

Wings, Waves & Woods

A Festival of Birding and Art

- Deer Isle, Maine -

May 15, 16 & 17, 2009

FRIDAY

5pm-7pm Reception at Deer Isle Artist Assoc.

Opening exhibit of bird and habitat-related artwork by over 40 Island artists and artisans. Refreshments. 13 Dow Rd. off Rt 15 D.I. Carolyn Hecker 348-2535

SATURDAY

6am-7:30am Warbler Walk

Join Tom Bjorkman & Chip Mosely at this scenic historic granite quarry overlooking Webb Cove. Excellent for birding thanks to several diverse habitats in a small area: providing a rich variety of warblers and songbirds. Settlement Quarry Preserve, Oceanville Rd. off Rt 15 Stonington Information 348-2455

8:30am-12:30pm Birding by Kayak

Kayak with Master Maine Guide, Darrin Kelly, to see shorebirds and waterfowl- scoters, loons, guillemots and eiders assured: maybe a horned grebe and purple sandpiper for the sharp observer. Beginners welcome. \$60 p.p. By reservation Old Quarry Adventures Oceanville Rd. off Rt 15 Stonington 367-8977

8am-9am 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 North Deer Isle Information 348-2455

9am-3pm Puffin Boat Trip to Seal Island

Cruise to little-visited Seal Island with Bob Duchesne, founder of the Maine Birding Trail, to view breeding ground of Artic tern, Atlantic puffin and other pelagic: razorbills, common murres and great cormorants likely. \$60. p.p. By reservation ***limited seats Old Quarry Adventures, Oceanville Rd. off Rt 15 Stonington 367-8977

9am-noon Nest-Making for Kids (age 6+)

Kids will examine bird nests, explore the various techniques birds use for nest building, then gather both natural and man-made elements to create an original nest. Snack provided. \$5 p.p. Call Cathy Marshall to register. Seamark Community Arts, Rt 15 Deer Isle 348-5208

9am-10am Introduction to Birding

Mike Little, Director of Island Heritage Trust and avid birdwatcher, offers an introduction to binoculars, scopes and guidebooks. Also, where and when to find birds, including in the old orchard right outside. Heritage House, 420 Sunset Rd. Rt 15A Sunset Info 348-2455

11-12:30pm Eagles & Waterfowl Boat Trip #1

Cruise the islands in search of eiders, eagles and waterfowl (seal & lighthouse sightings likely too!) Limit 4-5 people on this former lobster boat now piloted by Registered Maine Guide & biologist, Captain Walt Reed. \$30 p.p. Town Landing, Main St. Stonington Reservations 348-6789

1pm-2:30pm Eagles & Waterfowl Boat Trip #2

See details above for Boat Trip

2pm-4pm Paint Birds using Sumi-E Technique

Try your hand at Asian brush painting taught by Master Brush Painter and popular teacher, Frederica Marshall. Beginners welcome - all materials provided. \$40 p.p. 81 N. Deer Isle Rd. Rt 15 D.I. Frederica Marshall Studio 348-2782

3pm-4:30pm Eagles & Waterfowl Boat Trip #3

See details above for Boat Trip

6pm Local Foods Chowder Supper

Feast on Dick Bridges fish chowder, homemade biscuits, Nervous Nellie jam/chutney, fresh green salad, the Ice Cream Lady homemade ice cream, and more! Seating limited to 80 people \$12 p.p. D.I. Congregational Church Hall, Rt 15 D.I. For information call Chandler Barbour 348-6024

7:30pm-8:30pm Birding by Ear

Slide presentation on identifying birds by sound by Maine Birding Trail founder, Bob Duchesne. This enthusiastic and entertaining birder will have you crowing for more! Donations welcome. D.I. Congregational Church Hall, Rt 15 D.I. For information call Anne Beerits 348-6182

SUNDAY

7am-8:30am Scott's Landing Preserve

Botanist and birder, Sal Rooney, guides a walk through 22 acre tidal shore preserve of fields and woods: lots of warblers and migrants in this "hot-spot", as well as diverse native birds and plants. Opposite Causeway Beach, Rt 15 North Deer Isle Information 348-2455

8:30am-12:30pm Birding by Kayak

See Saturday listing for details

9am-3pm Puffin Boat Trip

See Saturday listing for details

10am-11:30am Backyard Birding

Carol Upton and Jim Ferry, co-owners of Birdwatcher's Store and Café, Blue Hill, show how to attract birds, deter predators and turn your yard into a year round attraction for birds. Variety of feeders and other supplies on hand for you to check out. Heritage House, 420 Sunset Rd. Rt 15A Sunset 348-2455

1pm-2pm Found Object Sculpture

Artist Peter Beerits demonstrates how he makes bird sculptures from "junk" at his studio located at Nervous Nellie's Jams & Jellies, 598 Sunshine Rd. off Rt 15 D.I. 348-6182

**** All walks are free. Boat trip fees are listed. For program schedule and weather updates call Island Heritage Trust at (207) 348-2455**