

Strolls Along the Windsor Locks Canal

A collection of photographs captured by five local photographers
along the canal trail in the Windsor Locks Canal & State Park.

On Display at the Windsor Locks Public Library
October 18 – November 13, 2021

Exhibit Catalog

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A PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT
October 18 – November 13, 2021**

Sponsored by the **Windsor Locks Arts Council** and hosted by the **Windsor Locks Public Library**.

This exhibit is a collection of photographs captured by five local photographers along the canal trail in the Windsor Locks Canal & State Park. The collection is being presented as two strolls along the trail as seen through the lenses of the photographers.

Autumn Stroll is a collection of landscapes and birds in their autumn finery. This half of the exhibit runs October 18 – 30, 2021.

Photographers' Choice Stroll is a collection of landscapes, wildlife and people, and as the names implies, are some of the photographers' favorite shots. This half of the exhibit runs November 1 – 13, 2021.

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For more information about this exhibit and the contributing photographers, the arts council, and the library, please follow us at:

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Stroll Along the Windsor Locks Canal

Autumn Stroll



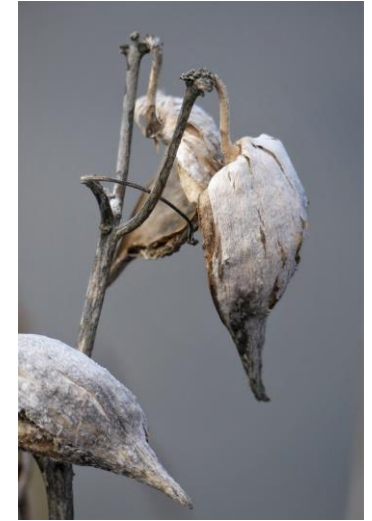
PC: Liz Gragnolti
Cyclist and Walker
under and Autumn
Canopy



PC: James Roche, Jr.
Railroad Bridge over
the River



PC: Patrick Thomas
Synchronized Flight of
Wood Ducks



PC: Ann Tuttle
Milkweed Pods along
the Canal

Stroll Along the Windsor Locks Canal

Autumn Stroll



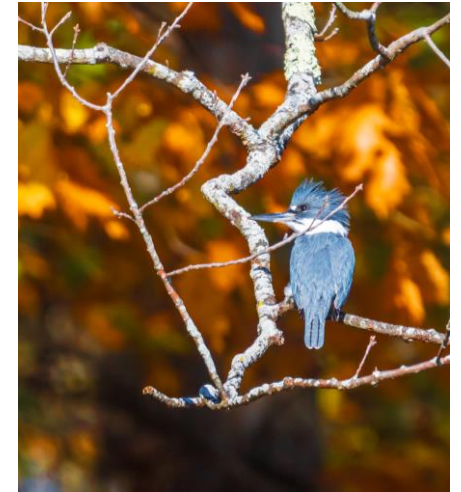
PC: Jennifer Yakey-Ault
Autumn Day at the
Canal



PC: Jennifer Yakey-Ault
Mallard Ducks in the
Canal



PC: Jennifer Yakey-Ault
Sunrise Reflected in
the River



PC: Jennifer Yakey-Ault
Belted Kingfisher on a
Branch

Stroll Along the Windsor Locks Canal
Photographers' Choice Stroll



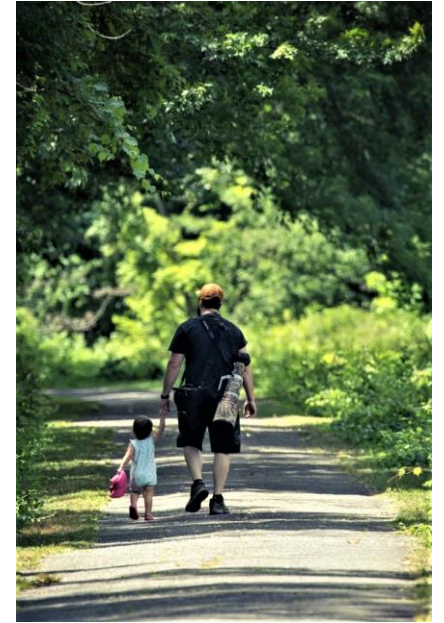
PC: Liz Gragnolti
Baby Screech Owl in a
Hollow Tree



PC: James Roche, Jr.
Railroad Bridge over
the River



PC: Patrick Thomas
Synchronized Flight of
Wood Ducks



PC: Liz Gragnolti
Dad and Daughter
Stroll

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Photographers' Choice Stroll



PC: Jennifer Yakey-Ault
White-tailed Deer
Reflected in the Cana



PC: Ann Tuttle
Adult Green Heron



PC: Ann Tuttle
Bobcat on Brownstone
Ledge



PC: Ann Tuttle
Cabbage White
Butterfly

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Photographers' Choice Stroll



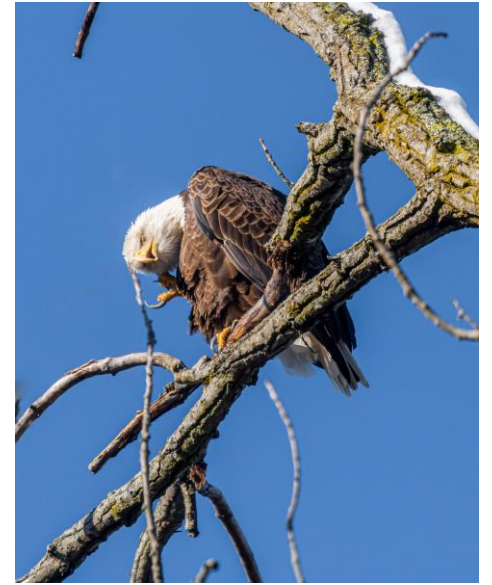
PC: Jennifer Yakey-Ault
Mated Pair of Bald
Eagles



