

LONG TRAIL SCHOOL

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SVAC Sponsors Artist-in-Residence at Long Trail School

Dorset, VT--The Southern Vermont Arts Center Outreach Program recently funded naturalist-artist John Pitcher as an artist-in-residence at Long Trail School. The sponsorship of this residency was made possible by a generous donation from the Southern Vermont Arts Centers' Jonathan Levin Endowment Fund.

Pitcher, who resides with his wife Sue Westin in Dorset, gave a school-wide power point presentation about the process and technique of his work. He included slides of field note journals and sketchbooks, as well as finished paintings, and spoke of how his passion for nature evolved into his vocation of drawing and painting the natural world. Pitcher then held classes to explain his drawing and painting techniques and demonstrated artists tools.

Taylor, grade 7, was impressed. "He showed us a bunch of techniques. I thought it was cool how he kept journals. He didn't just draw, he wrote about it."

Pitcher allowed students to peruse his journals to demonstrate the importance of paying attention to detail and closely observing and appreciating the natural world. He urged the students to remain curious and aware about the beautiful things around them.

John Pitcher and his wife Sue Westin live in Dorset and welcome art and nature lovers to their Gallery on the Marsh on Route 30, south of Dorset Center.

Long Trail School combines rigorous academics and a personalized curriculum for grades 6-12. For more information, please contact at 802.867.5717.



John Pitcher demonstrates drawing techniques to Long Trail School students as artist-in-residence, made possible by the Southern Vermont Arts Centers' Jonathan Levin Endowment Fund.