

The New Haven Camera Club web site lists some local events that you as a photographer might be interested in. The Months are listed in reverse chronological order. Enjoy!

June 2002

June

14th Annual Birdwatches at Hammonasset State Park

Location: Begin at the Audubon Shop 871 Boston Post Rd. Madison, CT 06443.

Time: Saturdays only from 7:50-10:30 a.m. Shore and song birds, waterfowl, and birds of prey can all be seen at the premier birding spot. Bring binoculars.

Admission: \$4. Phone: (203) 245-9056

May 31-June 1

3rd Annual Relay For Life

High School 220 Coe Ave. Meriden, CT 06451 Time: 3 p.m.-3 p.m. A fun-filled overnight activity that mobilizes communities across the country to celebrate survivorship, remember those who lost their lives to cancer, and raise money.

Admission: Free. Phone: (800) ACS-2345

June 1

3rd Annual Party in the Park

Elm Ridge Park Elm St. Rocky Hill, CT 06067 Time: 3-9 p.m. Activities for children, food booths, entertainment, concert (6-9 p.m.), followed by fireworks display. Admission: Free. Phone: (860) 258-2736

<http://www.rhparkrec.org>

June 1

6th Annual Hiking & Environmental Festival

The Polish Barber 18 Hartford Ave. Granby, CT Time: 10-5. Educational event to promote hiking, Connecticut's hiking trails, trail maintenance and building, nature appreciation. Environmental groups, manufacturers, trail organizations, hiking clubs, entertainment, seminars and special guests. Admission: Free.

Phone: (860) 653-7663

June 1

7th Annual Greenwich Concours d'Elegance

Roger Sherman Baldwin Park Arch St. Greenwich, CT 06831 Time: 10-5.

World-class concours d'elegance featuring vintage, classic, and post WWII automobiles of outstanding design. Waterfront setting, art gallery, restoration workshops, vintage boats. Admission: Adults \$20, children (12 and under) free.

Phone: (203) 618-0460

June 1-2

Shad Festival

Connecticut River Museum 67 Main St. Essex, CT Time: 10-4. Celebration of Connecticut River shad fishery with demonstrations of nets, fishing, boning and plank cooking; hands-on activities; display of authentic, century-old Connecticut River shad boat. Shad bake dinner at the Elementary School. Admission: \$10. Phone: (860) 767-8269 <http://www.ctrivermuseum.org>

June 1-2

6th Annual American Heritage Festival
Various locations Old Wethersfield, CT 06109 Time: 11-4. Historic celebration showcasing the town's living history dating back to 1634. Events include historic homes and buildings tours; Colonial demonstrations; period games, music, food and crafts; graveyard lantern light tours, and an occasional visit from George Washington. Admission: Most events are free. Phone: (860) 721-2975. www.americanheritagefestival.com

June 1-2

Small Craft Weekend
Mystic Seaport 75 Greenmanville Ave. Mystic, CT Time: 9-5. Mess around in a small boat. Every small boat imaginable bobs and weaves along Mystic Seaport's waterfront. Admission: Adults \$17, children \$9 (6-12), 5 and under free. Phone: (860) 572-5315, (888) 9-SEAPORT <http://www.mysticseaport.org>

June 1-30

Mark Twain's Secret Victorian Tour

Hartford/East Hartford, CT 06103 Time: Daily, departs 9, 11, 1 & 3 p.m. Tour the capitol city that Mark Twain knew from 1868 to 1891. Two-hour guided bus tour discovering the secrets of Victorian Hartford. Admission: \$20. Phone: (860) 677-8867. <http://www.charteroaktree.com>

June 2

Wildflower Safari
Beardsley Zoo 1875 Noble Ave. Bridgeport, CT 06604 Time: Zoo open 9-4, program 12-3. Crafts and other flower-related activities. Admission: Adults \$6, seniors and children (3-11) \$4, under 3 free. Phone: (203) 394-6565 <http://www.beardsleyzoo.org>

