old to insert specific traits such as early blooming, very tall height or cold weather hardiness. We are so glad that the Viles Arboretum, with its respect for the importance of accessioning, caring for and documenting collections of plants, will be adding a bit of color to their lovely grounds by accepting our Stout and Stout medal collections.

Ground preparation will occur this fall with the moving of the many random boulders placed in the area during the design of the Oak Grove. Planting will commence this fall and continue into 2019. Stop by and check out the progress.

Daylily Collection Context…
the Reverend Dr. Joseph Barth Connection

The late Reverend Dr. Joseph Barth began hybridizing new daylilies in 1952 as an avocation. His interest in daylilies came from his observations of “roadside daylilies”, Hemerocallis fulva, a species of daylily native to Asia. At this time there were few daylily hybridizers and almost all new daylily cultivars were close descendants of the original species.

Dr. Barth has been recognized as a pioneer in the development of tetraploid daylilies. These daylilies have twice the chromosome count of species daylilies (diploids) and have generally been recognized to be more robust with bigger and stronger scapes and more substantive and brighter colored blooms.

There were relatively few tetraploid daylilies until the 1970’s. Dr. Barth did not register his first daylily, Cinnamon Dew, (a diploid) until 1972. He was very active in creating new daylilies, mostly tetraploids, until his death in 1988. In all, he registered 36 new daylilies. His eldest son, Nicholas, has continued hybridizing Barth Daylilies, most recently for O’Donal’s Nursery in Gorham, Maine which purchased the exclusive rights to Barth Daylilies in 2010.
An Outstanding Performance

Kyra Danielewski came to the Viles Arboretum via Minnesota and the University of Wisconsin Stout School located in Menomonie. Kyra was selected as our Collections Manager – Outreach Specialist for the summer of 2018 out of a pool of several applicants. Even sight unseen, she stood out as a mature, directed and committed individual.

Kyra drove across country to arrive in early June where it took her no time at all to become familiar with her many and varied tasks: welcoming visitors, dealing with off-leash dogs, designing boardwalk components, pruning trees, writing newsletter articles, working on a new trail map, creating a farmer’s market sign, overseeing the farmers market, doing radio interviews, learning the ropes of running a non-profit and much more. Kyra addressed every task with a sense of humor, direction and hard work. She learned how to safely handle snakes and how to drive a tractor.

Everyone who got to know Kyra and to work with her had a wonderful experience. We will miss her and all of us will indeed be following her from afar as she completes her degree work at the University and ventures forth to her next adventure.

Executive Director Mark DesMeules hopes her interest in joining the Peace Corps will continue as he has said many times that her overall approach to learning and doing would make her nothing short of an outstanding volunteer.

We are grateful to the Betterment Foundation and the Viles Foundation for supporting this position.
Emerald Ash Borer
(Written by Kyra Danielowski)

In the early summer of 2002, an exotic beetle (*Agrilus planipennis*) commonly known as the emerald ash borer (EAB) was found in Detroit, Michigan (Fig. 1). Most likely arriving in wood packing materials, this green beetle is native to northeastern Asia feeding only on ash species in the genus *Fraxinus*. In Maine we have the White Ash (*F. americana*), Green Ash (*F. pennsylvanica*) and the Black Ash (*F. nigra*). All are affected by the EAB.

The borer has been doing what it does best – feeding on ash trees and moving from state to state, where it now is found in some 30 states ranging from Colorado to the east coast and has been found in 3 Canadian provinces in North America (Fig. 2). Millions of ash trees have been affected. New measures are being taken to increase Ash immunity and encourage natural predators to mitigate further damage.

Adult EAB lay up to 70 eggs in bark crevices. Hatching in late June, the larvae (Fig. 3) chew through the ash bark creating ‘S’ shaped galleries as they feed for several developmental months (Fig. 4). The larvae feed on the cambium which is responsible for water and nutrient transportation and this action disrupts the flow of nutrients within the tree and eventually kills the tree.

