

Wings, Waves & Woods

Birding by land, by sea and by art

- Deer Isle, Maine -

May 18, 19 & 20, 2012

FRIDAY, MAY 18

4:30-7pm Registration :

Info and registration for Wings, Waves and Woods; packets include schedule, bird lists/resources, maps, coupons, W W & W hat and more. Pearson Legacy Gallery, 13 Dow Rd (off Rt 15), Deer Isle; (Registration all day Saturday – Island Heritage Trust, 420 Sunset Road, 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, Frederica Marshall. Refreshments. 13 Dow Rd. off Rt 15 Deer Isle; Carolyn Hecker 348-2535

7:30-9pm 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. Mariners Park, Morey Farm Rd (off Sunshine Rd, just east of junction of Rt 15), Deer Isle; 348-2455

SATURDAY, MAY 19

6:30-8am Settlement Quarry Bird Walk:

Chip Moseley & ??? (TOM B NOT AVAIL THIS WEEKEND) 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

7-8:30am 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. Scott's Landing, opposite Causeway Beach, Rt 15 N Deer Isle; 348-2455

8-10am Nesting Eagles & Their Neighbors:

Local eagle 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 Owl Stool Workshop: NEW!

Make your own ergonomic owl stool from one of Geoff Warner's popular kits; \$35 plus cost of kit of your choice. "An aesthetic balance . . . between beautiful form and healthy spinal support." Call 367-6555 to register. www.geoffreywarnerstudio.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

9:30-2:30 Isle au Haut, Pelagics and Puffins: NEW!

This trip offers both a land (A) and a sea (B) option: Take the 45" ride from Stonington to Isle au Haut, then, A. get off and join Bob & sandi Duchesne to bird your way through the migrant fallout on quiet lanes and Acadia National Park trails, OR, B. stay on the boat with naturalist Kathie Fiveash exploring the waters and shores for sea birds and pelagics, including a spin

around Seal Island for puffins, Arctic terns, razorbills and others. Return to Stonington by 2:30 pm after a quick stop at Isle au Haut town landing to pick up the other group. \$65pp; 367-5193 www.isleauhaut.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.

2-3:30pm Brush Painting Birds: NEW!

Master brush painter Frederica Marshall teaches simple watercolor and brush techniques. Suitable for all ages; materials provided. Call 348-2782 to register. www.fredericamarshall.com

2-4 pm Shore Habitat Walk: NEW!

Explore a quiet lane leading to beaches and marsh for a variety of birds, including shore birds on receding tide. Park and meet at Sunset Congregational Church on Route 15 at junction of Southwest Harbor Rd. Beginners welcome. 348-2455

7:15–8:30pm Birding By Ear:

After a brief species tally for the day (bring your bird lists!), join us for this illustrated lecture by expert, Bob Duchesne. Most birders use sound at least as much as sight to locate and identify birds. Bob's boundless knowledge and entertaining style will have you crowing for more! Donations welcome. Deer Isle Congregational Church, Rt 15, Deer Isle; 348-2455
www.mainebirdingtrail.com

SUNDAY, MAY 20

6:30 -8am 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. Mariners Memorial Park, Morey Farm Rd (off Sunshine Rd, just east of junction of Rt 15), Deer Isle. 348-2455

7-8:30am Scotts Landing Bird Walk:

See Saturday listing for info; Gordon Russell and Jane Rosinski guiding.

8-10am Nesting Eagles & Their Neighbors:

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9-10:30am Nature In Slow Motion: NEW!

Join Marnie & Ken Crowell for an introduction to birding on easy terrain, especially geared to seniors; includes binocular tips and discussion of hearing issues. Mariners Memorial Park, Morey Farm Rd (off Sunshine Rd, just east of junction of Rt 15), Deer Isle. 348-2455

9-3pm Puffins & Pelagics Trip:

Cruise to Seal Island with IHT Director, Mike Little, to view the breeding ground of Arctic tern, Atlantic puffin and other pelagics: razorbills, common murre and great cormorants. Reservations required. \$65 pp
Old Quarry Ocean Adventures, Oceanville Rd (off Rt 15), Stonington; 367-8977 www.oldquarry.com

HELP!!!

????? Birding by Kayak: Still need a “birder guide” for this one (licensed kayak guide already set)—any takers?? **Date/time flexible**

Explore Oceanville’s shores and quiet waterways for land and sea birds on this half-day trip. Boats and guides provided. \$55 pp. Depart from and register at Old Quarry Ocean Adventures, Oceanville Rd, Stonington; 367-8977 www.oldquarry.com

10-11:30am Staging For Bird Photography:

Mark Bilak expands on his popular presentation with field demonstrations of how to attract and photograph birds. Bring your camera and questions. Island Heritage Trust, 420 Sunset Rd (Rt 15A), Sunset; 348-2455.

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. Bluebird houses available at IHT’s Nature Shop. Island Heritage Trust, 420 Sunset Rd (Rt 15A), Sunset; 348-2455.

Wings, Waves & Woods 2012 featured artist: Frederica Marshall

Master Brush Painter, artist, teacher and researcher, Frederica lived in Japan for 28 years where she explored western painting styles with Michiro Mori and studied Sumi-e (Asian Brush Painting) for 10 years with Grace Yen. She teaches numerous sumi-e and watercolor classes at her studio in Deer Isle and Traveling Brush Workshops at art and educational institutions on Florida’s Gulf Coast and in The Republic of China. Her works of art are included in private collections in worldwide.