June 2-8

Bear Awareness Week
Beardsley Zoo 1875 Noble Ave. Bridgeport, CT 06604 Time: 9-4. Learn all about bears, including the Zoo's two Spectacled bears. Admission: Adults \$6, seniors and children (3-11) \$4, under 3 free. Phone: (203) 394-6565 <http://www.beardsleyzoo.org>

June 7-23

Ninth Annual Fields of Lupine Festival

New Hampshire's Franconia Notch Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to join the celebration of our [Ninth Annual Fields of Lupine Festival](#)

June 22

OLD SAYBROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOME AND GARDEN TOUR

Old Saybrook, CT. Lovers of all things aesthetic will satisfy their senses on this home-and-garden tour sponsored by the Old Saybrook Historical Society. The Colonel Elisha Sill House, a newly renovated 18th-century Colonial, is the highlight. It features a Colonial herb garden with armillary, a dwarf boxwood entrance with topiaries, and a perennial garden with rock plants. Seven other gardens are included, and a catered lunch is served. Essentials: 10-4; prepaid \$20, day of tour \$23. Luncheon 11:30-2:30; \$15 additional, must be prepaid by June 1. Tour starts at town green, Main St. 860-388-2622.

June 22

Somers, CT -- Busy as a Bee

There's more to the life of a bee than just buzzing, stinging, and producing honey. Beekeeper Brian McQuillan explains how these spring and summer insects, with a typical life span of 45 days, thrive inside their beehive kingdoms -- the roles of each bee and the work that comes along with it. As in a form of government, if the Queen Bee dies, another must be elected to take her place. With their docile temperament, honeybees attack only when their carefully designed and constructed beehives are threatened. So stand back and watch the pro weave his charm and knowledge. Essentials: 11 a.m.; \$8. Kassandra Herbs Unlimited, 54 Springfield Rd. 860-749-0839.

June 22-23

ROSE WEEKEND

Hartford, CT elizabethpark@email.com. Approximately 15,000 bushes and 900 varieties of roses are in bloom this weekend, providing a bounteous backdrop for poetry readings, concerts, and self-guided walking tours. This 102-acre park also features perennial, annual, and rock gardens, an herb garden, and more than 100 varieties of trees. Make time to have a delicious lunch or dinner in the park's Pond House Cafe. Elizabeth Park, corner of Prospect and Asylum Aves. Call for schedule; events free. 860-242-0017. www.elizabethpark.org

June 29-30

ANNUAL NEWPORT FLOWER SHOW

Bellevue Ave. Newport, RI 401-847-1000 x 140. Plants, horticulture tent, flower arrangements, speakers, presenters. 9-5; \$12, day of show \$14. Rosecliff, Bellevue Ave. 401-847-1000, ext. 102. www.newportmansions.org

June 29-30

RHODE ISLAND NATIONAL GUARD OPEN HOUSE & AIR SHOW

North Kingstown, RI Professional teams from the United States and around the world take to the skies in this aeronautical show headlined by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. 9-4; parking donation \$5. Quonset Air National Guard Base, Quonset Point. 401-275-4110/4193. www.riguard.com

May 2002

April 27- May 5

Montreal -- Spring Tulip and Garden Festival

Among activities offered at this time are: 90 minute Secret Gardens Tour of homes not usually open to the public (\$10), living history characters, photo stop tours (a trolley tour with a guide and an experienced photographer that goes to the most photogenic areas at the best time of day to capture them, \$10) and a bridal show from the Victorian era to the present. Some local hotels are: Periwinkle, Sea Crest and LaMer. Contact Janet Cerritelli (janet.cerritelli@yale.edu) for more information.

