

# Pinkham Happenings

May/June 2023

## Featured Evening Programs

**Saturday May 27: Mountains of Stars 8:00 p.m.**

Dr Doug Arion will give a presentation on the intricate and fascinating connections between life on Earth and the history and phenomena of the Universe around us with a tour through the stars.

**Saturday June 17: Alpine Flowers 8:00 p.m.**

Photographer for *AMC's Field Guide to New England Alpine Summits*, Allison Bell, shares with us the fascinating ecology of the tiniest blooming plants on Mt Washington thriving in some of the harshest conditions imaginable.

**Saturday June 24 Alpine Butterflies 8:00 p.m.**

Heather Siart, Researcher, shares her findings on two species of endemic butterflies: the White Mountain Arctic and the White Mountain Fritillary. Both species are only found on Mt Washington.

## Celestial Events

**June 4: Full Moon.** Strawberry Full Moon. Native Americans recognized the time of year when the berries are ripe.

**June 4 Venus at Greatest Elongation.** Venus shines bright in the early evening. Venus is at its farthest distance from the sun.

**June 18: New Moon.** This is great time to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters with no moonlight interference.

**June 21: Summer Solstice.** In the northern hemisphere this is the longest day of the year.

## Self-Guided

### Opportunities

AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT DESK

**Junior Naturalist Activity Books**—Designed for children between ages 5-12 to learn about exploring the backcountry and how to protect it.

**Nature of the Notch** — A self-guided tour exploring the glacial landscape and local inhabitants of Pinkham Notch.

**Astronomy** — Take a walk through the winter constellations and the dark sky features of Pinkham Notch with this short guide and easy instructions on how to find the big dipper and beyond.