

Wings, Waves & Woods

Birding by land, by sea and by art

- Deer Isle, Maine -

May 20, 21 & 22, 2011

FRIDAY, MAY 20

4-7pm Registration :

Info and registration for Wings, Waves and Woods; packets include schedule, bird lists/resources, maps, coupons, W W & W hat and more. Registration all day Saturday – Island Heritage Trust – 420 Sunset Road, Deer Isle. Pearson Legacy Gallery, 13 Dow Rd (off Rt 15), Deer Isle; 348-2455 www.islandheritagetrust.com

5-7pm Reception Pearson Legacy Gallery:

Opening reception for Wings, Waves and Woods exhibit featuring artwork by over 40 artists focusing on birds and habitat, including featured artist, Jane Rosinski. Refreshments. 13 Dow Rd. off Rt 15 Deer Isle; Carolyn Hecker 348-2535

8 pm Owls, Peepers and Woodcock:

Join Gordon Russell and Jane Rosinski for an evening walk, listening for the distinctive calls of spring peepers, woodcock, owls and other birds that prefer darkness to daylight. Bring flashlights, boots and listening ears for this walk through varied habitat. Scott's Landing Preserve, opposite Causeway Beach, Rt 15 N Deer Isle; 348-2455

SATURDAY, MAY 21

6:30am Settlement Quarry Bird Walk:

Tom Bjorkman & Chip Moseley lead a birding walk at this scenic, historic granite quarry overlooking Webb Cove. Abundant species found in mixed woodland habitats and a saltwater marsh. Settlement Quarry Preserve, Oceanville Rd. off Rt 15 Stonington; 348-2455

7:30am Scott's Landing Bird Walk:

Join Mike Little of IHT at 22- acre Scott's Landing Preserve, perhaps the "hottest" birding spot on Deer Isle. Brushy habitat, hardwood stands and a tidal shore offer diverse birding. Limited parking – car pooling encouraged. Scotts Landing, opposite Causeway Beach, Rt 15 N Deer Isle; 348-2455

8-10am Nesting Eagles & Their Neighbors:

Local eagle expert and enthusiast, Lee Fay, provides spotting scopes to view nesting eagles, along with loons, eiders and shore birds. Causeway Beach, Rt 15 N. Deer Isle; 348-2455

9-4 pm Exhibit: A Love of Birds:

Mark and Karen Bilak share a love of the natural world and birds in particular. Their Pennsylvania yard is landscaped and planted to attract dozens of species year-round, providing abundant subjects for their respective arts. Mark's magnificent photographs have appeared in numerous publications, including *Birder's World*, *Living Bird* and Audubon calendars. A quilt artist, Karen uses carefully-selected fabric and her own designs to create miniature songbird quilts, beautifully framed and preserved under glass. The Barn at Island Heritage Trust, 420 Sunset Rd (Rte 15A), Sunset; 348-2455. www.mbilakphotography.photoshelter.com and www.redbudridgequilts.com

9am-3pm Puffins & Pelagics Trip:

Cruise to little-visited Seal Island with Bob Duchesne, founder of the Maine Birding Trail, to view the breeding ground of Arctic tern, Atlantic puffin and other pelagics: razorbills, common murrelets and great cormorants. Limited seating—reservations required. \$65 pp
Old Quarry Adventures, Oceanville Rd (off Rt 15), Stonington; 367-8977 www.oldquarry.com

9-noon Create Birdbaths & Planters:

Work with Debbie Holmes to create a freeze-proof birdbath, planter, sculpture or garden adornment using Hypertufa, an artificial stone. Registration required \$35 pp.

Pearson Legacy Gallery, 13 Dow Rd, Deer Isle; Carolyn Hecker 348-2535

10-11:30 am Eagles and Waterfowl Boat Trip :

Trip # 1 Cruise the islands in search of eiders, eagles and waterfowl (seals and lighthouse sightings likely, too!). Limit 4-5 people on former lobster boat now piloted by Registered maine Guide and biologist Captain Walt Reed. \$35 pp Burnt Cove, Fified Point Rd, Stonington. Reservations; 348-6789 www.guidedislandtours.com

10-11am Introduction to Birding:

Mike Little, Director of IHT and avid birdwatcher, 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; 348-2455

1-2pm Owls of Birdsacre:

The staff of the Stanwood Wildlife Sanctuary bring some of their owls to Stonington. 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.

