



April 2014 Programs at Paul Smith's College VIC



Sugaring season has arrived and we are making syrup now! Call the VIC for times that we'll be turning sap into syrup to see us in operation. There's still time to Adopt-A-Maple and get some delicious Adirondack maple syrup made by our student sugar makers at our VIC Sugar bush. April is science, art, and music celebration month at Paul Smith's College VIC! Check out the festival at samfest.org!



March 30 - April 27 - New Moon Art Show – SAM Fest Exhibition: Art About Land People, and Climate; in conjunction with the Science, Art, and Music Festival featuring regional artists Sandra Hildreth, Lee Ann Sporn, Meg Bernstein, Tim Fortune, Burdette Parks, students from the PSC Art Club and others. Free admission. Underwritten by Friends of the VIC.

Tuesday, April 1 - Former Camp Gabriels Public Meeting, 6:00 pm

The Town of Brighton in cooperation with the PSC VIC will host a Public Information Session about the transfer of the former Camp Gabriels minimum security prison property to a private party. The purchaser will discuss plans for turning the property into a privately-run residential summer camp.

Sunday, April 6 - Make Natural soap with Rose Bartiss

During the class, participants will learn how to make cold process soaps, what's involved in raising goats for soap making, how to alter color and scents of soap to create diverse products, and the way to safely create soaps using lye. You will take home 2 cold process soaps and handouts. This is a demonstration class. Please wear long-sleeved shirts and closed-toed shoes to class. This class will take place from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM and cost \$35 per person.

Saturday, April 12 - Volunteer and Friends of the VIC Natural History Training Session: Citizen Science Projects, 9:30 am to noon

Learn all about citizen science projects available to folks living in the Adirondacks. We will look at bird, mammal, insect, wild flower, amphibian, and tree citizen science projects that you can use to track your own outdoor experiences and help scientists answer big questions. Free to all volunteers and Friends of the VIC.

Sunday, April 13 - Nori's Village Market Second Sunday: Nori's Hosts the VIC

On the Second Sunday of every month, Nori's Village Market in Saranac Lake supports local organizations by donating 10% of the sales for that day. On Sunday, 13 April, Nori's is hosting the Paul Smith's College VIC and will donate 10% of their sales from that day. Be sure and visit Nori's on that Sunday to show your support for the VIC and to purchase delicious food that is environmentally sustainable, socially responsible and (when available) locally produced.

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Monday, April 14 - Friday, April 18 - No School Days: Spring Break at the VIC

Come to the VIC to learn and play! We will visit a variety of subjects related to the season – Woodpeckers have begun their mating drums; purple finches have begun to claim territory with their beautiful songs. Spring ephemerals are pushing up through the snow and buds are bursting. Pre-registration is required for each day. Reserve until 5 PM on April 9 by calling 518-327-6241, or emailing mberrus@paulsmiths.edu. Underwritten by [Friends of the VIC](#).

Saturday, April 19 – Holy Shiitake Workshop, Ongoing from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Paul Smiths College Adirondack Mycology Club will be offering a Shiitake cultivation workshop. Topics include: choosing tree species and spawn, log cultivation, sawdust inoculation method, useful tools, supplies, vendors, and growing guides. Bring your lunch and drop in with \$5 suggested donation. Bring your log home for an additional \$5. Call 518-327-6330 for more information.

Saturday, April 19 - Wetland Detectives Training Workshop I – Frogs & Toads from 2:00 – 5:00 pm

This training workshop will provide you with the tools and information needed to become a citizen scientist and wetland detective as part of a new wetland monitoring program in the Adirondack Park. The main goal of the program is to gather information on the phenology of Adirondack wetlands. Phenology is the timing of biological events such as flowering, breeding, or migratory species arrival. In this first training session, we will begin with an overview of the project and then proceed with hands-on instruction in field techniques used to record phenological data for wetland frogs and toads. 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. The second workshop will take place May 17, 2014, focusing on wetland bird and plant monitoring.

