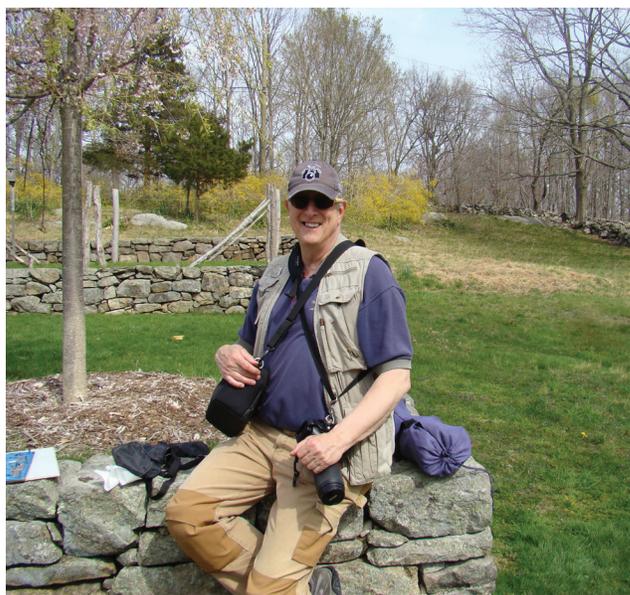




# Visitor of the Month

## *June 2012: Ron Westport, Connecticut*



June Visitor of the Month, Ron.

Meet June 2012's Visitor of the Month: photographer Ron Landis. Ron recently retired from a 40 year career as a business executive, and is now devoted to one of his life's greatest passions: photography! And, we are happy to say, often visits Weir Farm National Historic Site with camera in hand. Aside from capturing the beauty and mood of the property, Ron also enjoys chatting with the Park Rangers in the Visitor Center.

Since discovering the park in 2010, Ron has visited more than two dozen times, taking advantage of the "bountiful photo ops" with the intent of creating a portfolio that spans all seasons, light, and weather. He finds the environments of Weir Farm National Historic Site and the neighboring Weir Preserve to be target rich for fine art photography, and also finds inspiration in the fact that the park was once owned and painted by one of America's original Impressionists, J. Alden Weir.

Ron says that choosing his favorite National Park Service site is like asking "who is your favorite child?" - it can't be answered! Some of his favorites include Weir Farm National Historic Site (of course!), Glacier National Park, and Yellowstone National Park, which he has visited over 30 times! He enjoys fishing, and spent much of his youth camping, skiing, and canoeing in some of America's special places.

Ron is exhibiting his photographs of Weir Farm National Historic Site at a local art gallery this month. His photography exhibit, "Impressions of Weir Farm" will be on display at the River Road Gallery in Wilton beginning June 9, 2012 and is open to the public through June. He mixes his media using black and white photography, along with color and also infrared photography. "I want my photography to be a metaphor for the way I think, which is to notice... pause and reflect, imagine, and then create," says Ron.

Thanks, Ron for your support and love of Weir Farm National Historic Site, and for keeping the 130 year artistic tradition!

To view more of Ron's work, visit his website at <http://www.ronlandisphotography.com/gallery/index.html>



Weir Studio-Infrared by Ron Landis