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*The **Student/Instructor Show & Sale** will be held on Saturday, December 1 from 11am-6pm and Sunday, December 2 from 12noon-4pm at the Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Lincroft.*

LINCROFT — Whether you're looking to explore nature or create a memory, the Monmouth County Park System is the place to be this December! Throughout the month, the Park System has planned fun, family-friendly, drop-in programs including ***Roving Park System Naturalist, Open Shoot Archery*** and ***Visit with Santa***. The schedule is:

**Parent/Child Morning Chores**

**Saturday, December 1 at 8am**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel**

Rise and shine! Come help the staff with morning chores by milking a cow, collecting eggs and feeding the animals. The cost is \$15 per parent/child pair; \$5 per additional sibling. Cash or check only.

### **Student/Instructor Show and Sale**

**Saturday, December 1 from 11am-6pm**

**Sunday, December 2 from 12noon-4pm**

**Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft**

Kick off your holiday shopping or find the perfect accent piece for your home by browsing the original artwork of our students and instructors.

### **Stockings Hung by the Chimney with Care**

**Sunday, December 2 from 1-3pm**

**Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold**

Create a simple paper and yarn stocking that holds a few traditional treats to take home.

### **Roving Park System Naturalist**

**Saturday, December 8 at 10am**

**Holmdel Park, Longstreet Road, Holmdel**

**(meet in Longstreet Farm parking lot)**

**Tuesday, December 18 at 10am**

**Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, Ocean Avenue, Long Branch**

Join our roving Park System Naturalist for a walk and learn about seasonal points of interest.

### **Christmas Sing-a-Long**

**Saturday, December 8 from 1-3pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel**

Visit with Rick Garland as he plays the piano for an old-fashioned sing-a-long.

### **Open Shoot Archery**

**Saturday, December 15 from 12noon-3pm**

**Thompson Park Activity Barn, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft**

Try your hand at archery during this open shoot. All equipment will be provided.

This is a non-instructional program open to ages 8 and up (under 18 with adult).

The cost is \$5 per person. Cash or check only.

### **Seasonal Senses**

**Saturday & Sunday, December 15 & 16 from 1-4pm**

**Historic Walnford, Walnford Road, Upper Freehold**

See, touch and smell an array of spices used in historical recipes.

### **Santa's Reindeer Return**

**Sunday, December 16 from 1-1:45pm**

**Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft**

Youngsters age 3-8 (with adult) are invited to enjoy some hot chocolate and make a bag of magical reindeer dust. The cost is \$5 per child. Cash or check only.

### **Winter Walk**

**Saturday & Sunday, December 22 & 23 at 11am**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell**

Take a break from the season's hustle and bustle with a winter walk. Meet in the lobby.

### **Visit with Santa**

**Saturday & Sunday, December 22 & 23 from 12noon-3pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel**

Enjoy an old-fashioned Victorian Christmas at Longstreet Farm! Get into the spirit of the holiday during a visit with Santa. Parents are welcome to bring a camera to capture the moment. Afterwards, tour the farmhouse and enjoy a cup of cider.

### **The Sounds of Christmas**

**Sunday, December 23 from 1-3pm**

**Historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel**

Enjoy Christmas carols played by Larry Moser and Mary Nagen on the hammered dulcimer and fiddle.

To learn more about these Park System activities, please visit [www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com) or call the Park System at (732) 842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the Park System TTY/TDD number is 711. The Monmouth County Park System, created in 1960 by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, is Monmouth County's Open Space, Parks, and Recreation agency.

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