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May 4

Wildflower Field Trip with Friends 5/4/2002 -

If you love wildflowers, come along on this day exploration of Bartholomew's Cobble, a unique limestone preserve in Western Mass., and nearby gardens if time permits. We must receive your fee by check to F.A.N.C.I. By April 26th to hold your place. Space is limited. Fee includes transportation from Ansonia Nature Center. Bring a picnic lunch. \$15/\$10 friends and members. Ansonia Nature and Recreation Center 10 Deerfield Rd. Ansonia CT 06401 203-736-1053
www.electronicvalley.org/ansonianature

May 10-13

67th Annual Dogwood Festival

1045 Old Academy Rd. Greenfield Hill Congregational Church Fairfield, CT

06430 Time: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 12-5, Mon. & Tues. 10-3:30 Thousands of dogwoods usher in Connecticut's spring season. Guided garden tours, historic walks, concerts, professional art show, original crafts, gifts and boutique items, plants and flowers, attic treasures. Indoor luncheons served (by

reservations); public lunches also available. Admission: Free. Phone: (203) 259-5596

May 11

International Migratory Bird Day

Beardsley Zoo 1875 Noble Ave. Bridgeport, CT 06604 Time: Zoo open 9-4, program 12-3. Learn about these amazing creatures that cross two continents every year. Admission: Adults \$6, seniors and children (3-11) \$4, under 3 free. Phone: (203) 394-6565 <http://www.beardsleyzoo.org>

May 18

21st Annual Fidelco Walk 2002

Riverfront Plaza Hartford, CT 06103 Time: 8-1. People and their dogs walk to raise funds for the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation. Non-dog owners are welcome too. Admission: Free. Phone: (860) 243-5200

May 18

4th Annual Sound Winds Kite Festival

Hammonasset Beach State Park Rte. 1 Madison, CT 06443 Time: 11-4. Exciting flying demonstrations, including stunt flyers; flying lessons, precision, ballet, team flying exhibitions, kite building demonstrations and competitions, kite hospital, contests for homemade kits, kite battles, airborne display of gigantic kites; kites, accessories and memorabilia; food vendors, picnic areas, entertainment. Admission: Adults \$4, children (under 12) free, parking fee. Phone: (860) 344-6200

May 27

25th Annual Tiffany Windows Antiques Show

First Church Congregational 148 Beach Rd. Fairfield, CT 06430 Time: 9-4. Guided tours of the church's Tiffany windows, 100 antique dealers. Admission: \$3.50. Phone: (203) 929-7312

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April 2002

April 7

Sleeping Giant Park Association 4/7/2002 1:30 PM - The Sleeping Giant Park Association has scheduled a hike on the Sleeping Giant Mountain to various sites that reflect its colorful history. The hike is free and open to the public. Meet at the bulletin board at the entrance to the park at 1:30pm. The hike should last about three hours. Meet at the kiosk. Wear comfortable, supportive shoes.

Bring snacks and water, if you like. No pets, please! Free. Sleeping Giant State Park 200 Mt. Carmel Ave. Hamden CT 203-272-7841 www.sgpa.org

April 14

Julia's Run for Children 4/14/2002 09:30 AM -

Julia's Run for Children includes a 4 mile race and 7/10 mile Children's fun run. The event is held in memory of Julia Rusinek, who was a rising senior at Yale University at the time of her death in July 1999. It celebrates her life by combing Julia's passion for running with her commitmet to making a difference in the lives of children. The race benefits LEAP. Pre-registration fee \$12 for thr 4 mile, \$3 for the Fun Run/Raceday \$15 for the 4 mile, \$5 for the Fun Run. Yale University's Cross Campus CT 516-487-9502 users.systemec.com/juliarun

April 20

New Haven Harbor Earth Day Cleanup 4/20/2002 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Join forces with thousands of other Connecticut citizens in a coordinated Earth Day effort to clean up the many waterways around the state. The Peabody will focus efforts on New Haven Harbor. Meet at the Museum for a ride out to the cleanup site, where there will also be educational displays, entertainment, and food. Free. Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History 170 Whitney Ave. New Haven CT 203-432-5050 <http://www.peabody.yale.edu>

