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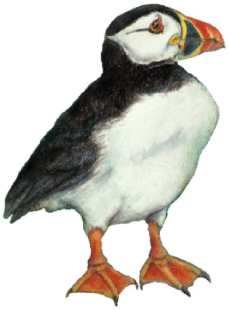

Wings, Waves & Woods Festival

Deer Isle & Stonington, ME

REGISTRATION INFO & SCHEDULE 2022

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

Registration for the Friends From The Field Webinar, boat trips, and the keynote speaker dinner are required. In-Person Walks & Talks do not require individual registration, but a donation of $5 per walk would be appreciated and help support next year's event. The coveted WWW cap or reusable tote bags are available for a minimum donation of $25. All Events Are Subject To Change. Updates and additions will be made digitally. Keep up-to-date on our website: islandheritagetrust.org/wings-waves-woods/

For navigating purposes the zip code of **Deer Isle (DI), ME** is **04627**
Stonington, ME is **04681**.

THURSDAY MAY 19

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Friends From The Field Webinar
Tracking Maine's Great Blue Herons Beyond State Lines
Danielle D'Auria is a Wildlife Biologist working in the Research and Assessment Section of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in Bangor and focuses on statewide populations of colonial wading birds, secretive marsh birds, black terns, and loons, as well as land management issues affecting wetland habitats. Did you ever wonder where Maine's Great Blue Herons go in winter? Hear everything about these majestic birds and how students are integral to tracking their movements within and beyond state lines.

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FRIDAY, MAY 20

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Natural History Walk **191 Oceanville Rd, Stonington**

Ann Hooke was the "midwife" for, *IHT's first preserve, Settlement Quarry*. 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 **598 Sunshine Rd, DI**

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.

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Happy Hour Welcome **420 Sunset Rd, DI**

Gordon & Jane, festival volunteers and birding guides will "talk shop" in *IHT's nature shop and barn*. Pick up a bird guide and binoculars or just stop in to say "Hi." The WWW hat and reusable bags will be available for purchase. Stick around to learn from Val Libby's talk, Planting For The Birds to follow directly after Happy Hour Welcome.

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Planting For The Birds **420 Sunset Rd, DI**

Join Val Libby, retired Professor of Landscape Architecture & Horticulture at Temple University, for an on-site talk recommending trees, shrubs, and perennials, for attracting and supporting birds. Val is a regular workshop leader for IHT, Blue Hill Heritage Trust, and Acadia Senior College. She won the J.B. Jackson book award from UVA's Center for Cultural Landscapes. Learn to plant for the birds, by incorporating trees, shrubs, and perennials into existing landscapes with minimum difficulty. Val will supply hands-on examples, focusing on supporting our local bird populations.

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Timberdoodles and Night Flights **Fire Road 506A, DI**

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. This walk will take place at Mariner's Memorial Park, owned by the *Evergreen Garden Club*; Bring flashlights and listening ears. Coordinates: 4.214873709308556, -68.67016451828647

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SATURDAY, MAY 21

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Pressey Village Bird Walk **94 Pressey Village Road, DI**

Bonnie Bochan leads a walk in this mixed habitat neighborhood that has proven to be a hot-spot for migrants: Orioles, Scarlet Tanager, and many warblers.

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM Bird Walk **823 North Deer Isle Rd, DI**

Leslie Clapp explores the 22-acre *Scott's Landing Preserve*, a birding favorite: brushy habitat, hardwood stands, and a tidal shore offer diverse species. This guided bird walk will take advantage of the morning's peak birding hours. Bring a coffee and an appetite for adventure.

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Becoming an Observant Naturalist **180 Greenlaw District Rd, DI**

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 walk is perfect for families and beginners.

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Bird Photography Walk **823 North Deer Isle Rd, DI**

Michael Good of Down East Nature & Birding Tours will explore IHT's 22-acre *Scott's Landing Preserve*. A birding favorite: brushy habitat, hardwood stands, and a tidal shore offer diverse species. Michael will help to strengthen your field identification and photographing skills, while the group captures photos of neotropical migrants. Cameras not provided

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Bird's Eye View Flights **Stonington Airfield, Airport Rd**

Penobscot Island Air (FAA certified air taxi) offers 15 -min flights–wherever you want to go! Excellent visibility. Scheduled every half hour; **RESERVATIONS ENCOURAGED** $75pp. Stonington airfield, Airport Rd, Stonington. For more information call (207) 596 7500. Raindate Sunday May 22.

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Chase Emerson Memorial Library **17 Main St, DI**

Join *Chase Emerson Memorial Library* as they celebrate Wings, Waves, and Woods with a *Birdsacre* presentation sponsored by *Downeast Audubon*. Grayson Richmond will share museum-quality replica avian skulls and teach about the unique adaptations that grant birds their incredible abilities. Peer into bird behavior and etiquette with personal stories of Birdsacre's ambassadors, and learn what to do when encountering wildlife. Suitable for children, but enjoyable for all! The Library will be giving away "A Maine Birds Checklist for Young Birders during open hours." Take a seat on the Library deck to watch for birds or enjoy the view. The Library is open from 9:00 - 12:00.

SATURDAY, MAY 21 CONTINUED

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Shore Habitat Walk **Jct of 15A and Dunham Point Rd, DI**
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 Common Eider and Black Guillemots out at sea. Park and meet at the junction of 15A and Dunham Point Rd.

