

## 2020 Wings, Waves & Woods Schedule

### REGISTRATION INFO

Register online at [www.islandheritagetrust.org/wings-waves-woods/](http://www.islandheritagetrust.org/wings-waves-woods/) or in person, Friday, May 15, (4:30-6:30 PM) at Island Heritage Trust (IHT) and take a look at the Festival Art Exhibit in the barn, 420 Sunset Rd., Deer Isle. Questions? Contact IHT at 207-348-2455 or [jmccarty@islandheritagetrust.org](mailto:jmccarty@islandheritagetrust.org)

Registration is \$35 and includes entry to all activities, except where fees are noted. **Limited** seating available for ticketed dinner on Saturday evening. Registration packets include: bird list, nature preserve info, maps, Island Guide, local coupons, the coveted WWW cap or reusable tote bag, *and* helps 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 207-348-2455 or check the Wings, Waves & Woods Facebook page.

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

### FRIDAY, MAY 15

#### **11 AM-1 PM Natural History at Settlement Quarry Preserve**

Ann Hooke was the “midwife” for this, IHT’s first preserve. She knows this place, its geologic, human, cultural and natural history, better perhaps, than anyone else. Join her for an informal walk and discussion at this uber-scenic location. BYO picnic lunch. Settlement Quarry Preserve, Oceanville Rd, Stonington.

#### **12-4 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 of trails and access to two beaches in a spectacular setting. Along the way, look for great blue herons nesting on Eastern Mark Island. Dress *warmly* for an open boat. \$55 Old Quarry Ocean Adventures, 130 Settlement Rd, off Oceanville Rd, Stonington. **Reservations required (see Registration Info).**

#### **1:30 PM-2:30 PM Bird Conservation Workshop**

Bonnie Bochan leads this workshop looking at important actions we can take to help birds deal with unprecedented threats across North America. “Adopt” a neo-tropical migrant for this weekend to learn more about their natural history and the incredible journey they undertake. 94 Pressey Village Rd, Deer Isle.

#### **2 PM-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. **207-348-6182.**

### **3 PM-4 PM Introduction to Birding**

IHT's Executive Director, Paul Miller 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.

### **[4:30 PM-6:30 PM WWW Registration, Festival Art Exhibit and Refreshments!](#)**

[Info, registration, art exhibit and social hour at Island Heritage Trust, 420 Sunset Rd \(Rt 15A\) Sunset. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres from Roaring Lion Farm and other refreshments while you take in the art exhibit, browse the Heritage House bookstore, and meet fellow festival participants. Refreshment donations appreciated.](#)

### **6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Spring Migration Talk**

IHT's Executive Director, Paul Miller discusses the annual spring bird migration: epic journeys to breeding grounds here in Maine and points north, as well as ways to experience the dynamics of this migration. On certain nights, when the conditions are right, so many birds take flight that they are detected on weather radar! The morning after these night flights are when birders are most likely to see many species at local birding locations. Island Heritage Trust barn, 420 Sunset Road (15A), Sunset.

### **8 PM-9 PM Timberdoodles and Night Flights**

Join Gordon Russell, Jane Rosinski and Paul Miller for an evening seeking elusive and secretive American woodcock as they vocally “peent” and perform their unique spiraling flights to attract a mate. Also enjoy listening for thrushes, sparrows and other night migrants. Bring flashlights and listening ears. Mariners Memorial Park, Morey Farm Rd (off Sunshine Rd, just east of junction of Rt 15), Deer Isle.

## **SATURDAY, MAY 16**

### **7 AM-9 AM Pressey Village Bird Walk**

Bonnie Bochan leads a walk in this mixed habitat neighborhood that has proven to be a hotspot for migrants: Orioles, Scarlet Tanager, and *many* warblers. 94 Pressey Village Rd, Deer Isle.

### **7 AM-9 AM Scott's Landing Bird Walk**

Bob and Sandi Duchesne explore this 22-acre preserve, a birding favorite. Brushy habitat, hardwood stands and a tidal shore offer diverse species. Scott's Landing Preserve, opposite Causeway Beach, Rt 15, N Deer Isle.

### **9 AM-11 AM A Brief Moment in Time: Bird photography made easy**

Bar Harbor field ornithologist Michael Good, owner of Down East Nature Tours and Founder of Acadia Birding Festival, offers a two-part program beginning with a short lecture at the IHT barn about digital SLRs, interchangeable-lenses and working in the digital darkroom, followed by a bird walk at SW Harbor near Dunham's Point. Participants will learn some tricks used in the field to capture the best bird photos. Digital photography has become a major tool for collecting accurate and irrefutable images as baseline data used by researchers, scientists and for eBird. Island Heritage Trust, 420 Sunset Road (Rt 15A)

### **9 AM-4 PM Scenic Airplane Rides**

Penobscot Island Air (FAA certified air taxi) offers 20-min flights--wherever you want to go! Excellent visibility. Scheduled every half hour; no reservation needed \$40pp. Stonington airfield, Airport Rd, Stonington. Call 207-367-5885 for more information.

### **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 Murres. 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, Dress *warmly* for an open boat on the ocean. Depart Old Quarry Ocean Adventures, 130 Settlement Rd, off Oceanville Rd, Stonington. **Reservations required (see Registration Info).**

### **10 AM-11 AM Flock to Pilgrim's Inn**

Join fellow birders at Pilgrim's Inn for bird-friendly coffee/goodies (\$5 please) and an informal discussion of sightings made and anticipated this weekend; spacious grounds border a mill pond and feature heirloom orchard trees and kitchen gardens: a birder's delight. 20 Main St, Deer Isle; 207-348-6615.

