

Monthly Newsletter

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**Kayaking with Friends of Pachaug Forest!**

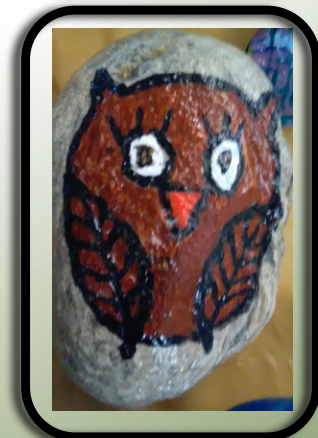
On June 30th and July 13th two adventurous groups of Friends braved the waters of our own Pachaug and Hopeville Pond. Eleven people showed up for a lesson given by member Bob Raufeisen at Hopeville. For the Moonlight Paddle, there were 22 boats 26 people plus spectators. The weather fared well for both occasions.



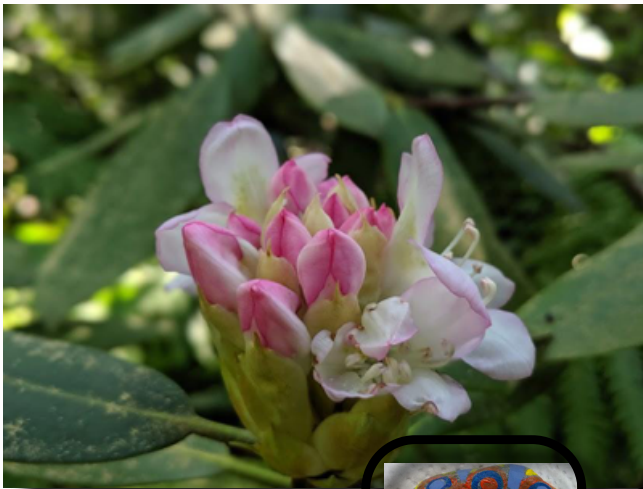
*June 30 @ Hopeville Pond Stae Park*



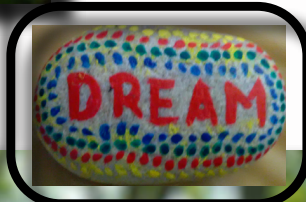
*July 13 @ Pachaug Pond*



On July 14, board member Allison Joslyn led a walk on the Rhododendron trail to view the flowering shrubs. The Rhododendron is a Native to the Eastern Forest, and when you enter this trail, you are struck by the ancient feeling of the place with all of the twisty and overhanging branches. This time of year, it is in full bloom. The Rhododendron is the largest genus in the Ericaceae family that



*where did these stones come from? See how many more you can find!*



Trail clean up is on going! We are in the woods every day trimming back vegetation, and cutting up trees on trails, if anybody sees a problem on any of our trails, please reach out to FOPF: We are here to help Pachaug Forest!



## New Maps!

While hiking biking and exploring in the forest, keep your eyes to the skies and don't stand around and especially under dead trees. Trees have been dying off due to the gypsy moth infestations and current drought, so be aware of your surroundings.



*Old bridge work being removed by members near Hazard Pond*



## New Signage!

# Growing Season

Painting things always puts me into my happy place! While my garden began to bear fruit, I found time to join a group of crafters at the Griswold Senior Center on July 18th to paint rocks for our

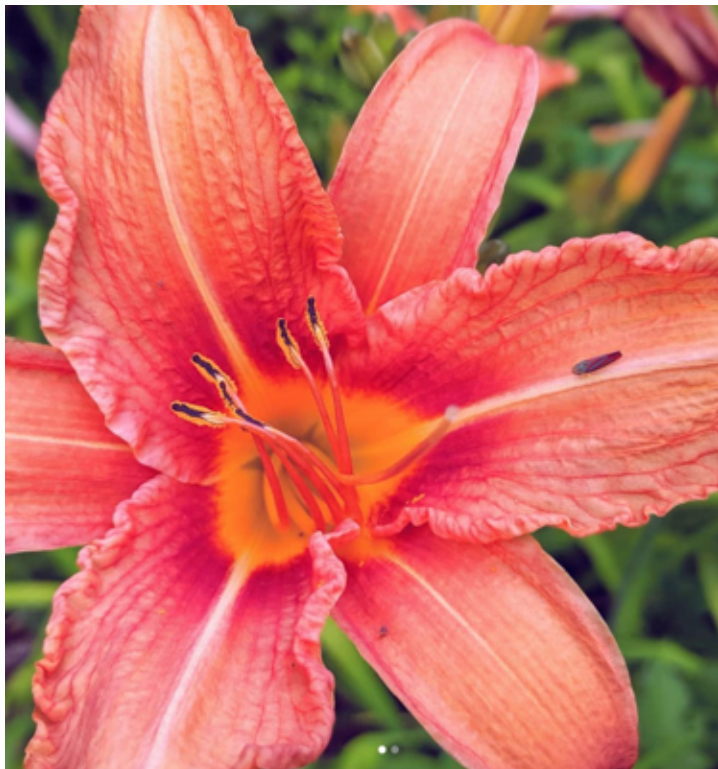


Scavenger Hunt on September 7th. We sure had a great group of artists that day! On the weekend the area experienced the hottest two days of the year. On days like



