

2015 Wings, Waves & Woods Schedule

REGISTRATION

Contact Island Heritage Trust (IHT) at 207-348-2455 or marissa@islandheritagetrust.org; or register Friday, May 15, 4:30-6:30 PM at reception and art exhibit "Wings, Waves & Woods" at Pearson Legacy Gallery, 13 Dow Rd, Deer Isle.

Registration packets are \$25 (boat trips, art workshops and Birder's Supper are additional), and include: bird list, nature preserve info, maps, Island Guide, local coupons and the coveted WWW cap. Supper tickets purchase one of three entrees, rolls, side dishes, dessert and a drink; tax and gratuity included. For boat trips allow *plenty* of time for parking and boarding and dress *warmly*! For bad weather notices and program updates call IHT at 348-2455 or check the Wings, Waves and Woods Facebook page.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

12:30-4 PM Swan's Island

Take a 50-minute boat ride to Swan's Island with Gordon Russell and Jane Rosinski who will lead a walk on Hockamock Head, a town-owned park that includes the Burnt Coat Harbor Lighthouse, nearly two miles trails and access to two beaches. A spectacular setting. Reservations required and dress *warmly* for an open boat. \$55 Old Quarry Ocean Adventures, 130 Settlement Rd, off Oceanville Rd, Stonington; 348-2455.

2-3 PM Introduction to Birding

IHT's Mike Little offers an intro to binoculars, scopes and guidebooks; also, where and when to find birds, including in the old orchard right outside. Island Heritage Trust, 420 Sunset Rd (Rt 15A), Sunset.

3-4 PM Found Object Sculpture

Peter Beerits demonstrates how he makes bird sculptures from "junk" at his studio located at Nervous Nellie's Jams & Jellies. Using scrap wood and metal, Beerits captures the essence of birdness in unexpected ways. 598 Sunshine Rd, Deer Isle. 348-6182, www.nervousnellies.com

3:30-4:30 AM Nesting Bluebirds

Join Sue Shaw, Monitoring Volunteer for Downeast Audubon's Bluebird Trail, to "check" the nest boxes at Scott's Landing. Learn about bluebird habits, nesting preferences and how to set up, monitor and care for bluebird boxes--all you need to know to attract bluebirds to your yard and/or join the volunteer effort to monitor Bluebird Trail boxes on Deer Isle. Great family activity! Scott's Landing, Rte 15, N Deer Isle.

4:30-6:30 PM WWW Registration

Info, registration and supper tickets for Wings, Waves & Woods at Pearson Legacy Gallery, 13 Dow Rd., Deer Isle, or at Island Heritage Trust during business hours. 348-2455. www.islandheritagetrust.org.

5-7 PM "Wings, Waves & Woods" Art Reception

Opening reception for Wings, Waves & Woods exhibit, featuring artwork related to birds and habitat by more than forty artists, including this year's poster image by Siri Beckman.

Refreshments. Gallery open 11-4 PM Thursday-Saturday through May 31. Pearson Legacy Gallery, 13 Dow Rd, Deer Isle. 348-3030; personlegacy@gmail.com

7:30-9 PM Night Noises

Join Gordon Russell and Jane Rosinski for an evening walk, listening for the distinctive calls of spring peepers, woodcock, perhaps owls and other birds that prefer darkness to daylight. Bring flashlights, boots and listening ears. Mariners Park, Morey Farm Rd (off Sunshine Rd, just east of junction with Rt 15), Deer Isle.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

6:30-8 AM Settlement Quarry Bird Walk

Tom Bjorkman & Bonnie Bochan lead a walk at this scenic, historic granite quarry overlooking Webb Cove. Abundant species in mixed woodland habitats and saltwater marsh. Settlement Quarry Preserve, Oceanville Rd, off Rt 15, Stonington.

7-8:30 AM Scott's Landing Bird Walk

Join Mike & Dawn Little at this 22-acre preserve, perhaps the "hottest" birding spot on Deer Isle. Brushy habitat, hardwood stands and a tidal shore offer diverse birding. Scott's Landing, opposite Causeway Beach, Rt 15, N Deer Isle.

8:30-10 AM Nesting Eagles & Their Neighbors

Local eagle enthusiast Lee Fay provides spotting scopes to view nesting eagles (11th year at this nest!), along with loons, eiders and shore birds. Scott's Landing, Rt 15, N Deer Isle.

9-11 AM Landscaping for Wildlife: Birds and Butterflies NEW!

Professional landscapers Bonnie Bochan and Guillermo Diaz, who specialize in bird and butterfly gardens, offer a workshop at their new home where they have begun landscaping for wildlife. Discuss creating gardens, share resources and also look at native species important for wildlife on the property. 94 Pressey Village Rd. Bring binoculars; carpooling encouraged.