Immature larvae over-winter under the bark. When fully developed, the adults chew their way through the bark leaving a bored ‘D’ shape hole. After emergence, EAB feed on the foliage of ash trees although it is the larval stage that causes the most damage.

While the effects of the EAB have swept a notable portion of North America, the resilience of our natural world is often overlooked. It’s too early to tell what the outcome will be. We may see local instances where ash die-back is complete while others may be spotty. There are four species of bird that especially like the larvae of EAB. The downy, hairy and red-bellied woodpecker along with the white-breasted nuthatch forage specifically for the larvae. Undoubtedly, there are other predators including viruses that will be identified over time.

In Asia, the Asian species of ash and the EAB have evolved with each other for thousands of years and the ash has developed its own ability to resist attack. This gives these ash species, like the Manchurian ash, a special ability to go unaffected by this insect. Justin Whitehill, a young researcher from Ohio studying at Otterbein University decided to compare the trunk compounds of the Manchurain ash with native north American ash species. He found that by stimulating our north American ash with a specific plant hormone, the tree would produce a compound (verbascoside) also found in the Asian ash species that protects the tree from the worst consequences of the EAB! While there is still more to uncover before this work will yield a practical approach to protecting our native ash species, it is a very hopeful sign. This is a huge step in the right direction in attempt to preserve a genus that is found across the world.

Ash trees are valued for their attractive lush foliage, brilliant autumn colors and their wood is widely sought after for its strength. The EAB poses a threat to our native ash species. In some instances, we have seen a significant decline. That being said, the resilient nature of our world holds promise. With new genetic technologies and breeding techniques and allowing the rich resistance of species to emerge, our ash trees will stand years beyond us.

**Signs of an Affected Ash Tree:**

- Foliage depletion occurs several years after the initial EAB invasion.
- If a tree is sick or stressed, it will start to grow branches and leaves where it can. This new growth is often found at the base of the tree just below where the larvae are feeding.
- D-shaped emergence holes are found on the bark from the newly mature insect. The holes are usually 1/8 inch in diameter.

**Protecting Your Ash Trees:**

- Regularly pruning your ash tree helps establish strong branches and can prevent pest damage.
- As a last resort, insecticide injections could be an option. This exterminates not only the EAB larvae and beetles, but other important insects and birds. Injections should be done conservatively by a professional, preferably to trees that hold a high aesthetic or cultural value.
A festive event focused on live art and affordable art with artists of all types immersed in inspiration and creativity.

October 6 & 7, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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**Wood Carving** ▪ **Pottery-Watershed Center for the Arts** ▪ **Metallurgy**

**Stone Sculpture** ▪ **Live Music** ▪ **Farmers Market**
Enhancing The Visit - Full Color Interpretive Panels Arriving Soon

We have been working for over four years in both designing and installing interpretive panels at key locations throughout the 224 acres encompassing the Arboretum. Most have been focused on describing the history and purpose of the nearly two dozen botanical and “focus” collections.

This fall, will see the addition of a new generation of panels including a welcome panel to visitors at the beginning of our trail system. Most visitors ask who Elsie Viles was and, generally speaking, what they can expect to encounter here on the big preserve. As you can see from the examples included here, we are addressing some important gaps in our interpretive repertoire.

Our goal, which began over seven years ago with our Shifting Gears Initiative, has been to make the Arboretum a destination for visitors from Maine and beyond. To accomplish this, we identified several needs to satisfy visitors and to improve the selection of features worthy of a trip to the Arboretum. Our interpretive panels both “interpret” our features and collections and invite the reader to continue on a course of discovery into the many fascinating aspects of virtually everything nature offers here. As we always say… Nature…always playing on a trail at Viles.