April 20

Sights & Sounds of Spring 4/20/2002 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

We will explore meadow, hill and pond as we look and listen for the return of migratory birds, awakening frogs and the emergence of woodland Spring wildflowers. This is a great time to start or bring a nature journal. Binoculars and field guides available. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Severe weather cancels. Free. Kellogg Environmental Center 500 Hawthorne Ave. Derby CT 06418 203-734-2513 <http://dep.state.ct.us/educ/kellogg.htm#>

April 27

Powder House Day 4/27/2002 11:00 AM - The Second Company Governor's Foot Guard will celebrate the 227th Anniversary of 'Powder House Day' re-enacting the Command's historic action in April 1775. The Second Company is one of the first uniformed militia units in the colonies, formed by patriots led by Captain Benedict Arnold. When word of the British Attack on Lexington, Massachusetts reached New Haven, the Second Foot, under the command of the fiery young Captain Arnold, marched to the town hall and demanded the keys to the powder house from selectmen. The Command obtained the gunpowder and marched to the aid of their fellow patriots in Massachusetts. 'Powder House Day' commemorates the very brave commitment to the foundations of freedom and liberty in this great Nation by colonial New Haven residents. Free. New Haven Green Bordered by College, Chapel, Church and Elm Sts. New Haven CT 203-562-6593 <http://www.footguard.org>

April 28

Sleeping Giant Park Association 4/28/2002 1:30 PM - The Sleeping Giant Park Association has scheduled a Wildflower Hike for the public. Hike along with us and enjoy the great variety of spring blooms in the park. The hike is free and open to the public. Meet at the bulletin board at the entrance to the park at 1:30pm. The hike should last about three hours. Meet at the kiosk. Wear comfortable, supportive shoes. Bring snacks and water, if you like. No pets, please! Free. Sleeping Giant State Park 200 Mt. Carmel Ave. Hamden CT 203-272-7841 www.sgpa.org

April 27-28

Meriden's Largest and most colorful festival the "[Meriden Daffodil Festival](#)" will be held on Saturday April 27 and Sunday April 28, 2002.

March 2002

March 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, 29-31 Farmington

Evening Sleigh Ride & Dinner, Departs at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy a spirited and invigorating evening sleigh ride over meadows and through a forest then board a mini-bus for a short ride to a 1600s mill for a enjoyable dinner. Admission: \$64.95 includes bus, sleigh ride, dinner. Phone: (860) 677-8867 URL: <http://www.charteroaktree.com>

March 3 Essex

Winter Hike (Turtle Creek) Time: 1 p.m. Observe the beauty of winter with an outdoor adventure. Wear appropriate clothes and footwear. Admission: Free. Phone: (860) 767-8269 URL: <http://www.ctrivermuseum.org>

March 1-31

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March 9-10, 23-24 Norwalk

Winter Creature Cruises -- The Maritime Center at Norwalk 10 N. Water St. Time: Call for schedule. Encounter seals in Long Island Sound and learn about these creatures of the sea. Dress warmly and bring binoculars. Admission: \$17.50. Phone: (203) 852-0700 URL: <http://www.maritimeaquarium.org>

17 Windsor Locks

Open Cockpit Sunday. [New England Air Museum](#), Rte. 75 "Over a dozen aircraft open, climb in and play pilot. Helicopters, modern jets, airliners and WWII aircraft. Aviation films run all day. Wear soft soled shoes." 10-5. "General

admission \$7.75, seniors \$6.25, children (6-11) \$3.75, 5 and under free." (860) 623-3305

March 23 Ansonia

Raptors For Real 3/23/2002 2:00 PM - Hope Douglas from Wind Over Wings will showcase birds of prey. Her Ravens, Hawks, Owls and Eagles will be guests of the Nature Center as we hear their life stories and learn about their natural histories. Free. Registration Required. Ansonia Nature and Recreation Center 10 Deerfield Rd. Ansonia CT 06401 203-736-1053 <http://electronicvalley.org>