Monday, April 21 - Forest, Farm, & Fork: An Opportunity Symposium at the Paul Smith's College VIC

Discover grant and loan opportunities for your North Country farm, business, organization or community, available through the new 2014 Farm Bill. Also learn about other private and New York State funding sources. If you are involved in forestry, agriculture, food production, tourism or community development, you should attend. You'll hear from U.S. Rep. Bill Owens and other federal, state, and private official about how you can tap into these resources. Be there from 9 AM to 4:30 PM to get the most out of this opportunity. RSVP by April 14. Partners include: Paul Smith's College and Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Tuesday, April 22 - Green Apple Day of Service for Paul Smith's College students who will be working on trail improvements and tending to the VIC gardens to celebrate Earth Day.

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Thursday, April 24 – Volunteers and Friends of the VIC Potluck

[Friends of the VIC](#) and volunteers of the VIC are welcome to the potluck. Bring a dish to pass. We will meet for hors d'oeuvres at 5:30. Dinner is at 6 PM. Please RSVP.

Thursday, April 24 – Armchair Science Lecture: Birding in the Everglades

Steve Huber will talk about his experience birding in the everglades from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM. Cost is \$5. Free to [Friends of the VIC](#) and Paul Smith's College students, faculty, and staff.

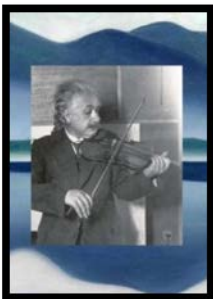
Friday, April 25 – Boomerang

Paul Smith's College hospitality students invite alumni back for career inspiration at the VIC. Activities happen at the VIC from 8:00 am to noon.

Saturday, April 26 - Birding across the Adirondacks

Join the Adirondack Birding Center on a trip to the shoreline of the St. Lawrence River and surrounding agricultural fields near Massena. The van trip will take us to raptor-rich fields and active waterfowl gathering places along this very productive river valley. We'll search for buntings, sparrows, hawks, ducks and much more during this all-day outing. Cost: \$75 per person. 25% discount for [Friends of the VIC](#). Preregistration is required; please call 518-327-6241 to register. 8:00 am - 4 pm Van Trip to birding hotspots from high to low elevations.

Saturday, April 26 - Science, Art, and Music Festival – SAM Fest



Paul Smith's College and TAUNY (Traditional Arts in Upstate New York) will celebrate Science, Art, and Music in the Mountains from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM for this 1-day festival. We will see and hear performances by North Country musicians, presentations and a panel on climate changes in the Adirondacks, traditional folk and visual arts, and a showing of "Green Fire"- a documentary on Aldo Leopold and the land ethic he inspired. \$5 general admission, [Friends of the VIC](#) and Paul Smith's College Students Free. Refreshments will be available. More information available on SAMFEST.org. Underwritten by Friends of the VIC and the Paul Smith's College Sustainability Fund.

Daily – Adopt a Sugar Maple

Support the development of maple sugaring at the VIC by adopting a tree for \$50. We'll do the tapping, and you'll be investing in the education of an intern and the equipment to take loving care of the tree. The best part is you get a quart of maple syrup from "your tree" when it's ready! (Shipping not included.) Adoption papers are

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available at the VIC front desk. Makes a great gift!

Purchase Some VIC Maple Syrup

The students are hard at work collecting and boiling maple sap into syrup. We have a limited amount of VIC handcrafted-wood fired syrup available. Prices are: Pint, \$10; Quart, \$18; and Half Gallon, \$30 (plus shipping).


Thinking about tapping maples on your property? Contact Brian McDonnell about our community maple project.

SAM Fest 2014
Science, Art, and Music in the Mountains
 Saturday, April 26th | 10AM to 5PM




- ★ Presentations on Adirondack climate-related topics including mink frogs, Lyme disease, lake ice, and ways to enlist the arts in science communication
- ★ Traditional folk and visual arts
- ★ Performances by North Country musicians Peggy Lynn, Dan Berggren, Celia Evans, Jamie Savage, Larry Montague, and others
- ★ Panel on climate in the Adirondacks
- ★ Maple syrup and refreshments
- ★ Showing of "Green Fire" -- a documentary on Aldo Leopold and the land ethic that he inspired


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