### **10 AM-11 AM Early Birding Stories**

A story time designed for young birders from ages 3-10. Listen to stories about some of our favorite birds and check the feeders for feathered visitors coming to the library yard. It is never too early to learn about birds and watch their fascinating behavior. Chase Emerson Memorial Library, Deer Isle; 207-348-2899.

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

Grayson Richmond of the Birdsacre - Stanwood Wildlife Sanctuary in Ellsworth brings 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 Owl and the powerful Great Horned Owl. Island Heritage Trust Barn, 420 Sunset Rd (Rte. 15A), Sunset.

### **1 PM-2:30 PM Lighthouse and Wildlife Cruise**

Join Capt Garrett Aldrich and Bob and Sandi Duchesne for a guided cruise around the island-studded Deer Isle Thorofare, including 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. **Reservations required (see Registration Info).**

### **1:30 PM-2:30 PM Something BIG is taking flight! The Maine Bird Atlas (2018-2022)**

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIFW) launched the "Maine Bird Atlas" in 2018 - a statewide project to document all species of birds that call Maine home during the summer and winter months. Join Glen Mittelhauser, Atlas Project Coordinator, for this informative talk on the background, objectives and update on the atlas. Learn how easy it is for you to contribute to this landmark project. Island Heritage Trust, 420 Sunset Rd (Rt 15A), Sunset.

## **2 PM-4 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 such as Greater Yellowlegs and Black-bellied Plover on an incoming tide. Also watch for Common Eider and Black Guillemots out at sea. Park and meet at Sunset Congregational Church on Route 15A at junction of Dunham Point Rd.

## **5 PM-8 PM Birder's Dinner and Keynote Speaker, Dr. Jeffrey Wells**

Socialize with fellow birders and enjoy this catered, buffet dinner by Matthew Carter at St. Brendan the Navigator Episcopal Church on Rt. 15 in North Deer Isle. Plan to be seated by 5:30 PM for this special event. **Limited seating with advance tickets only;** \$30 includes tax/gratuity, appetizers, chicken and vegetarian options, dessert, and refreshments. **Reservations required (see Registration Info).** [Keynote talk to immediately follow dinner at St. Brendan's.](#)

**Keynote Talk: Stories of Hope and Inspiration to Confront Climate Change and the Decline of Birds** A recently published study in Science reports that there are nearly three billion fewer birds in North America than there were in the 1970s. This news follows reports of declining insect populations and the overwhelming, far-reaching effects of climate change. What is happening and what can be done? What does it mean for Maine birds? How can we help? Join National Audubon's Dr. Jeff Wells for a closer look at these subjects, stories of hope, and how all of us can push for positive changes that deal with these issues.

## **SUNDAY, MAY 17**

### **7 AM-9 AM Settlement Quarry Bird Walk**

Tom Bjorkman and Gordon Russell 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 AM-9 AM West Side Bird Walk**

Join Bob & Sandi Duchesne 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 0.3 miles north of The Galley and high school). Follow signs to bird walk parking.

### **8:30 AM-10:30 AM Pop-Up Bakery Market at Fox Den Delicacies**

Visit this home bakery/confectionery to stock up on breakfast treats like blueberry streusel, sweet & savory cheese braid, scones and cinnamon spice roll; also trail snacks like homemade granola bars and peanut brittle. Alice always sells out at the farmers market—you'll see why! Parking is tight, carpooling encouraged. [406 Oceanville Rd, Stonington](#); 1.4 miles beyond Settlement Quarry.

### **9:30 AM-11:30 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 home where they are landscaping for wildlife. Discuss creating gardens, share resources and also look at native species important for wildlife on the property. Bring binoculars; carpooling encouraged. 94 Pressey Village Rd.

**10 AM-12:30 PM Maine Bird Fabric Applique Workshop**

“Make-and-Take” your own Maine bird tote bag or throw pillow cover (several bird options or create your own design) using batik fabrics and simple fusible applique techniques. All materials provided. Suitable for all ages; no experience or sewing necessary! Donations to IHT welcome. Workshop at corner of Arvard Road/4 Waterview Drive, Stonington. Register with Shyrel at [shyrel@prodigy.net](mailto:shyrel@prodigy.net).

**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. Joining us will be four enthusiastic students (grades 3-6) from the one-room school on nearby Isle au Haut, their parents and teacher, who have been studying the amazing story of re-establishing puffins on the Maine coast. See Saturday description for additional details. \$70 pp; free parking and departure at the foot of Seabreeze Ave, Stonington. **Reservations required (see Registration Info).**

**12:30 PM-1:30 PM Becoming a More Observant Naturalist**

Join naturalists Marnie and Ken Crowell for a walk at Shore Acres Preserve. To know a bird is to know its habitat. Take a close look at the plant species and habitat structure of this diverse preserve. This gentle walk is perfect for seniors, families and beginners. Park in Shore Acres parking area on Greenlaw District Rd., Deer Isle

**2 PM-3 PM Wild Medicinal Plants of Deer Isle**

Come for a walk at Scott’s Landing Preserve with a community herbalist. On this walk you will learn how to identify, ethically harvest and prepare medicinal plants. All ages are welcome. The trails may be wet or muddy. We will walk rain or shine.