that moisture from the earth gets evaporated easily and any watering we do should not be in the middle of the day, lest

most of it escape to the air and water droplets on leaves serve as tiny magnifying glasses. Water before 10am,



and after 3 or 4 depending on how hot it is. Of course it has cooled down, but it is still a good idea to stay on that kind of watering schedule through August. Enjoy your garden, or a long awaited vacation!



Clean-ups continue!

Adopt a road!  
Contact Sharon @ Viadella.L@att.net

SPORT  
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## CCC News

On June 28th our two most senior CCC men got a citation from the state for their service presented by Senator Heather Somers. On the right is Mike Caruso, age 96, and below is Harold Oehler, age 101



**A CCC Memorial Statue is coming to a State Forest near you!**

**Please save this date:**

**September 21st** at noon for a gathering to unveil and dedicate the second statue in Connecticut for Camp Lonegren in Pachaug State Forest. **This is a free event.** Let's fill the park!



# Upcoming Programs for August–October 2019

## August

◆ 17 - Moonlight Paddle\*\*: 7:30 pm, Beach Pond, North Shore Boat Launch. Open to members and non-members aged +10. Join us as we enjoy paddling Beach Pond under the light of the Full Sturgeon Moon. Bring your kayak or canoe, headlamp/flashlight, bug repellent, and snacks. Evening paddlers are required to have a white light flashlight onboard. To register or for more information, contact Sue at: [susan.fopf@outlook.com](mailto:susan.fopf@outlook.com). Suggested \$5 donation for Non-Members

## September

- ◆ 7 - Scavenger Hunt: 10:30am-1:30pm, Location TBA. Join FoPF for a scavenger hunt led by two of our youngest members! Cold water will be provided. Wear your bug repellent!
- ◆ 14 - 2nd Annual Member's Picnic/3rd Quarterly meeting: 12 noon, Hopeville Pond Pavillion, Rte 201 Griswold. Food, Fun & Games and Live Music! If you have a favorite dish you would like to share, please feel free to bring it along! We would like to invite your friends or neighbors who would like to become members on the day of our picnic to please join us. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating with you! Please RSVP to [susan.fopf@outlook.com](mailto:susan.fopf@outlook.com)
- ◆ 21 - Unveiling and Dedication of CCC Memorial Statue: Noon @ Lonegren Camp, Pachaug State Forest. At this long-awaited installation, we will be joined by other interested groups. Please watch this space for more information next month!

## October

- ◆ 5 - Kayak Excursion\*\*: 10 am, Wood River Management Area, Exeter RI, Rte 165 (dependent on water level). The Upper Wood River offers the most impressive natural experience of any river in RI. For almost four miles you will enjoy the serenity of the forest before it snakes through wetlands, winding continuously. Bring bug repellent and snacks. Free for members. Suggested \$5 donation for non\_members. To register, contact Sue at [susan.fopf@outlook.com](mailto:susan.fopf@outlook.com).
- ◆ 6 - Plein Aire Painting at Heron Marsh: 9 am - 12 Noon. Join us as we revisit our old watering hole from the Summer and see if we can capture the colors of Autumn! Suggested \$10 donation for Non-Members. RSVP to [lauren.b.churchill@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.b.churchill@gmail.com) and for more information
- ◆ 13 Walktober- Mt. Misery Hike: 10am - 1pm. Look for Smokey the Bear at the park entrance, and then follow signs to Chapman Field. Join retired US National Park Service Rangers Bob and Jen Panko and Plant Ecologist Rebecca Panko on a fall hike up Mt. Misery. The leaders will identify a variety of trees, shrubs and other plants along the way as well as discuss habitats and current/future changes due to both natural and human influences. 2.5 miles, moderately difficult.

*\*\*It is mandatory all participants wear an approved Life Vest. Life Vests must be Type I, II, III, V or V- Hybrid. Attach a whistle to your life jacket The sound of a whistle will travel farther than your voice and attract attention. Connecticut and federal laws require a sound producing device onboard at all times.*

Programs are free to members and non-members unless otherwise noted. Donations are encouraged. More Details @<http://www.friendsofpachaugforest.org>

