



# Restoration Report

May 2009



View of the Young Studio, Weir Studio, and Weir House.

## Systems Rehabilitation

From January through July 2009, new systems for electric, plumbing, heating, fire detection, and fire suppression will be installed in the Weir House, Weir Studio, and Young Studio. This is the first step in a comprehensive project to restore the buildings inside and out. Once the structural and architectural work is complete in 2011, many original objects will be returned to the house and studios.

## Artist-in-Residence Studio

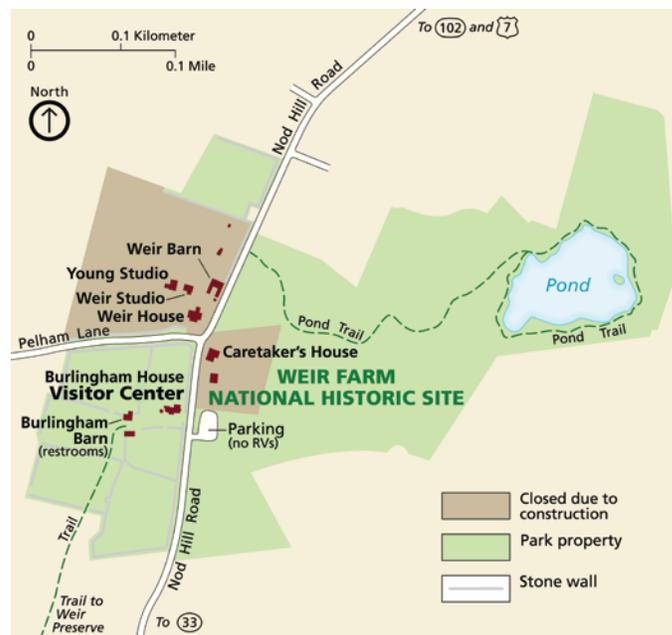


Rendering of new artist-in-residence studio.

Construction has begun on the new artist-in-residence studio. The studio project is a combination of rehabilitation and new construction. The design, by Faesy-Smith Architects, is based on the original outbuilding that once stood there. The studio is one of 76 Centennial Projects awarded to celebrate the National Park Service's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2016. The Weir Farm Art Center and a grant from Save America's Treasures provided additional funding.

## Visitor Experience

The grounds around the Weir House, Weir Studio, Young Studio, and Caretaker's House will be closed to visitors January through July 2009 due to unsafe ground conditions. Consequently, the house and studios will not be available on tour. However, you can still learn the history of the farm by accompanying a park ranger on a tour of the landscape. Another option is the Historic Painting Sites Trail Guide, which directs you to the exact spots where J. Alden Weir painted. You could also borrow some sketching supplies in the visitor center and enjoy an afternoon drawing the landscape *en plein air* as artists have for over 125 years.



	<b>Weir Farm National Historic Site</b>	<b>Visitor Center Hours</b> Wednesday through Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	<b>Mailing Address</b> Weir Farm NHS 735 Nod Hill Road Wilton, CT 06897	<b>Tour Schedule</b> <b>Tour of Weir Farm NHS:</b> Wednesday through Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Friday and Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
<b>Site Information</b> 203 834-1896 www.nps.gov/wefa		<b>Stone Wall Program:</b> Thursday and Saturday at 1:00 p.m.
The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.		The grounds are open daily from dawn to dusk. Admission and tours are offered to the public free of charge.