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Notable Works 2023 Poetry Initiative

Announcements:



Spring 2023 Events at Audubon

Join Audubon for a walk on an early spring evening to observe the unique and enchanting courtship display of the American Woodcock (also known as a timberdoodle). Please dress for the weather and bring a flashlight. See *Audubon events calendar* on www.asri.org for March 24, April 7 and April 21 programs.



Enjoy the spring season with a hike with the WRWC! Join us for our Fort Wildlife Refuge Walk on 3/4 or our spring hike at Heritage Park Trail on 3/18. Visit <https://wrwc.org/events> for details and to register.

The WRWC is seeking sponsors and volunteer groups to join us as we celebrate Earth Month April 2023! Visit <https://wrwc.org/wp/what-we-do/clean-days-on-the-greenway> for more information on events, sponsorships, and volunteer opportunities. <https://wrwc.org>.



Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District

Earth Month Events
www.easternriconservation.org

Seedlings now available for pre-order and pickup on Earth Day, April 22. Also join us throughout the month for rain barrel workshops, trash pick ups, and more!

More information at:

www.easternriconservation.org/earthmonth

Notable Works is proud and honored to be able to announce the winners of the 2023 Poetry Contest: **The Winners are:**

First Place - "Wind" by Cynthia Elder

Second Place - "Here on Earth" by Julia Meylor Simpson

Third Place - "Timeless" by Kate O'Kula

Honorable Mentions:

"Discovery" by Thomas Lane

"Song of a Child Found" by Mary Ann Mayer

"At Salter's Grove" by Ira Schaeffer

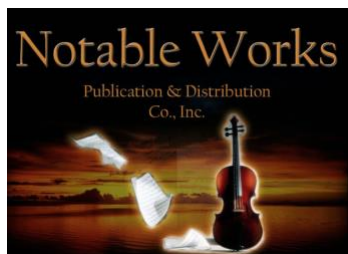
All the judges were very impressed by the amazing quality and quantity of the poems submitted from all over the country with a variety of writing expertise, diversity of backgrounds, styles and from all age levels. It goes without saying that our Notable Works' Artist in Residence, Noreen Inglesi, did a great job of orchestrating this initiative along with David Dragone, Editor-In-Chief of Crosswinds Poetry Journal along with the entire Notable Works' Team. Notable Works cannot emphasize enough how smoothly the judging process went with all three tier-groups of judges, which Noreen and David methodically and consistently coordinated. Also, we are so excited and honored to announce that Wanda Hopkins, who has been employed at URI for seven years and serves on the Native American Advisory Council (NAAC), will be writing the introduction to Voices of the Earth: The Future of Our Planet III. Notable Works hopes that you will join us for a Book Release Celebration at the Audubon Society of Rhode Island in Bristol on June 11, 2023, which will be a Concert and Poetry Reading at 2:30 PM, featuring the winners of the poetry contest and those receiving honorable mention. We also hope that you might consider arriving prior to this portion of event at 1:30 PM for an Audubon Nature Tour. Please join us after the Concert and Poetry Reading for light refreshments and to meet many of the poets who are included in this newly released publication as well as the judges and members of the Notable Works' Board of Directors. (More information to follow)

Please visit: www.notableworks.org to pre-order copies of Voices of the Earth: The Future of Our Planet Vol. III. From the cover design by Mary Ann Rossoni of Second Story Graphics, to over 60 new and updated Rhode Island Environmental Agency listings, and more than 70 poems pertaining to the theme of "Awakening a Resolve for Re-discovery, Adaption and Growth: A Call for Continued Action," Notable Works hopes you will enjoy our new book Voices of the Earth: The Future of Our Planet III.



**Rhode Island Environmental Education Association
Annual Summit**

Each year, the Rhode Island Environmental Education Association (RIEEA) hosts a Summit to bring together engaged communities throughout the state and from across various sectors. The 2023 Summit, *Storytelling to Connect With Your Audience*, will be held Saturday, March 4 from 8am to 12pm at Rhode Island College. The keynote speaker will be Wanda Hopkins, an amazing author, educator, and storyteller, as well as a Narragansett tribal leader and member of the Native American Advisory Council at the University of Rhode Island. The program includes small group discussions, networking opportunities, raffles, and a full hot breakfast. Learn more at www.rieea.org



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2023 Compost Conference and Trade Show at Rhode Island College

Convening for wasted food solutions.
March 8, 2023 9 AM to 3 PM

Click link below to learn more about this conference.

<https://www.ric.edu/news-events/events/compost-conference-trade-show>



BARRINGTON LAND
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Discover PIC-WIL Nature Preserve in March

This March, the Barrington Land Conservation Trust invites you to join a free guided walk at PIC-WIL Nature Preserve, a 17-acre expanse of forest, field, salt marsh and coastal dunes on the east shore of the Providence River in Barrington, RI. The walks will be held on March 23, 25 and 26 at low tide. To register for a walk, go to www.blct.org/events.

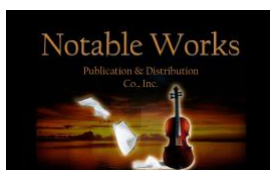
The site was once the home of a bottling company, but is now a lush habitat for birds, mammals, pollinators and a wide range of plant life. The land was deeded to the Barrington Land Conservation Trust in 1987 to be maintained as a nature preserve.

Burrillville Land Trust

<https://www.burrillvillelandtrust.org>



Current Initiative: Saving Sweet’s Hill Our goal is to open the property to hikers and lovers of the environment from all over the region. We want this area to become a destination for bird watchers, poets, artists, and those who want to preserve and care for the natural world. This 150 acre area is abutted by protected land and this particular acreage called Sweet’s Hill is known throughout the Tri-State area. Sweet’s Hill is located on East Avenue, just off Route 102 in Harrisville, RI. We are seeking funds, which will help us acquire the property, build and maintain two walking trails, construct a small parking lot and build a nature viewing platform. After spending nearly 5 years fighting a power plant and the destruction of an ecosystem, we know first-hand that a healthy society needs a healthy environment. For more information and to learn about volunteer opportunities, contact Paul A. Roselli, President, via Email: paul@paulroselli.com



As a non-profit Arts organization, **Notable Works** is hoping to be a support for the K-12 Indoor-Outdoor Farm to School RIDE Environmental Education Initiative. We will be participating in and will have tables at both the RIEEA Summit on March 4th from 8 AM to Noon and at the Composting Conference and Trade Show on March 8th from 9AM-3PM. Both events will take place at Donovan Hall at Rhode Island College. Please stop by The Notable Works’ table to see and hear our video and audio presentations for grades K-5 concerning our changing climate.

Quote of the Month

“The only thing we can do is honestly learn from our falls.”Ai Weiwei

Artist and activist **Ai Weiwei** possesses a restless energy, one that fuels his creative work and social activism. Throughout the 2000s, for hours every day, Weiwei channeled that energy into writing in his blog, sharing criticisms of the Chinese government, social commentary, and the principles behind his work. One of his strongest convictions was that we must make mistakes in order to continue to learn. Time and again, in interviews and writings, Weiwei has stressed this idea — that what’s important is not whether we fall down, but that we [pick ourselves back up](#). Only then can we turn information into knowledge.