



Preserving history and nature at Valley Falls

***The Friends of Valley Falls invite you to the
Grand Opening of its New Heritage Center!***

345 Valley Falls Road

Saturday June 10, 2023 1 – 4 pm

***Limited parking in the lot at the Red Barn; otherwise park
at Valley Falls Park and walk up the hillside path to the Farm***

- ❖ **Tour the historic stable, dairy barn, root cellar and three additional unique buildings, located on eight scenic acres. Check out the exhibited items that were left in the buildings or were used on the site during the 1900s.**

- ❖ **Explore the history of the Farm, its former families, and how they once lived, worked and played at Valley Falls. Twenty-three interpretive panels tell about this unique property and former gentleman's farm.**

***Here's what museum consultant Richard Malley says of the iconic white stable,
with its beaded wainscoting, iron hay racks and original tack room:***

"I have never seen such an elaborate farm building!"

Admission is free; come visit the most scenic spot in Vernon!

***The Friends of Valley Falls, Inc., founded in 1972, is a non-profit organization
dedicated to preserving history and nature***



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2023 Calendar of Events

Bird Walk with Denise Animani, Saturday, May 13 from 8-10 am. Meet at the Pavilion at Valley Falls Park, 300 Valley Falls Road, Vernon. This leisurely walk often reveals up to 40 bird species and hopefully an encounter with our resident Blue Heron. Bring binoculars and bird identification apps; admission is free.

Spring Wildflower Walk, Saturday, 10 am May 27 (rain date May 28). Meet at the Pavilion at Valley Falls Park, 300 Valley Falls Road, Vernon. We will identify a variety of spring wildflowers found in the Park. Attendees welcome to bring identification apps; admission is free.

Tree Walk with Nicholas Cranmer, Saturday, June 3 at 10 am. Meet at the Pavilion at Valley Falls Park, 300 Valley Falls Road, Vernon. Nicholas, a Master of Science student at UCONN, Natural Resources and the Environment, will identify and talk about the variety of trees in the Park. Admission is free.

New Heritage Center Opens at Valley Falls Farm: Grand Opening of the new Heritage Center, Saturday, June 10, from 1-4 pm. Located at 345 Valley Falls Road, Vernon, the Heritage Center is part of a seven-acre farm that is often called the most scenic spot in town. Tour the historic stable, dairy barn, root cellar and three additional unique buildings. Most items on display are original to the property. Interpretive information panels, tools and household items tell the story of the farm, its former owners and the Valley Falls area. Admission is free; donations welcome. Park in the lot where the Red Barn is located, or at Valley Falls Park and walk the short path to the Farm.

Valley Falls Heritage Center Summer Hours: Heritage Center will be open 1-4 pm June 18 and 25, and every Sunday in July and August. In September, Sunday hours are 1-4 pm Sept. 10 during Artists Day and Sept. 24 during the Annual Meeting.

Artists Day: The Friends of Valley Falls will hold its popular Artists Day from 12-4 pm on Sunday, September 10 at Valley Falls Park, 345 Valley Falls Road, Vernon. Local artists will select various vistas on the scenic seven-acre farm and paint outdoors in the "Plein Air" method. Enjoy a day at the Farm, watching the artists at work, asking them questions, or bring a picnic lunch and enjoy what is often called the most scenic spot in Vernon. Visitors can also tour the Heritage Center.

For those events held at the Farm, there is limited parking in the lot where the Red Barn is located. Parking is always available at Valley Falls Park and walking the short path to the Barn. Founded in 1972, the Friends of Valley Falls, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving history and nature. For additional events, please visit www.friendsofvalleyfalls.org or our Facebook page: The Friends of Valley Falls, Inc Vernon CT