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Benefits of Lowell's Urban Environment

A Series of activities funded by the Theodore Edson Parker Foundation

The Brush Art Gallery and Studios presents: "Benefits of Lowell's Urban Environment" is a series of activities designed to bring awareness of the urban environment to our community. The series will run from August 2019 to April 2020 and will include partnerships with Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust, Lowell Cemetery, Lowell National Historical Park, and Lowell High School. Funded by the Theodore Edson Parker Foundation, the series will also include an educational exhibition in March 2020 and an Arbor Day poster contest featuring artists from Lowell High School.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES:

(Check www.thebrush.org for additions not yet scheduled)

Concord River Greenway Walk

Tour a beautiful part of Lowell. A photographer will be present to document the event. A plein air painting class will also meet at Wamesit Falls overlook located along the walk. (In collaboration with Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust). National Trails Day, **Park inside Lawrence Street Entrance of Lowell Cemetery. Rain or Shine. Sept. 28, 9:30 AM.** Duration: 1.5 hours. Plein air class duration: 2 hours.

Bird Watching at Lowell Cemetery

Search out and identify local species of birds. A photographer will be present to document the event. (In collaboration with Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust and Lowell Cemetery). **Park inside Lawrence Street Entrance. Rain or Shine. Oct 6, 2019 at 8:00 AM.** Duration: 1.5 hours

Animal Tracking Walk

Explore traces of wild life. A photographer will be present to document the event. Saturday, February 22 at 9:00 AM. **Dress Warm!** (In collaboration with Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust)

Location: Hawk Valley Farm in Pawtucketville. RSVP info@LowellLandTrust.org Duration: 1.5 hours

Arbor Day Poster Contest

In addition to public entries, Lowell High School will participate in this contest. The Brush Art Gallery and Studios will coordinate jurors, supply materials, select winners, and award prizes. The best results will be exhibited in a March 2020 exhibit at the Brush. This contest will take place in February and March in order to promote Arbor Day in April. More to come...

Educational Exhibit

Including photo documentation and artist interpretations of the previous activities, a "Call for Entries" will be circulated for artist submissions on the subject of trees and rivers, and greenspaces in Lowell. This exhibit is planned for March 2020 at the Brush. More to come...

The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is located in the Lowell National Historical Park across the courtyard from the Visitor Center. This dynamic and captivating place was originally founded by the Lowell Historic Preservation Commission, U.S. Department of the Interior. The Brush presents museum quality exhibitions, educational programs, and has collaborated with many other nonprofit groups. Artists occupy studio spaces to interact with and educate the public on a weekly basis. Studio artists produce paintings, illustration, photography, jewelry, sculpture, ceramics, quilts, and handwoven items. Associate artists display work in the common area. The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization. **The Brush is supported by the Lowell National Historical Park and Eastern National, a partner of the National Park Service.**