



Seasonal Volunteer Spotlight

Summer 2013

Pat

Meet Pat, summer 2013's featured Volunteer! Pat has been a volunteer, as she puts it, "since the beginning," and is one of the biggest supporters of the park and its artistic legacy. She is at the core, the embodiment of all the park represents: artist, gardener, community activist, critic, preservationist, and educator. Through the years Pat has been an enthusiastic and consistent volunteer in many areas, including the maintenance of the historic gardens, giving interpretive tours, recording and cataloging museum collections, assisting with events and workshops, teaching CPR and first aid to park staff and volunteers, and teaching art technique to visitors.



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To Pat her favorite role as a volunteer is being able to contribute to the artistic legacy and share with visitors all the wonders of the park-art, nature, and the history of the families who called this place home. "Being a volunteer at Weir Farm is such a privilege and always a learning and growing experience," she says. "The best reward for a docent is to stir such an interest and curiosity in the visitor that they remark 'I have to come back!'"

Pat is a talented artist herself, and her home and office are adorned with her favorite works. "I do a little bit of everything," she says of her artistic ventures, including Impressionist landscapes, sweet floral watercolors, and a few plein air paintings from her favorite place- Weir Farm!



Pat, hard at work outside the Burlingham House Visitor Center

Thanks, Pat for all you do! The impacts of your contributions and expertise over the years are unmatched, and the park is very grateful for your service, support, and friendship! To Learn more about the Seasonal Volunteer Spotlight visit www.nps.gov/wefa or use the QR code to the right!



Mountains in the Berkshires, by Pat Hegnauer