

Dionondehowa Wildlife Sanctuary & School Calendar of Events 2018

- March 20 *Restorative Art Workshop* Spirits Raising Spirits 1pm
- April 15 *Union College Workday*
- May 12 *Geoffrey's Celebration* (page 1)
- May 20 *Bird Walk* sprinkle or shine, with bird enthusiast Nat Parke 9am - Noon donation
- June 7 *Hunting: Issues and Concerns* with DEC Officer Matt Krug 7pm (page 8)
- June 9 *Creek Restoration Project* with David Hunt 9am - 4pm volunteers needed (page 7)
- June 23 *Solstice Celebration and Geoengineering Workshop* 1 - 4pm (page 6)
- July 8 *Taconic Music NextGen Concert* in The Muse Room 3pm \$15 joint fundraiser
- August 18 *Battenkill Backwater* with David Hunt 1 - 4pm \$25 (page 7)
- Sept 22 *Annual singing of The Rift* Bonnie's AHHHHpera about the 1692 Salem Witch Trials 1 - 4pm

To join any of these workshops and programs please register at 518.854.7764



Restorative Art Project

After so much violence and penetration... how does She-Opens-The-Door-For-Them recover and prosper again? Through the joyful enterprise of getting together with others and imagining that inspiration can guide our brushes, infusing the colors with gentle whimsy, paintings to then be placed in the woods on willing trees as offerings to restore delight and deep beauty from a long spell of overwhelming human violence.

Dionondehowa has been intruded upon as profoundly as any human who has felt the penetration of presumption and bloodlust. Some may remember the *Take Back The Night* movement of the 1970s. Now, our work and play through Restorative Art, although similar in its purpose, might better be called *Making Space for the Shimmering Soulful Joy of Delight*.

Some have wondered about how this artwork will be protected from the elements. We are embracing the idea of "sandpaintings" which means, much like Tibetan Prayer Flags, they will rustle in the wind until their work is finished. Then... we will lovingly collect them, with gratitude to their time-released essence and, of course, to the trees as willing participants.

We are also planning a *Restorative Sound* practice when we'll walk the land with gentle tones, drums and rattles to soothe the spirits *and ourselves*. If this calls to you and you'd like to join us, please let us know at 518.854.7764.