Island Community Center, School St, Stonington 348-2455 www.birdsacre.com

1-3:30 pm Eagles and Waterfowl Boat Trip :

Trip # 2 See details above for Boat Trip

2-3:30pm Backyard Birding and Photography

Photographer Mark Bilak, whose credits include *Birder's World*, *Living Bird* and Audubon calendars, takes some of his best shots right in his own backyard. Attracting birds to your yard is the first step and this illustrated talk will show you not only how, but also the rewarding results. Bring your own camera and enjoy some hands-on learning, including equipment and techniques, in IHT's backyard after the talk. Beginners welcome.

Island Heritage Trust, 420 Sunset Rd (Rt 15A), Sunset; 348-2455

6pm Local Foods Chowder Supper, Bird Tally & Book Signing:

Join in a collective tally of birds seen, including life listers, while feasting on Dick Bridges' fish chowder, homemade biscuits, Nervous Nellie jams & chutneys, fresh green salad, Ice Cream Lady homemade ice cream, and more! Seating limited to 80 people. Seat reservations required: \$12 pp.

Also. . . Marnie Reed Crowell will be on hand to sign two new books. *A Sky of Birds*, *Downeast Images*, is a collection of her bird poems with stunning photographs of birds by Leslie Clapp, President of the Audubon Downeast Chapter and others. *Great Blue*, *Odyssey of a Heron* chronicles the journey of a great blue heron from Penobscot Bay to Trinidad and back, a journey Marnie and her family made by plane in the year that migrating birds were tracked by the US Navy and others.

Deer Isle Congregational Church Hall, Rt 15, Deer Isle; info & seat reservations, please call 348-2455.

7-8pm Habits and Habitats:

Join us for this illustrated lecture by birding expert, Bob Duchesne. Like humans, birds are creatures of habit: they know what they like. And once *you* know what they like, it is surprisingly easy to identify them quickly under tricky conditions. With a few tips, you'll learn where to look for your favorite birds, discovering them in your own neighborhood where you never realized they were present.

Deer Isle Congregational Church, Rt 15, Deer Isle; 348-2455 www.mainebirdingtrail.com

SUNDAY, MAY 22

6-7:30am Mariners Park Bird Walk:

Join Bob Duchesne 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. Limited parking/carpooling advised. Or park at junction of Rt 15 and Sunshine Rd, and walk in.

Mariners Memorial Park, Morey Farm Rd (off Sunshine Rd, just east of junction of Rt 15), Deer Isle. 348-2455

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11-12pm Found Object Sculpture:

Artist Peter Beerits demonstrates how he makes bird sculptures from “junk” at his studio located at Nervous Nellie’s Jams & Jellies. Using native pine and metal, Beerits captures the essence of birdness in unexpected ways.

598 Sunshine Rd, Deer Isle; 348-6182 www.nervousnellies.com

1-2pm Attracting Bluebirds to Your Yard:

Bluebirds have exacting requirements for nest boxes. Sal Rooney and Sue Shaw demonstrate how to make and maintain a bluebird house, drawing on their experience with Downeast Audubon’s Bluebird Trail of over 45 houses. A great family project.

Island Heritage Trust, 420 Sunset Rd (Rt 15A), Sunset; 348-2455.

Wings, Waves & Woods 2010 featured artist: Jane Rosinski

Jane holds a BS in Wildlife Management and worked for many years as a staff naturalist for Maine Audubon. Largely self-taught, she paints watercolors of natural objects: from birds, frogs and fish to weathered buildings and landscapes. “Teaching students of all ages to look closely, and appreciate the natural world, solidified my desire to paint visual details in watercolor.” The amazing song produced by the diminutive Winter Wren inspired this painting. Jane divides her time between a home in Holden and a camp in Deer Isle.