

2017 Wings, Waves & Woods Schedule

REGISTRATION

Contact Island Heritage Trust (IHT) at 207-348-2455 or marissa@islandheritagetrust.org; or register Friday, May 2019, 4:30-6:00 PM at reception and art exhibit "Wings, Waves & Woods" at Pearson Legacy Gallery, 13 Dow Rd, Deer Isle.

Registration is \$35 and includes entry to all activities, except where fees are noted. Registration packets include: bird list, nature preserve info, maps, Island Guide, local coupons, the coveted WWW cap *and* help support next year's event. For boat trips allow *plenty* of time for parking and boarding and dress *warmly!* For bad weather notices and program info/updates call IHT at 348-2455 or check the Wings, Waves and Woods Facebook page.

Want to come to just one or two activities? No problem--just show up! Suggested donation of \$5.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

12:30-4 PM Swan's Island

Take a 50-minute boat ride to Swan's Island for a guided 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 (IHT), 420 Sunset Rd (Rt 15A), Sunset.

2-3 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.

3:30-4:30 AM Nesting Bluebirds/Tree Swallows

Join Bonnie Bochan, 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 bird boxes--all you need to know to attract nesting birds 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 that of Rebekah Raye, who painted this year's poster image. Light refreshments. Gallery open 11-4 PM Thursday-Saturday. Pearson Legacy Gallery, 13 Dow Rd, Deer Isle. 348-2535.

7:30-9 PM Night Serenade

Join Bonnie Bochan for an evening walk listening for Thrushes, Sparrows and other songbirds, the distinctive calls of Spring Peepers and Woodcock that brighten the spring twilight. Bring flashlights, boots and listening ears. 94 Pressey Village Road, Deer Isle.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

7-9 AM Pressey Village Bird Walk **NEW!**

Bonnie Bochan leads a walk in this mixed habitat neighborhood that has proven to be a hotspot for migrants: Orchard and Baltimore Oriole, Scarlet Tanager, Blue Grosbeak and lots of warblers. 94 Pressey Village Rd, Deer Isle.

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

Join Mike & Dawn Little at this 22-acre preserve, a birding favorite. Brushy habitat, hardwood stands and a tidal shore offer diverse species. 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 (12th year at this nest!), along with loons, eiders and shore birds. Scott's Landing, Rt 15, N Deer Isle.

9-12:30 PM Bird's Eye View Flights Penobscot Island Air (FAA certified air taxi) offers 20-min flights--wherever you want to go!--in a Cessna. Wings are mounted above windows for excellent visibility. \$40pp; call 348-2455 for reservations, or just show up at the airfield to "walk-on" if space available; Stonington airfield, Airport Rd, Stonington.

9:30-11 AM Coffee Break **NEW!**

Join fellow birders at Pilgrim's Inn for coffee/goodies (\$5 please) and an informal discussion of sightings made and anticipated; spacious grounds border a mill pond and feature heirloom orchard trees and kitchen gardens: a birders delight. 20 Main St, Deer Isle; 348-6615.

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.

11-11:30 Story Reading by Rebekah Raye **NEW!**

Artist and award-winning children's book illustrator, Rebekah Raye, will share her illustrating process and read from her book, *The Very Best Bed*, a delightful account of how creatures find a place to rest their heads at night. Enjoy her expressive story-telling and maybe take home a personally-signed book. IHT, 420 Sunset Rd (Rte 15A), Sunset.

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.

1-2:30 PM Thorofare Cruise

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.

1-2:30 PM Drawing Workshop NEW!

We are thrilled to have Rebekah Raye sharing both her love of creatures and her teaching skills in a drawing workshop designed for all ages. Join her on the deck of the Inn on the Harbor on Stonington's waterfront for an outdoor drawing session focused on gulls. You will never see them the same way again! No experience needed—materials provided, or bring your favorite supplies. 45 N Main St, Stonington; register at 348-2455.

2:30-4:30 PM Shore Habitat Walk

Gordon Russell and Jane Rosinski guide a walk down a quiet lane 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; \$22, 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 Linda Welch's slide show and talk.

7-8:30 PM What's Up With Maine Sea Birds?

For the past 30 years, Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuge, National Audubon Society, and Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife have documented annual population levels, productivity rates, diet composition and feeding rates on 11 managed seabird colonies in Maine. Refuge biologist Linda Welch spends most of her summers on these rugged off-shore islands and offers an insider's view of the challenges Maine's seabirds face and their prospects for the future. Stonington Town Hall, second floor. Suggested donation of \$5; Handicap access at back of building.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

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.

9-11 AM Landscaping for Wildlife: Birds and Butterflies

Professional landscapers Bonnie Bochan and Guillermo Diaz, who specialize in bird and butterfly gardens, offer a workshop at their new home where they are 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.

9:30-1 PM Birding by Kayak

Join wildlife ecologist and Registered Maine Guide, Zach Holderby, for a morning of gentle paddling along the shore and to nearby islands looking for birds and other wildlife. \$70pp, includes tandem kayak. Bring lunch and sun protection. Depart Old Quarry Ocean Adventures, 130 Settlement Rd, off Oceanville Rd, Stonington.

10-12:30 PM Puffin Tote Bag **NEW!**

“Make-and-Take” your own puffin tote bag using batik fabrics and simple fusible applique techniques. All materials provided. Suitable for all ages; no experience or sewing necessary! Donations to IHT welcome. Adelaide’s Workshop, 2nd floor of old school building at 43 School Street, Stonington. Register at adelaideworkshop@gmail.com.

10-11 AM Birding for Kids

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.

11-12:30 PM Habits and Habitat 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.

1-2 PM Wildflowers and Herbs **NEW!**

Certified herbalist and gardener, Brigid Doherty, leads a walk at Scott’s Landing which is abundant with plants that unexpected culinary, medicinal uses, even the ubiquitous spruce and balsam fir! This is the first in a season-long series of walks led by Doherty focused on the rich heritage and many uses of common plants in the Maine landscape. Scott’s Landing.

