

HMCA ACTIVITIES UPDATE for HPC MAY 8, 2023 MEETING  
COVERING PERIOD MARCH 14, 2023 - MAY 7, 2023

.Hogback Day for the Marlboro School will occur May 19, rain date May 26.

.HMCA is pleased to announce that it has recently elected three new board members, all of whom bring special talents to the board: Laurel Copeland, Bob Milliken, and Lou Tognan.

.Scheduled Events:

Bird Banding by Eric Slayton has begun and will run through May and possibly June

Vernal Pool Exploration May 13 by Kevin Tolan of Vt Center for Ecostudies, cosponsored by Vermont Land Trust and HMCA

Spring Migration Walk- Annual Tribute to Bob Engel May 21

Wildflowers and Medicinal Plants June 10

.Events Under Discussion

Tree Walk

Family Meet-Ups

Pastel Class

.Discussion with Ed Metcalfe/Vermont Distillers re content and location their new kiosk. Bob and Nancy met with Ed on April 16. Possible location of the kiosk is just behind the lined parking spaces to the east of the distillery. Ideas for the display – trail map, info on the Museum, Country Store and trails. Space may be tight so wording will need to be concise. This segued into discussion of other possible signage – directional sign to HMCA kiosk, sign in north side parking area near RT 9 pointing to trails. Bob offered to draft signage sketches for review. Ed would like to avoid hikers passing across the lawn and between the distillery and new storage shed. A possible alternate route was reviewed, dropping down below the lawn at an angle on the sloped area. The HMCA board hasn't had a chance to review this info, and welcomes ideas and site visits from interested HPC members.

The board is aware that annual trail maintenance and review of previously identified invasive plant locations is due, but no dates have been set.

The next HMCA Board Meeting will be July 17, 2023.

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