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# Notable Notes

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## Announcements



Audubon Society  
of Rhode Island



Fisherville Brook Wildlife Refuge in Exeter is a beautiful place to hike and explore. Visit on your own or join Refuge Manager Laura Carberry for one of these evening programs.

Beavers of Fisherville on November 5th,  
5:00 - 6:30 pm

Owling at Fisherville Brook on  
December 3rd, 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

Register at [www.asri.org](http://www.asri.org)



WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER  
WATERSHED COUNCIL

### Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 12pm via zoom: Centredale Superfund Site Community Update

Join the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council to learn more about changes and development happening around the EPA's Centredale Superfund Site. This presentation will inform participants about major updates in Centredale development and call-in neighborhood community members by providing space for collective community visioning.

**To register:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_5H0Nz9B5SuC38DB9D5SzHg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5H0Nz9B5SuC38DB9D5SzHg)

### Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am: Hike Connors Farm Conservation Area

Located in Smithfield RI, Connors Farm is a 2.9 mile loop trail that passes by cranberry bogs, small brooks and ponds and features a picnic area at the top of a look-out spot.

**To register:** <https://wrwc.org/wp/events/connors-farm-hike-10-09-21/>

### Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm: Farm Fresh Rhode Island and the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council present Olneyville Family Day!

**Where:** Farm Fresh Market, 10 Sims Avenue, Providence

**What:** Empanadas; Guatemalan Coffee; Mike's Hot Swing Latin Band; Bilingual Theater Games; Bike Safety; LGBTQIA+ Story Time; Dance Classes; COVID Vaccine Clinic; And more!

### Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am: Downtown Paddle

Please join us for a relaxing paddle on the Woonasquatucket River through Downtown Providence this Summer.

**To register:** <https://wrwc.org/wp/events/downtown-paddle-10-10-21/>

### Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am: Sprague Farm - A Lovely Autumn Walk through the Fall Foliage

Join the WRWC for a pleasant, 2 hour hike at Sprague Farm in Glocester and take in the beautiful Fall colors.

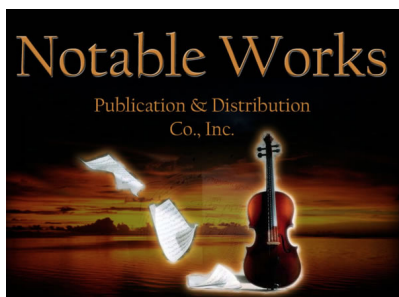
**To register:** <https://wrwc.org/wp/events/sprague-farm-a-lovely-autumn-walk-through-the-fall-foliage/>

## Notable Works' Fall Concert and Poetry Reading "Resilience and Re-Discovery"

**Notable Works Publication and Distribution Co., Inc.** will host a live performance on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 1 PM at the North Providence Union Free Library, 1810 Mineral Spring Ave. in North Providence, Rhode Island. This event will feature some of the poets included in two of Notable Works' recent publications: Voices of the Earth: The Future of Our Planet II and Love Warms the Homeless Heart II. The performing artists and poets will include: Elizabeth Bogutt, Emily Cooper, David Dragone, Noreen Inglesi, Thomas Lane, Singer/Songwriter Jan Luby and Patricia McAlpine. Also featured will be the Notable Works' Ensemble with Artist in Residence, composer and poet, Noreen Inglesi and Tina Bernard, vocals; Maria Bilyeu, cello; Anne Diamond, flute; Antonio Rodrigues, tenor and Alison Shea, piano. There will also be a special presentation by Alicia Lehrer, Executive Director of Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council, highlighting some of their wonderful programs, projects and events. Admission is free and open to the public. And the library is handicapped accessible. Please come early to meet the performers and participate in our basket and 50/50 raffles.

**Registration is required. Please call (401) 353-5600 ext. 2.**

**CDC Guidelines** will be followed for this event and please know that the health and safety of our audience is paramount to all of us at Notable Works. We are so pleased and excited to once again be able to connect in person with you.



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**Thank You!**

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## Resilience

*Sample of Poetry from  
The Future of Our Planet II*



**R**ecovering quickly, resolved she stands to reach the sky after recurring rains soak in;; retaining midst remote rugged rocks.

**E**ntangled, sometimes exhausted and empty; established though with an elastic entity exists with exhilaration; effectively escapes the enemy, the elements-elevated like an elite eagle examining its environment.

**S**carred snarly branches, safe and secure she slowly sways 'neath stormy skies; shimmering supple leaves sing softly shielded from searing scorching sun's rays.

**I**ntensely insulted, standing irately isolated illuminating the mountainside, impressive and irrevocable, leaving an impenetrable indelible imprint.

**L**icking the landscape at times, she appears lame, limp and languid; literally struggling with labors of life, while lingering limitlessly with luster.

**I**nch by inch with illogical initiative, immense she stands – internally immune, inevitable inspiration, always ingrained with integrity.

**E**ncircled and exiled, each root extraordinarily envelops the expanse, entrapping the earth, preventing erosion with elegance.

**N**otice how she narrowly leans nestled with nerve, nearly into nothing; negated and nurtured with native, natural nourishment, always navigating her niche.

**C**hallenging one's character, the camouflaged cedar in Creator's care, celebrates if chafed or cramped in crisis, colliding with calamity; carefully maintains control; courageously capable; coping with calm and certainty.

**E**xhausted, on edge, sometimes enslaved and enfeebled –every moment equipped with exemplary effort; overcome with energy evidently engrossed, empowered and entirely engaged with exemplary esteem!

*By Sharon E. Alexander, 03/1/2020*

**Sharon E. Alexander**, a tribal elder and leader in her community and member of the Narragansett Indian Tribe, is employed at the Narragansett Indian Tribe Housing Department located in Charlestown, RI. Sharon has worked closely with Native Americans and culturally diverse populations from all walks of life. Her commitment to empowering others “to become focused” coupled with her persistence, caring and “never giving up,” strengthen many in her community, in the realization that “We can do this.” Sharon said many have suffered from the impact of Covid within the tribal community as have other populations. “Native people are a vulnerable population, facing many of life’s hardships - often more pronounced as a tribal people-a tribal people who have persevered and demonstrated persistence through the centuries.”

Although “**Resilience**” refers primarily to our struggling environment, I’m sure that each of us can certainly identify with that tree thriving from our own root system; and at some point of adapting, struggling, building and improving our lives. We continue in our daily life to face decisions impacting our spirituality, interpersonal and family interaction within the community. For more information, visit [www.Narragansettindiannation.org](http://www.Narragansettindiannation.org)