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**Wings, Waves &
Woods Festival**

Deer Isle & Stonington, ME

2021

FRIDAY MAY 21 - SUNDAY MAY 23

Educational Webinar & Zoom Meetings

**Limited In-Person Walks & Talks
(registration is required)**

Virtual Prerecorded Experiences

REGISTRATION INFO

Registration Will Be a Little Different This Year

For program info/updates email: jmccarty@islandheritagetrust.org
or call (207) 348-2455.

Registration for the **Webinar** is required: Links to all virtual meetings will be posted before the event. **In-Person Walks & Talks** (\$5 each) require individual registration for each event and are limited in numbers to keep participation manageable within CDC regulation. **Prerecorded Experiences** will be posted Friday, May 21, 2021, for viewing anytime. The coveted WWW cap or reusable tote bags are available for purchase and help support next year's event.

[WEBINAR / ZOOM EXPERIENCES](#)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

4:30 PM – 5:15 PM WWW Zoom Welcome

Welcome and weekend orientation via Zoom hosted by IHT's Outreach Manager, Jacob McCarty. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments from the comfort of your own space, while we review the schedule and any last-minute updates. Open questions will be answered at the end.

THURSDAY MAY 20th

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM FRIENDS FROM THE FIELD WEBINAR W/ MICHAEL GOOD

Photography has always played a key role in science to visualize detail. For ornithology, record birds are verified based, in part, on an accurate description, photos or sound recordings. Photos tell the truth and are used universally as fact. Because of the complexity of bird plumage, it is important to science that the colors or detail are true representations of what you claimed to have seen. We will talk about this in the webinar and then put what we learn to practice in the field during an in-person walk on Saturday at 9:30 AM.

SATURDAY MAY 22

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM WWW Zoom Cocktail Hour Q & A

Join Bob & Sandi Duchesne for a Wings, Waves, & Woods cocktail hour. Among Maine's most experienced birding guides, one or both of them has led walks at every WWW festival. BYOB to our virtual zoom meeting. Share recent sightings and pick Bob and Sandi's brains about all things birds! Don't forget to look for our signature cocktail recipe ahead of time (will be posted separately before event)

LIMITED IN-PERSON WALKS & TALKS

All in-person walks and talks will be limited according to CDC regulation and current IHT protocol. Preregistration is required

FRIDAY, MAY 21

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Natural History Walk

Ann Hooke was the "midwife" for, 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 extremely scenic location. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy the view!

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Found Object Sculpture

Peter Beerits demonstrates how he makes bird sculptures from "junk" at his Nervous Nellie's Jams & Jellies studio. Using scrap wood and metal, Beerits captures the essence of birdness in unexpected ways.

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Planting For The Birds

Join Val Libby, retired Professor of Landscape Architecture & Horticulture at Temple University, for an illustrated lecture recommending trees, shrubs & perennials for attracting and supporting birds. Val is a regular workshop leader for IHT, Blue Hill Heritage Trust, and Acadia Senior College. She is also the Vice-president of the Blue Hill Garden Club. Learn to incorporate these trees, shrubs & perennials into existing landscapes with minimum difficulty. Val will supply hands-on examples, focusing on supporting our local bird populations.

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Timberdoodles and Night Flights

Join Gordon Russell and Jane Rosinski 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.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

7:00 AM - 9:00 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.

9:00 – 12:00 PM Chase Emerson Memorial Library

Chase Emerson Memorial Library is celebrating Wings, Waves and Woods by giving away “A Maine Birds Checklist for Young Birders” and *A Quick Key to Birds of Deer Isle* booklet to anyone under 18. There will be chairs on their deck for you to watch for birds at their feeders. They will have Island Meadow Arts student work inspired by John James Audubon's art on display in their children's area. Lastly, if you visit, it is quite likely you will see the Bluebird of Happiness perched upon your Librarian!

9:30 – 11:00 AM Bird Photography Walk

Michael Goode explores a 22-acre Island Heritage Trust preserve. A birding favorite: brushy habitat, hardwood stands, and a tidal shore offer diverse species. Photographing neotropical migrants plus warbler song and migrant Identification.