9:30 AM-2:30 PM Pelagics and Puffins

Mike Little guides a trip through the archipelago to remote Seal Island National Wildlife Refuge, nesting site for thousands of pelagics: Atlantic puffins, Arctic and common terns, great cormorants, razorbills and murrelets. We may also spot gannets, Wilson's storm petrels, shearwaters, seals, dolphins and possibly whales en route. While landing is not permitted, there will be ample opportunity for viewing and photographing. \$70pp, Reservations required (348-2455) Dress *warmly* for an open boat on the open ocean. Depart Old Quarry Ocean Adventures, 130 Settlement Rd, off Oceanville Rd, Stonington.

11:30 AM-12:30 PM Owls of Birdsacre

The staff of the Stanwood Wildlife Sanctuary bring some of their owls to the barn at Island Heritage Trust. An unusual opportunity to see these nocturnal creatures up close; learn about the differences between the diminutive Saw-Whet, the dark-eyed Barred and the powerful Great Horned Owl. IHT, 420 Sunset Rd (Rte 15A), Sunset. 348-2455.

1-2:30 PM Thorofare Cruise NEW!

Join Capt Garrett Aldrich and Bob Duchesne for a guided cruise around the island-studded Deer Isle Thorofare, including Crotch Island (granite quarry), Mark Island (lighthouse), and several seabird nesting sites. Isle au Haut Boat Company; \$35 pp (minimum of 12 needed); free parking and departure at the foot of Seabreeze Ave, Stonington. 348-2455.

2:30-4:30 PM Shore Habitat Walk

Gordon Russell and Jane Rosinski guide a walk down a quiet lane leading to beaches and marsh for a variety of birds, including shore birds on receding tide, such as Greater Yellowlegs and Black-bellied Plover. Also watch for Common Eider and Black Guillemots. Park and meet at Sunset Congregational Church on Route 15A at junction of Dunham Point Rd.

3-4:30 PM Brush Painting Birds

Master brush painter Frederica Marshall teaches simple watercolor and brush techniques at her gallery-based classroom. Suitable for all ages; materials provided. \$45; call 348-2782 to register; www.fredericamarshall.com

5-7 PM Birder's Supper at Harbor Café

Must be seated by 6 PM for this special supper at the island's popular year-round café. Supper tickets for prime rib, stuffed haddock or vegetarian lasagna are required; \$20, inc tax/gratuity available at 348-2455 or marissa@islandheritagetrust.org; Limited seating with walk-ins on a seat-available basis; 32 Main St, Stonington. After that last bit of homemade pie, stroll next door to the Town Hall for Mark McCollough's slide show and talk.

7-8:30 PM Maine Birds at Risk

Mark McCollough has worked as an endangered species biologist in Maine for the last 30 years. He is also a wildlife artist. Nearly everyone in Maine has his artwork: the loon and chickadee automobile license plates! Mark will provide an overview of Maine birds at risk, including threats and challenges to those species, such as habitat loss and climate change. He also brings encouraging news about steps underway to rebuild populations of Maine birds at risk. Stonington Town Hall, second floor. Suggested donation of \$5; Handicap access at back of building.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

6:30-8 AM Mariners Park Bird Walk

Join Mike & Dawn Little for a shoreline meadow walk, skirting a small marsh. Open, shrubby and wooded habitat filled with warblers and other songbirds. Shorebirds and ducks also possible. Mariners Memorial Park, Morey Farm Rd (off Sunshine Rd, just east of junction of Rt 15), Deer Isle.

7-9 AM East Side Bird Walk

Join Bob Duchesne & Gordon Russell to explore a private property that includes meadow, woods, fresh water and shore. Such diverse habitats promise some great birding! From Route 15 in N. Deer Isle, turn onto Gilmore Lane (about .3 miles north of The Galley and high school). Follow signs to bird walk parking.

9:30-11 AM Habits and Habitat **NEW!** Join naturalists Ken & Marnie Crowell for a walk at Scott's Landing. Learning species by habitat helps make sure you are looking at the right place at the right time for our flora and fauna, migrant and resident. This gentle walk is perfect for seniors, families and beginners. Scott's Landing, Rte 15, N Deer Isle.

10-11 AM Beckman Studio Tour & Demo **NEW!**

Siri Beckman will give a demo of the woodcut technique and answer questions about her latest projects. Best-known for her intricate woodcuts of rural scenes and denizens, Siri works in many media. Her small oil painting of a finch is featured on our poster this year. Studio and gallery open for all ages. 115 Airport Rd, Stonington; 367-5037; www.siribeckman.com

10-11 AM Birding for Kids NEW!

Come see who is visiting Mariners Park in May, some to build nests, some just passing through. Join Mike & Dawn Little on a quest to see and hear as many birds as possible. Bring binoculars or borrow one of our lending pairs. Ideal for age six and up. Mariners Park, Morey Farm Rd (off Sunshine Rd, just east of junction of Rt 15), Deer Isle.

10 AM - 3 PM Puffins & Pelagics

Join Bob and Sandi Duchesne on the Isle au Haut Company ferry for a trip through the archipelago to remote Seal Island National Wildlife Refuge; see Saturday description. Reservations required. \$70 pp; free parking and departure at the foot of Seabreeze Ave, Stonington. 348-2455.