Vermont Botanical and Bird Club  125th Annual Meeting  August 22, 2020

Part 1: Botanical Foray to Pelot's Natural Area  10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Part 2: Social Gathering, Picnic Supper, Evening Program - Camp Ingalls 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM

We are looking forward to hosting with the Hardy Plant Club a day of activities on North Hero Island, Vermont. The day will begin with a botanical foray to Pelot's Natural Area. The trip will be led by Aaron Marcus and one or more other leaders including Everett Marshall, Arthur Gilman and/or Peter Hope depending on how many people sign up. We will keep group sizes to 10 people (including the leader) to best be able to maintain social distancing and other Vermont Department of Health guidelines as we navigate this new world.

Part 1: Pelot's Natural Area, North Hero, Vermont. 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

There's so much to see in a small area! We will see the diverse flora found on a calcareous knob, some beautiful lakeside floodplain forest with a number of rare plants, a draw-down lake sand beach, and an enchanting little marsh and buttonwood swamp that wouldn't be hard to explore if you are prepared for your feet to get a little wet. If you want to keep your feet dry, you can see almost everything from the edge.

Difficulty: It's easy, as in pretty flat with a trail system that includes a little "knob climbing" and wetland edge slogging. The parking lot is at 160ft elevation, and we'll descend to the lake around 96ft elevation, maybe traveling a total of 1km there and back. The 3 little hills are only 30 or 40 ft tall and it's optional if we want to climb them or skirt between them. Aaron advises we may not all be able to stay on the trail with COVID social distancing and they may suggest we spread out off trail so everyone can see and hear them. It will be relatively easy bushwhacking since the vegetation isn’t that thick, but more risk of ticks.

The botanical foray at Pelot's Natural Area is co-sponsored with the Hardy Plant Club. Vermont Botanical and Bird Club members, please contact Kate Kruesi at kkruesi@gmail.com and ask for a link to sign up for the botanical foray. There is no charge for this part of the day.

Part 2: Camp Ingalls at 769 South End Road, North Hero, Vermont. 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM

After the botanical foray, we will have a social gathering at 4:00 PM at Camp Ingalls at 769 South End Road, North Hero (managed by North Hero Recreation Committee and adjacent to Butternut Hill Preserve which we visited in 2018) followed by a catered picnic supper at 5:00 PM and an early evening of activities, which will include a short business meeting, a presentation by Arthur Gilman on Phegopteris excelsior and wind up with a slides by members show.

To sign up for the Camp Ingalls Social Gathering, the Picnic Supper and the Evening Program, please print and fill out the registration form on page 2 of this notice.

Questions - contact Deborah Benjamin at dbenjamin@myfairpoint.net (or 802-635-7794 or 959 Warren Road, Eden, Vermont 05652). There is a fee of $20.00 for attending this part of the day.

Some people want to stay over Saturday evening and do some birding and botanizing on Sunday, August 23. People are encouraged to make their own reservations for overnight at a place of their choosing. Recommended are: Grand Isle State Park, South Hero; Shore Acres Inn and Restaurant, North Hero.
Vermont Botanical and Bird Club 125th Annual Meeting      Registration Form

Saturday, August 22, 2020 at Camp Ingalls, 769 South Road, North Hero.  4:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Social Gathering, Picnic Supper, Evening Program

Name(s) _____________________________________   Email Address:_______________________

Address ______________________________________ Phone Number:______________________

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4:00 PM – Social Gathering at Camp Ingalls, 769 South End Road, North Hero, Vermont

5:00 PM – Picnic Supper - Picnic Supper catered by Denise Boutin of My Kids Kitchen (of 2018
meeting fame) of Grand Isle

Choose one type of sandwich:

   Chicken Salad on a Croissant
   Turkey, lettuce, tomato with pesto mayo on multi grain bread
   Veggie Wrap
      (hummus, lettuce, red pepper relish, cucumber, and carrots)
   Veggie Wrap on Gluten free bread
      (hummus, lettuce, red pepper relish, cucumber, and carrots)

Choose one Salad:

   Orzo Salad
   Black Bean Couscous Salad

Choose type of Brownie:

   Regular Brownie
   Gluten Free Brownie

6:00 – Evening Programs begin

Please fill out this form and send it with your payment of $20.00 per person to Treasurer
Thank you if you have already paid your 2020 dues. If not, please also send $10.00 individual dues
payment (or $12.00 per family.)