Top Image: The Past and Present of Viles Arboretum
Center Image: The Rhododendron Collection is slated for restoration in 2019.
Bottom Image: Oaks are simply amazing... This panel will introduce the reader to their fascinating world.
Revision Energy, Tesla And The Arboretum Join Forces

The Viles Arboretum has been exploring several ways to include innovative ways of inviting more public visitors who might not otherwise stop in. Some of them include the farmers market, community gardens, art and events. We just completed forging a new partnership that will place us in the lead of the developing electric car industry undoubtedly the way all future cars and truck will be powered/fueled.

The news is that we have been officially approved by Tesla and ReVision Energy (Maine installer of Tesla EV chargers), for charging stations at the Arboretum. Revision Energy and Tesla are making significant contributions to make this happen. As part of this partnership, we now have Revision Energy as a Business Member and they are very interested in working with us to install solar power at Viles between now and 2020. That means the energy we provide for our building needs and for the electric vehicle chargers will be entirely renewable, saving our atmosphere from more carbon emissions.

Barry Woods, Director of Electric Vehicle Innovation at Revision Energy commented, “Revision Energy is pleased to bring this electric vehicle charging opportunity to Viles Arboretum. As an installation partner with Tesla, we look carefully for attractive destinations that provide electric vehicle drivers with a pleasant way to enjoy Maine while charging their vehicles. Viles Arboretum fits this description perfectly and is located in an area where growing more charging resources will benefit both the local community of EV drivers as well as attract curious travelers. We anticipate placing four level two chargers at Viles, including one 40A universal Clipper Creek unit such that any EV driver can find charging available and enjoy walking the gardens. Providing charging also makes Viles a leader in promoting clean transportation as a viable option for Mainers and helps educate them about its practicality and many benefits.”

Why electric vehicle chargers at Viles Arboretum? Well, in addition to supporting “green” technology, people who stop to charge up will have some time to visit our gift shop, Visitors Center and our trails. Another great way to discover the Arboretum!

As a “green” organization, the Arboretum is in a position to promote conservation actions and plans that also provide lessons and guidance to all who visit. The charging stations and the soon-to-be-installed solar panels provide a great opportunity to show the general public these technologies, along with staff to talk to about how well they are working, these will also stimulate interest in ways in which the average citizen can make a difference and contribute to a greener environment and economy,” said Mark DesMeules, our Executive Director who has been leading the discussion with Revision Energy and Tesla.
Box elder (A. negundo) grows quickly to 30–50 ft (9–15 m) and it was prized by early settlers as a wood for crates, bee hives, furniture and molding. The watery, sweet sap of the sugar maple (A. saccharum) is boiled down for maple syrup and sugar. The wood of certain maples, especially the sugar maple (aka rock maple because of its hardness) is prized for furniture. Genetic wood patterns such as “tiger maple” or “birds eye maple” are highly sought after.

In closing…maples surely deserve further investigation. Spend some time investigating the many species and varieties found just off the Outer Loop Piggery Road trail access and be sure to see if you can answer the Canadian currency question!

Did you know that porcupines (Erethizun dorsatum) love to chew the inner bark of maples, no doubt for its sweetness.

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Tiger Maple: another genetic trait high prized by fine woodworkers.

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Canada five dollar bill: Can you identify the mistake? Send in your answer. The individual with the first correct answer will receive a year’s membership free!

Sugar house: The sugar house... a common New England sight in many of our hill country villages.

Gallon syrup jugs: Maine is the second largest producer of maple syrup in United States.

Striped maple: Striped maple (Acer pensylvanicum) presents one of our most beautiful barks of any of our trees.

Birds Eye Maple: A genetic trait found in some sugar maple trees... highly sought after by fine wood workers.
In 1919, Gertrude Grover, a resident of Hallowell, formed what in 1928 would become the Augusta Nature Club. It started out as the Ball Bird Conservation Club, named for the Rev. Dwight Ball, the superintendent of the Universalist churches in Maine and a founder of the club.

Though it was originally initiated to encourage bird watching, the club began to encourage local teachers to interest children in nature study. For many years, club members went into the classrooms to give talks on natural history subjects. As early as 1932, the club was exploring the possibility of purchasing an area for a bird and nature sanctuary, and three potential sites were identified.