PC: Liz Gagnolati
Adult and Baby Bald
Eagles in the Nest



PC: Jennifer Yakey-Ault
Adolescent Bald Eagle



PC: Jennifer Yakey-Ault
Bald Eagle with an Itch

Stroll Along the Windsor Locks Canal Photographer's Biographies

Liz Gragnolati

Liz is a lifelong resident of Windsor Locks, CT, except for a few years when she lived in Maine getting her education at the University of Maine and the University of Southern Maine. Her hobbies and interests are vast, including biking, photography, fostering dogs, and gardening to name a few.

Liz had never visited the Windsor Locks Canal until the beginning of COVID. Working from home gave her the opportunity to take the time to visit it frequently to just relax and enjoy the nature that was just around the corner. While it was open thru November, she would walk just about every day, and was always in awe of its magic. It is a thriving ecosystem and had something different to offer every day. She would spend hours peacefully walking along, enjoying the smallest little wonders, then go home to revisit and reminisce through her photographs. Liz started sharing her photos on the Windsor Locks Moving Forward Facebook site so that others who are not able to take that journey down the path could enjoy what she had enjoyed first hand. Liz is happy to have discovered this special place right in her own community of Windsor Locks.

Ann Tuttle

Ann grew up in Windsor Locks, CT, living there for the first 25 years of her life, and has always lived nearby. She thinks of the places she lives as home, and of Windsor Locks as her hometown.

The Windsor Locks Canal has been woven through Ann's life. It connects the towns of Suffield, where her grandparents had a farm, with her hometown. She walked across the old pedestrian swing bridge with her then new husband to show him the canal trail, probably just months before it was deemed unsafe and left permanently swung open. She walks the trail now for the peacefulness and diversity of wildlife. It reminds her of her days on the drive to the farm, wondering if there will be new kittens or if the horses will be down in the back field instead of the barn, wondering what she will see. The drive to the canal trail has her wondering if the eagles will be in the nest, or if she will finally see deer on Kings Island, or if there will be something new and totally unexpected, like the bobcat. Ann is drawn to photography because it is an easy way to create keepsakes of the special people, places and events in her life, places like the canal bank.

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James F. Roche Jr.

James F. Roche Jr. is a local photographer who moved to Windsor Locks in 1955, at age 10, and has spent most of his life in town. As a teenager James would go down to the canal with friends to enjoy swimming, plunging into the water from a "Tarzan Swing". With the development of the Canal Park opportunities to enjoy nature, the canal and the river are better than ever, and a walk down the towpath is a trip down memory lane for him.

James appreciates "Life's Simple Beauty," and has tried to capture those types of images, starting as a youngster with drawing and painting, then later film photography and, more recently, digital photography. In retirement, James now has the opportunity to share his visual experiences with others through two websites, www.jfrochephotography.com, www.500px.com/jamesrochejr, and at various local exhibits.

Patrick Thomas

Patrick was born in Miami and moved to Groton, CT when he was 8 years old. After graduating from Fitch Senior High School in 1974, he joined the U.S Army. Following his honorable discharge, he earned an A.S. degree in Business from Manchester Community College and worked at Hamilton Standard. He has two adult children and 4 grandchildren.

Patrick had his own portrait and event photography business, John-Patrick Photography, for several years. He had never visited the canal until after he moved to Montgomery Mill shortly before the COVID quarantine began. He began walking the canal for exercise and thought of it as an escape from being confined to his home. Once there, he saw the abundant wildlife and looked at it as an opportunity to expand his photography skills.

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Photographer's Biographies

Jennifer Yakey-Ault

Jennifer has lived in Connecticut for much of her life, settling in Windsor Locks over 20 years ago. After several years, she and her husband visited the canal for the first time. She first used the canal as a place to go running as the mileage markers and flat terrain were helpful for different types of training.

As her interest in photography grew, she began taking walks at the canal to capture the beautiful landscapes and sunrises over the river. She started photographing the wildlife at the canal in 2019. One of her photography goals for 2020 was to improve her wildlife photography and the canal was the perfect place to do that as well as being a wonderful place to go to get out of the house and be active during quarantine. To her, it's a great place for photography due to the beauty of the canal and the river, the historic elements, the diversity of wildlife species, and the friendly group of photographers that gather there.

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The Windsor Locks Arts Council is excited to share the beautiful images of the Windsor Locks Canal captured by five local photographers with everyone at the Windsor Locks Public Library.

The council extends thanks to the staff at the **Windsor Locks Public Library** for hosting this event and partnering during the event planning process. Many thanks as well to the **team of council members and volunteers** who curated and designed the exhibit.

The council extends our appreciation and gratitude to our creative contributing photographers.

Ann Tuttle

Jennifer Yakey-Ault

James F. Roche Jr.

Liz Gragnolati

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The Windsor Locks Arts Council was founded in 2020. Its mission is to enhance the quality of life of all citizens and build community by supporting individual creativity, cultural preservation, economic development and lifelong learning through the advancement of the arts.