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

Grayson Richmond of the Birdsacre - Stanwood Wildlife Sanctuary in Ellsworth brings owls to Deer Isle. Enjoy an hour visiting with Atticus, an Ambassador Barred Owl who lives at Birdsacre. Hear about his story, the challenges his species face, and the unique adaptations these beloved birds of prey employ to hide, hunt, and communicate.

2:00 PM - 4:00 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.

SUNDAY, MAY 23

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.

10 AM-11AM Wild Medicinal Plants of Deer Isle

Come for a walk with community herbalist Brigid Doherty. Brigid is the founder of The Solidago School of Herbalism, located on Deer Isle. On this walk you will learn how to identify, ethically harvest and prepare medicinal plants.

PRERECORDED EXPERIENCES

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 virtual walk is perfect for families and beginners.

Birding Stories

Listen to stories read by Chase Emerson Memorial Library's Nina Woodward, about some of our favorite birds. A story time designed for young birders of all ages

Spring Migration Talk

Birding enthusiast and past Executive Director, Paul Miller, discusses the annual spring bird migration: epic journeys to breeding grounds here in Maine and points north. On certain nights, when the conditions are right, so many birds take flight that they are detected on weather radar!

Great Blue Heron "Friends From the Field" Webinar

Danielle D'Auria, Wildlife Biologist for Maine's Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife discusses her on-going study of migrating Great Blue Herons. With the help of over 100 volunteers and students, the routes—from Maine to the Caribbean--of specific birds are monitored using GPS technology.

School Nature Trail

Take a virtual walk through the School Nature Trail at Deer Isle Stonington Elementary school. Watch the transition of spring happen before your eyes! This beautiful trail is the product of a collaborative effort between IHT and DISES: grant writers, educators, volunteers and IHT staff came together to make outside learning possible for our local students.

DISES Students Welcome Spring With Birdhouses

If, as Leo Tolstoy wrote in Anna Karenina, "Spring is the time of plans and projects," then Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School fifth and sixth graders have launched wholeheartedly into spring with their own exciting project: building 50 birdhouses. Learn about this wonderful collaboration between IHT and DISES to immerse kids in the study of birds' behavior.

A BIT ABOUT DEER ISLE

Reachable by bridge, this island still retains the flavor of New England life from years gone by. Lobstering is the mainstay of the economy and Stonington is Maine's largest lobster port. Each year more than 350 fishing boats ply the waters around Deer Isle. In addition, soft-shell clamming on the island contributes over \$1 million to the economy. With a tidal draw of approximately eleven vertical feet there is ample opportunity for clammers, wormers and tidal foragers of all kinds - including birds!

There is nothing linear about this convoluted granite island. It is pocked by tiny coves and small working harbors and rimmed with tidal flats. By mid-May the spring bird migration has begun in earnest, bringing over twenty species of warblers and other breeding songbirds up from their wintering grounds to the south. At the same time, many ducks and sea birds have not yet departed for their breeding grounds in the Arctic. Growing numbers of Bald Eagles choose Deer Isle and surrounding islands to nest and rear their young.

Some of the best birding can be found on quiet, out-of-the-way dirt roads, and on miles of trails on the Island Heritage Trusts nature preserves. Local naturalists and birders who have been guiding in this area for many years welcome you to join them on this unique weekend. Wings, Waves & Woods is unabashedly informal, welcoming birders of all levels, as well as families looking to explore Deer Isle, its birds, natural areas, and its many art galleries.

May is shoulder season for many businesses on Deer Isle, so calling ahead is important if you intend to visit specific galleries or shops. Three grocery stores are open year-round on Deer Isle; The Galley in Deer Isle, Burnt

Cove Market, and Harborview Market in Stonington. There are 4 gas stations on the Island and two electric vehicle charging stations on the Stonington waterfront. 24-hour gas is available only at Eaton's Oil, Rt 15, N Deer Isle.