In 1933, a Mr. W.H. Bruce passed away, leaving a twelve-acre parcel to the City of Augusta, on Whitney Brook and the Cony Street Extension to the city. This lot was later referred to as Bruce’s Woods. In 1957, the City acquired two more parcels of land in 1957, in the vicinity of the Bruce property. Here Hodgkin’s School was built, a fact which later proved an additional incentive for the creation of a nature education center in the area.

In the early 1960’s, the Augusta Rotary Club was searching for civic projects which might improve the community. Dr. Francis O’Connor, the chairman of its Community Service Committee, applied energy and determination which would eventually bring together the city, the Nature Club, and the Rotary Club to create the Augusta Nature Education Center. While he attended the National Audubon Society nature study camp at Hog Island near Medomak, ME, he envisioned a future nature center closer to Augusta. Under Dr. O’Connor’s enthusiastic leadership, the Rotary Club raised funds and purchased an additional eleven acres of land adjacent to the city properties.

In October 1961, Dr. O’Connor urged the Nature Club to incorporate so the Rotary Club might deed more property for the nature center to the club to ensure its protection from development. In March of 1963, the Nature Club became Augusta Nature Club Inc. and in March 1966, the Rotary Club purchased an additional 33 acres for the center along Whitney Brook and deeded it to the Nature Club, making the total area for nature study some 75 acres.

One year later, Dorothea Marston added an additional 17 acres which was part of the old Bartlett property and by 1971, four more parcels had been added to raise the total to over 100 acres. Dr. O’Connor had long since become a member of the Nature Club and, working with other members, trails were blazed, signs posted, and a summer program of nature education was initiated. Through the efforts of several dedicated people, the Augusta Nature Education Center was finally brought into reality (The term “center” refers to the land…there is no building.) By 2016 the total acreage held by the Augusta Nature Club was 178 acres.

The Augusta Nature Club (ANC) meets the last Wednesday of the month from September to May. There is a guest speaker talking about all things nature after a lovely lunch. There are no meetings during June, July and August. The “center” is open year round from sun up to sun down.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Sara Marston @ 207-215-1112.

Did you know that 2019 is the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Augusta Nature Club? Close neighbors of the Viles Arboretum and like-minded with nature and education in the forefront of their mission, we share our knowledge and experience with this group and many other groups in the area as part of our open arms policy. We join the Club and its members and invite you to explore one of Augusta’s first “green spaces” tucked between South Belfast Avenue and Cony Street Extension on 178 acres of all-natural land with approximately 7 miles of well-maintained trails to explore.
Terrific news for the Arboretum!

We are pleased to announce that a recent grant from the Quimby Family Foundation has now pushed us well over the half way mark of $130,000 on our fund-raising effort aimed at building our new Education Support Center. For our many visitors to the Arboretum who have seen our existing structure, you know all too well how we have struggled with this unsafe and wholly inadequate building we inherited from earlier days.

This post and beam structure will be positioned to create a courtyard with our existing building and an inviting “gateway” to our trails, fields, and botanical collections beyond. It will provide seasonal space for interns upstairs, exhibit and event space, quality equipment storage space with a concrete floor, and overall support to our many and varied educational features on our 224-acre nature preserve.

Mark DesMeules, our Executive Director commented, “I can’t even begin to imagine how life will be with this new infrastructure in place. If our progress and plans continue on track, I expect we will see this building in place by fall of 2019.”

We will be reaching out to all our members in hopes that we can close the remaining financial gap. In fact, this will be our very first capital campaign so keep your eye out for the upcoming mailing.

Special thanks thus far go to the following financial supporters of this important “next step” for the Viles Arboretum:

- Quimby Family Foundation
- Kennebec Savings Bank
- Elsie & William P Viles Foundation
- Oakhurst Dairy
- Betterment Foundation

Top Image: The new structure which will be replacing the existing building

Center Image: The current building as it stands

Right Image: Interior of the existing building... the new structure will be a much needed and welcomed improvement on the property.