12:00 NOON – 2:00 PM Thoroughfare Lighthouse Cruise **37 Seabreeze Ave, Stonington**
Michael Good will be aboard to draw attention to potential bird sightings and Captain Garrett Aldrich will share history and anecdotes as we tour the Stonington Archipelago. From the Isle au Haut Boat Service Landing, the cruise will go up to Barred Island, to Eagle Island light, and then back to seal ledges ending at Mark Island light. Depart from *Isle au Haut Boat Services*. **Registration is required** (see Registration Info at the top of the page)

2:00 - 3:00 PM Story Time at the IAH Boat Company Dock **37 Seabreeze Ave, Stonington**
Captain Garrett Aldrich reads his all-time favorite children's book, The Circus Ship by Chris Van Dusen, loosely based on the true story about the ill-fated Royal Tar. Step aboard the Otter, one of the Isle au Haut Boat Services vessels, for a short spin in Stonington Harbor and a classic Maine picture book in rhyme that is sure to make you laugh. Where can you hide an elephant, giraffe, and more from an angry circus master on an island in Maine? Space is limited to 50. To reserve your space, email Stonington Public Library: stonington.public.library@gmail.com . Depart Isle au Haut Boat Services, 37 Seabreeze Avenue, Stonington.

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM Birder's Dinner & Keynote Speaker
Laura Suomi-Lecker presents Lessons from *Avian Haven Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center*. Join fellow birders and enjoy this catered, sit-down dinner at *St. Brendan the Navigator Episcopal Church* **(627 North Deer Isle Road,DI)**, on Rt. 15 in North Deer Isle. Plan to be seated by 5:30 PM for this special event. Limited seating with advance tickets is $45 includes: tax/gratuity, appetizers, option of baked haddock, turkey dinner, or vegetarian curry. Dessert and refreshments are also included. Reservations required (see Registration Info). Keynote talk to immediately follow dinner at St. Brendan's.

Laura Suomi-Lecker Keynote Talk: Lessons from Avian Haven Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center – a citizen's guide to helping the birds of Maine.

The presentation will discuss common reasons why birds are admitted to *Avian Haven Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center* in Freedom and what public citizens can do to help our local birds. We will discuss the facilities and recent cases of Avian Haven. 2021 admissions include orphaned and injured eagles, owls, hawks, loons, bitterns, herons, ducks, and many species of songbirds. Winter 2022 admissions include loons, hawks, eagles, and owls.

Laura Suomi-Lecker is the education and outreach coordinator and long-time volunteer with Avian Haven and the Technical Director at Somerset County Soil and Water Conservation District where she does a variety of bird-related programs.

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7:00 AM – 9:00 AM West Side Bird Walk **Gilmore Lane, DI**

Join Tom Bjorkman and Gordon Russell 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.

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Beginning Birders Walk **823 North Deer Isle Rd, DI**

Join Liz Zentz and 6th grader Naomi Duke for a family-friendly at *Scott's Landing*. No experience needed—we are aiming for learning and fun. It is possible to see at least two dozen species here, let us see what we can do! Bring binoculars or we will have some on hand.

10:00 AM - 2:30 PM Pelagics and Puffins Cruise **37 Seabreeze Ave, Stonington**

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 mossibly whales en route. While landing is not permitted, there will be many opportunities for viewing and photographing. $70 Dress warmly for an open boat on the ocean. Depart from *Isle au Haut Boat Services*: **Reservations required** (see Registration Info at the top of the page)

11:00 AM – 12:00 NOON Wild Medicinal Plants of Deer Isle **823 North Deer Isle Rd, DI**

Come for a walk with community herbalist Brighid Doherty at Scott's Landing Preserve. Brighid 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.

11:00 AM – 12:00 NOON Birds and other Deer Isle Wildlife **420 Sunset Rd, DI**

Join Martha Bell, IHT Environmental Educator, as we discover how various animals are adapted for survival on Deer Isle. We will start in the *IHT barn* observing a few bird mounts and mammal artifacts, but will then go outside to see what spring time exploration will uncover! This program will be hands-on and interactive.

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OTHER ISLAND COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

MOVIES AT THE OPERA HOUSE

1 School St, Stonington

Friday May 20	7:00pm	The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill
Saturday May 21	7:00pm	The Eagle Huntress
Sunday May 22	2:00pm	March of the Penguins

For more information or questions call: (207) 367-2788 or Visit operahousearts.org

SATURDAY, MAY 21

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Evergreen Garden Club Plant Sale **Old Deer Isle Elementary School**

The plants for this sale are grown by Evergreen Garden Club members. Plants include perennials, veggie seedlings, flower seedlings, fruit trees, and herbs. The funds we raise help support Mariners Memorial Park for another year's worth of mowing, insurance, road repair, and maintenance. A raffle will also be held, which will benefit the Evergreen Endowment Fund. Old Deer Isle Elementary School (across from the Congregational Church, Route 15) **(Rain date May 22)**

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Rabbit Hill Tulip Show **148 Barbour Farm Road, Stonington**

Nestled in the treetops, *Rabbit Hill Farm* overlooks Crockett Cove and eastern Penobscot Bay. Watch osprey, eagles, woodpeckers, hummingbirds, and warblers from the expansive decks. Tour the farm and view more than 800 tulips in full regalia, visit with baby rabbits, hike to Rabbit Island and explore the 200-acre Crockett Cove Woods Preserve. Bring a picnic and enjoy fun for the whole family!

Email **nruth@islandheritagetrust.org** if you'd like an event listed on this festival weekend schedule!