



Visitors of the Month

January 2013 Rita and Xiomáro

Meet January's Visitors of the Month: Rita and Xiomáro, a couple from Roslyn Heights, New York. Rita and Xiomáro first visited the park in the summer of 2010. They thought it seemed like an interesting place- especially since Xiomáro is an artist, and it is the only national park dedicated to American painting. This cheerful and inspiring duo has been frequenting the park ever since.

Rita enjoys gardening, bird watching, hiking, and reading. Although her favorite place is Cape May, New Jersey during fall bird migration, she considers Weir Farm NHS one of her favorite places to visit. She loves to walk around Weir Pond and through the woods into the Weir Preserve, and enjoys sitting outside Weir's studio to watch the birds.



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Weir Studio 1 by Xiomáro

Xiomáro has been very involved in continuing the artistic tradition started by J. Alden Weir 130 years ago, especially since March of 2011, when he spent an entire month capturing the essence of the park through photography as an Artist-in-Residence. In 2012 he became the park's Visiting Artist, and he created a photographic record of the interiors of the Weir House, Weir Studio, and Young Studio prior to the completion of the four-phase restoration project now underway. Xiomáro continues to spread the word of Weir through exhibitions and outreach, featuring his stunning collection, titled "*Weir Was Here - Secret Rooms, Doors, and Windows.*" To see his photos or to learn more, visit www.xiomaro.com.

Whether they are visiting for a hike, photography, setting up an art exhibit, or just stopping in to say hi, their genuine love of the park and joyful attitudes are felt and appreciated by all! Thank you Rita and Xio for being such dedicated visitors and friends, and for all the work you do to promote the artistic legacy of Weir Farm NHS!!! To Learn more about the Visitors of the Month visit www.nps.gov/wefa or use the QR code to the right!