THE BETTERMENT FUND
CREATED BY THE WILL OF WILLIAM BINGHAM 2ND
The Viles Arboretum is pleased to announce that we have office space for rent. Often referred to as the most beautiful location in Augusta, our space offers a unique set of amenities including conference room space, six miles of hiking trails, botanical collections, outdoor art, picnic tables, a fully licensed kitchen and much more.

We have seven offices available which range from 131 square feet to 275 square feet. All are brightly lit with windows to the outside.

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**Amenities:**
- High Speed Internet including Fire Wall Security Services
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- Utilities included
- Common space - microwave/ water cooler/fridge
- Conference Phone
- Use of conference rooms (Free up to five bookings)
- Ample parking for events plus reserved tenant parking
Pictured here is Hillary Schultz, Viles Board member, delivering a Polaris Ranger to the Arboretum. This was the very generous gift of her uncle Fred Weston of Rome. Fred, a longtime resident of Maine, was an enthusiastic snowmobiler in his younger days and used the Ranger for more comfortable traveling and working in the out-of-doors as he got older.

As he approached his nineties, he used the Ranger less and less and was glad to be able to find a good home for it. It will be an invaluable aid to the Arboretum in completing the myriad tasks that are undertaken on the 200 plus acres.

Volunteer Opportunities Abound At Viles Arboretum – Come Join Us And Make A Big Difference

Volunteers make so much a reality here at the Arboretum. We have dozens of generous volunteers who support everything we do from assembling membership mailings to clipping newspaper articles to overseeing the farmers market. If you are interested in learning more, give us a call or e-mail us. Here are some examples of tasks, projects, events, etc. where your volunteer support can make a difference:

• Farmers market
• Wetland boardwalk
• Membership mailings
• Organizing tools
• Hauling items to transfer station (requires pick-up)
• Clipping and booking newspaper articles
• General cleaning
• Fundraising
• Business Member support
• Botanical collection care
• Trail pruning
• Watering plants in Visitors Center
Summer camp fun with our friends at the Discovery Museum

Kents Hill School... community service day, a welcome and annual group of super volunteers.

Maple Tree School students hamming it up with some of our stone sculptures.
Amber Carter Joins the Viles Team

Early this spring, we selected Amber Carter to be the new Administrative Assistant for the Viles Arboretum. Amber is from Maine and attended the University of Maine at Farmington. She settled just outside of Augusta with her family. Her comment about the Arboretum sums up her enthusiasm about being here. “What better place to come to work every day, but one draped in the backdrop of acres of trees? Viles is a magical place. Walking the trails, there is a quiet stillness and there is magic in them.”

Please join us in welcoming Amber. She is often the first person you will meet when visiting us and if you ever have any questions regarding your membership, she is the keeper of all things membership and can also tell you whatever you need to know in advance of your visit/hike to our trail and botanical collection system.

Wetland Boardwalk – Grand Opening November

This major project became a three-year odyssey when we first realized that the entire structure needed to be replaced. We also learned along the way that removing the original structure would also be a major project, far more involved than originally thought. We rolled up our sleeves and with generous volunteer help from the Augusta Bird Club, summer interns, various work crews and a lot of sweat, we have finally accomplished this project and will hold a grand opening on November 10th. 9 – 11:00.

This popular Arboretum feature is used all the time by thousands of visitors each year: Bird watchers, nature photographers, visitors seeking a quiet place surrounded by nature. Special thanks to the many individuals who have contributed financially to this project including the Augusta Nature Club, Kennebec Savings Bank, the Betterment Foundation, the Outdoor Heritage Fund and the Recreational Trails Fund.

In many ways, the completion of this project is a major milestone for Viles. It’s truly a foundation piece as we move into our next decade of building relationships with visitors from all over Maine. It features in every one of our educational programs and many of our events and adds a very special resource in support of all that we do here in connecting people to nature.

