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ALDO LEOPOLD on February...

"There are two spiritual dangers in not owning a farm. One is the danger of supposing that breakfast comes from the grocery, and the other that heat comes from a furnace.

To avoid the first danger, one should plant a garden, preferably where there is no grocer to confuse the issue. To avoid the second, he should lay a split of good oak on the andirons...and let it warm his shins while a February blizzard tosses the trees outside. If one has cut, split, hauled, and piled his own good oak, and let his mind work the while, he will remember much about where the heat comes from, and with a wealth of detail denied to those who spend the weekend in town astride a radiator."

Coming Sunday, Feb. 5

Join us at the Black Community Center for a Sunday afternoon screening of *Green Fire! Green Fire* is the first full-length documentary film ever made about legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold and his environmental legacy. *Green Fire* shares highlights from his extraordinary career, explaining how he shaped conservation and the modern environmental movement. Leopold's vision of a community that cares about both people and land continues to inspire people across the country and around the world, highlighting modern projects that put Leopold's land ethic in action in a multitude of ways.



The program begins at 2:00pm at the Black Center in Hanover. Donations will be accepted. Copies of Leopold's inspiring *A Sand County Almanac* will be available for purchase. More about this extraordinary film and Aldo Leopold.

Winter Trips Coming Up

Winter is off to such a slow start this year that it might be over before it truly gets going! That won't keep us from enjoying the woods and wilds of Hanover, even if we have to swap snowshoes for boots with mini-crampons. Mark your calendars for these upcoming trips (details):

 MARSHALL BROOK WETLANDS ~ Saturday, February 25, 9amnoon. Explore this wild area in northeast Hanover with naturalist Alcott Smith. Challenging off-trail hike; not suitable for children.



- MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE AND BONFIRE ~ Saturday, March 3, 5-8pm. Wander the Slade Brook watershed by moonlight with leader Hugh Mellert, then gather around the bonfire. Suitable for children 7 years and up.
- RAY SCHOOL FAMILY SNOWSHOE ~ Saturday, March 10, 1-3pm. Let's go play outside on the Ray School trails! Hot cocoa and cookies to follow the trip led by Janice O'Donnell and Gail McPeek.

Hanover Conservancy trips are free and open to the public, and no registration is required. No dogs, please. To receive a seasonal schedule of trips, become a Conservancy member.

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