



## White Mountains Interpretive Association

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### Winter Newsletter, 2013

The White Mountains Interpretive Association (WMIA) exists to encourage visitors to understand and appreciate our forest resources. The WMIA was the 2006 recipient of the National Association for Interpretation's "Excellence in Interpretive Support" Award.

#### Board of Directors

Ken Rancourt—President  
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and Partnership Coordinator, WMNF

*Board meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month.*

Many trails in the WMNF are still closed due to damage from Hurricane Irene. If you are planning a hike, be sure to check out the trail status and condition at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/whitemountain/home>



#### Board Members Needed

Due to recent retirements, there are several openings on the Board of Directors and we are seeking members to share ideas for activities and help out at one meeting per month. Email or call if you are interested 603-452-5148.



#### Restoration Work at the Brickett Place Completed

##### Timeline installed by WMIA



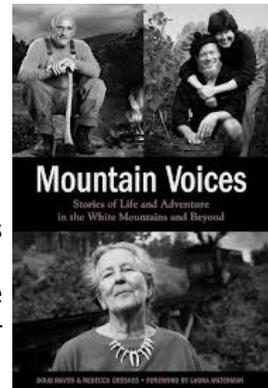
From the fall of 2009 to the fall of 2011 the White Mountain National Forest worked with the Historic Preservation Training Center, a division of the National Park Service, to stabilize and rehabilitate the Brickett Place. On May 19, 2012, the WMIA Board members along with other volunteers and members, worked on the house, cleaning,

scraping, sweeping, and erecting a new sign to welcome visitors to the restored Brickett Place. The historic timeline, provided by the WMIA and complete with photographs and details, was re-installed in the front room of the house. The Brickett Place is a great stop for hikers and history buffs, and is staffed weekends by volunteers. Email us if you are interested in volunteering.



## New Book Brings Stories of the White Mountains

Two local authors, Doug Mayer and Rebecca Oreskes, recently published a new book, Mountain Voices: Stories of Life and Adventure in the White Mountains and Beyond. Mountain Voices is a collection of 15 profiles that capture the stories and spirit of the people who choose to live in New Hampshire's craggy, remote North Country. Over nearly two decades, authors Mayer and Oreskes interviewed extraordinary people whose lives are intricately linked to the history of the White Mountains. With humor, wit and unforgettable personal style, these trailblazing pioneers describe the foundation they laid for today's outdoor adventurers.



In their own words, Brad and Barbara Washburn enumerate their groundbreaking mountaineering exploits, and Rick Wilcox discusses search and rescue efforts. Woodsmen like Ben English tell of their work on hiking trails, and George Hamilton recounts his career in Appalachian Mountain Club's high huts. White Mountain icons such as boot maker Karl Limmer and Ellen Teague of the Mount Washington Cog Railway offer accounts of their esteemed careers in the mountains. Guy and Laura Waterman detail the development of their backwoods ethics philosophy. As an extra bonus, historical photographs accompany each interview.

*Courtesy of The Conway Daily Sun*



### Members Only Field Trip to CCC Camp

On May 19th, WMIA members gathered at the Brickett Place in Stow, ME to spend a beautiful spring afternoon exploring the remains of a CCC Camp in the meadow and along the river across from the historic house. Board member Bob Smith lead the group, sharing stories and pointing out details and artifacts.



### ***Many Thanks to our dedicated Volunteers***

Dick Feeny is a volunteer who helps out at the Brickett Place on Rt. 113 in Stow, ME. Living in South Portland, ME, Dick drives up on one of the weekend days during the spring, summer and fall, a distance of almost 80 miles one way. Dick has been doing this faithfully for four or five seasons and only in the recent past has he received mileage compensation for making the trip. His duties include providing information to hikers, motorists and other National Forest visitors, keeping the facility safe and clean and doing historic interpretation, amongst other things. Dick just retired as a County Commissioner for Cumberland County and in the past camped with his family at Cold River Campground for many years. Thank you!

*From Bob Smith*

### **New Display at Saco Ranger Station**

The WMIA funded a new display of rocks and minerals commonly found in the White Mountains. Located at the Saco Ranger Station, the display includes tools used in mining the minerals and sample rocks and crystals that visitors can handle. The display was created by Forest Service employee Alicia Pasquerillo.





**Hike Safe!**

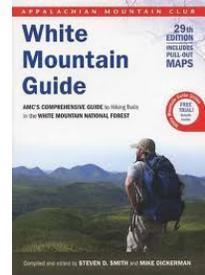
**The Hiker Responsibility Code** is a set of principles that all hikers can look to before they hit the trail. The Hiker Responsibility Code was created to help hikers become more self-aware about their responsibility for their own safety every time they are on a hike. It also acknowledges the inherent danger of hiking in the backcountry and encourages hikers to be better prepared every time they are on the trail.

The **Hike Safe Program** is a joint effort between the White Mountain National Forest and New Hampshire Fish & Game Department and provides suggestions to hikers on how they can be better prepared before beginning a hike. These tips include a gear list, wildlife fact and fiction, what to do if lost, dealing with terrain and hiking injuries, kids essentials, and much more. For more information, go to: <http://www.hikesafe.com/>



***New Items for Sale!***

White Mountain Guide, 29th: AMC's Comprehensive Guide to Hiking Trails in the White Mountain National Forest (Appalachian Mountain Club White Mountain Guide) by Steven D. Smith and Mike Dickerman (Apr 17, 2012)



T-shirts, including new glow-in-the dark firefly t-shirts for children, hats, fleece vests and children's toys are also available.

New trail maps for all parts of the White Mountains are also available and with your membership card you will receive a discount.

*All members receive a **15% discount** on items at the WMIA shops. All proceeds go towards our educational and interpretive programs throughout the WMNF.*



**By the Numbers...**

**584** - attendees of Summer Programs at the Russell-Colbath Barn, summer 2012

**5,455** - Visitors to the Russell-Colbath Historic Site, summer 2012 (open only 3 days per week)

**1,108** — Weekend Visitors to the Brickett Place, summer 2012

**Membership**

The WMIA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that promotes and funds historic, educational and scientific programs on the White Mountain National Forest. The WMIA is supported by membership dues, donations, and sales at ranger stations. All contributions are tax deductible.

Already a member? Please pass this newsletter along to a friend or neighbor who may be interested in joining.

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(Please include email address to receive newsletters and calendars.)

Membership level:  
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Guardian.....\$50.00 [ ]

Believer.....\$100.00 [ ]

Enhancer.....\$150.00 [ ]