Hammond Lumber Company

A very special thanks to Hammond Lumber for donating half of all the lumber and hardware used in this project.

Amber Carter seated at “Control Central” in our Visitor’s Center

Above and below: Collapse of 2015

Delivering the modular sections - 2017

One of the last steps in preparing the new wetland boardwalk for the upcoming grand opening.

Guard rail final touches - 2018

The new over-the-water section

One of the last steps in preparing the new wetland boardwalk for the upcoming grand opening.
NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, all scheduled items are at 153 Hospital Street, Augusta, Maine. Check our web site for new announcements. Members receive a 10% discount on anything that involves a charge.

**YOGA – Every Wednesday from 5:30 – 6:45 PM. All are welcome. First class free for new participants. Members $10 & non-members $11.**

**Kennebec Valley Bee Keepers Association – Second Thursday of each month from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. New comers welcome.**

**Farmers Market – Opening date June 29th. Every Friday from 12:00 – 3:00. Market ends October 12th. Sambusa lunches and bulk sambusas (beef, chicken, fish & veggie) are available. Sambusas are a Somali delicacy of mildly spiced meat/veggies in a flour pocket that is browned in a pan. Farm fresh organic vegetables are available at very reasonable prices.**

SPECIAL NOTE: Lunches served from noon – 2:00 PM. All bulk sambusa orders must be made by noon the previous Wednesday.

**LOTS MORE AHEAD!!**

Check our web page and Facebook page for our ever-growing list of activities and events.

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**OCTOBER**

October 6 (Saturday) 9:00 – 2:00 PM – Run for Hunger – Run for the Trees 5K.

Pre-registration via runreg.com or day of. This is a trail run through the beautiful grounds of the Arboretum. Special rates for running groups

October 5, 6, 7th. (Friday – Saturday - Sunday) 9:00 – 3:00 PM – Celebrating Art/Art Symposium. Friday is for school groups and Saturday & Sunday for the general public. There will be a variety of artists working on site and many pieces of art for sale. Live music. Food. Demonstrations. Admission $10.00. Children under 10 free.

October 23 (Tuesday) 5:00 – 7:00 – Annual Meeting - A fun social event/dinner/business update for all members and friends of the Arboretum. RSVP required. A portion of this meeting will recognize all volunteers including a handful of outstanding individuals.

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**NOVEMBER**

November 10 (Saturday) 9:00 – 11:00 AM – Grand Opening of the Wetland Boardwalk. Food and refreshments will be served. We will meet at the Visitors Center and either walk or ride out to the boardwalk.

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**FEBRUARY**

February 3rd. Table Tour.

Registration 10am. Trails open at 11am. Tickets sold until 1pm. Our famous and always sold out cross country ski, snow shoe or walk event around our Outer Loop Trail where tables are set up with bonfires and hot delicious food is served. Early bird tickets till January 1st are $20.00. Groups of five or more individuals $20.00 each. Children 10 and under $10.00 (no charge for toddlers) Tickets available day of event. This is always a sold out event.

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Roots Under New England Series - oils & woodcuts

Round Pond artist Sally Delorme Pedrick exhibited in our Visitors Center in August and her opening reception was extremely well received. Dozens of visitors shared a love of art, sampled delicious hors d’oeuvres and had the opportunity to meet Sally and view her many works on display.

A graduate of the University of Maine–Orono, Sally lives in Round Pond and seasonally on Prince Edward Island, Canada, where she has a residence called Atelier DeLorme Pedrick.

Her art has been shown in nine juried individual and solo exhibits in United States museums and most recently in a Summerside museum on Prince Edward Island. Titles of her art are based in literature; thus, her Maine gallery in Round Pond is called “The Library Art Studio”.

Each year, the Viles Arboretum welcomes Maine artists to exhibit as part of our public outreach programming. We focus on nature inspired art of all kinds. If you know an artists who might be interested in being considered, have them give us a call.