March 30 Somersville

11th Scantic Spring Splash Spectator viewing South Maple St. bridge Scantic River Time: Race begins 11:30 a.m. Canoe and kayak race. Refreshments at Powder Mill Barn. Admission: Free. Phone: (860) 745-9986

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2 Windsor

5th Annual Northwest Park at Night. 145 Lang Rd. , Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing on the trails lit up by luminaries, planetarium show, maple sugar house, bonfire. 6-9 p.m. \$1, ski and snowshoe rentals \$5. (860) 285-1886

2, 9, 16, 23 Madison

14th Annual Eagle Watches on the Connecticut River. Meet at the Audubon Shop, 871 Boston Post Rd. Each winter the bald eagle make their way down the Connecticut River from Canada in search of ice-free fishing, bring binoculars. Land-based guided tour of several sites along the River. Soup and sandwich luncheon in tavern. 8:30-1 p.m. \$18 (includes lunch). (203) 245-9056

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10 Bridgeport

Chinese New Year's Celebration. Beardsley Zoo, 1875 Noble Ave. Year 2002 is the Chinese year of the Horse, the Zoo celebrates with a salute to the Carousel horses with crafts and stories. Park open 9-4, celebration 12-3. Adults \$6, seniors and children (3-11) \$4, under 3 free. (203) 394-6565

10 Danbury

Wild Winter Warm Up. Colorado Brewery, 6 Delay St. A winter celebration with the annual "Stew-Off" competition, children's activities, music and entertainment. 2-6. (203) 797-4511

15 Chester

Winter Carnival Ice Carving Competition. Town Center, Main St. Outdoor ice carving competition and special shop events. 10-5. Free. (860) 526-3999

16-24 Mystic

Kids' Liberty Days. Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Ave. Every sailor was entitled to a vacation, or a "liberty" in sailors' language, a time when they were relieved from duty and were off to explore their port of call. The Seaport welcomes those on holiday, those in search of fun and adventure. Admission is reduced for all. 10-4. Admission is reduced for all. (860) 572-5315, (888) 9-SEAPORT

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18-22 Old Lyme Winder Wonderment: A Family Festival. Florence Griswold Museum, 96 Lyme St. Drop-in programs and special events that offer fun and educational activities. Admission discounts. 10-5. Adults \$5, children free. (860) 434-5542

20 New Britain

Winterfest. Stanley Quarter Park, Stanley St. "Ice skating, live animals, food, hay rides, bon fire, music." 11-3. Free. (860) 826-3360

21-24 Hartford

21st Annual Connecticut Flower & Garden Show. Connecticut Expo Center, Exquisite gardens created by the area's finest landscape designers. Floral and horticultural masterpieces, gardening products and services; 200 exhibitors displaying fresh flowers, plants and herbs. Thurs. 12-9, Fri. & Sat. 10-9, Sun. 10-5. Adults \$10, children (7-12) \$3.50, 6 (and under) free. (860) 529-2123

25 Greenwich

Reenactment of General Israel Putnam's Historic Ride. Putnam Cottage, 234 East Putnam Ave. In honor of Putnam's ride through Greenwich to meet reinforcements from Stamford and repel the advancing British soldiers. 1-3. Free. (203) 869-9697

January 2002

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Jan 19-Mar. 9 Essex

6th Annual Winter Eagle Watch Cruises. Steamboat Dock, Foot of Main St. Two and one-half hour Connecticut River cruise to view bald eagles with a Connecticut Audubon Society naturalist on board. Sat. 10:30-1. Adults \$30, seniors \$28, children \$15. (860) 526-4954

Jan 20 East Hartford

10th Annual Officer Brian Aselton Memorial Snow Dash. East Hartford Golf Course Clubhouse, 130 Long Hill St. 3.05 mile road race. 1:30 p.m. Free. (860) 528-1458

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