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## Academy faculty, alumni, and trustee featured in Preserving Land and Legacy panel discussion and gallery showing at Yale

WOODSTOCK, CT (March 14, 2019) – Since 2012, visual artists and writers have had the opportunity to participate in one-week residencies at Trail Wood, the Hampton, Connecticut homestead of Edwin Way Teale, one of Connecticut’s premier 20<sup>th</sup> century naturalists and a Pulitzer Prize winner. The Edwin Way Teale Artists-in-Residence Program is administered by the Connecticut Audubon Society and coordinated by Richard Telford, Woodstock Academy English department chair and teacher. Throughout the years, several Academy alumni have completed residencies at the Teale homestead.

On Thursday, March 28, a special event jointly sponsored by the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, titled “Preserving Land and Legacy - Writers and Artists Connecting to Nature at Edwin Way Teale’s Trail Wood” will feature a panel discussion followed by a gallery reception.

The gallery will include the works of 2017 artist-in-residence Rachael Budd, a 2009 Woodstock Academy graduate, and 2018 artist-in-residence Jessica (St. Jean) Yagid, a 1998 Woodstock Academy graduate, as well as Philippa Paquette, a trustee of The Woodstock Academy.

The panel will feature Telford, as coordinator of the Edwin Way Teale Artist-in-Residence Program; Sarah Heminway, director of the Northeast Corner of the Connecticut Audubon Society; Oswald Schmitz, the Oastler Professor of Population and Community Ecology; and Melissa Watterworth Batt, archivist at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center at the University of Connecticut Libraries.

The panel discussion will begin at 5 p.m. and will be followed by a gallery reception from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The event will be held in Burke Auditorium, located in Kroon Hall on 195 Prospect Street in New Haven, CT. Metered street parking is available.

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