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Audubon Native Plants & Pollinators Symposium

Birds, bees, and other beneficial insects are in steep decline - and the health of their populations is inextricably linked to our own.

Join Audubon for a spring symposium on Transforming the Landscape and learn how to become part of a sustainable community and support our native species by creating beautiful pollinator habitat at home.

Keynote Speaker Dr. Doug Tallamy,
For more information and to purchase
tickets, visit:

<https://asri.org/PollinatorSymposium>



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For more information about
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Upcoming Events:

- Olivia's Forest Hike, March 2:

Join the WRWC for a chill hike around a classic, craggy New England Wetland! Olivia's Forest Loop is a 0.7-mile moderately trafficked loop trail located near Smithfield, Rhode Island that features beautiful wild flowers and is good for all skill levels. Be aware: parking is very limited, so if you can safely carpool, please do! Register at:

<https://wrwc.org/wp/events/olivias-forest-3-2-24/>

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"A Celebration of Nature Through Music and Poetry"

Thank you to everyone who submitted to Notable Works' and Crosswinds Poetry's 2024 Poetry Initiative. Winners will be notified no later than March 15, 2024. Cash prizes are: First Place \$200, Second Place \$100 and Third Place \$75. There will also be three poems selected for Honorable Mention and each will receive \$25. In addition, the Barrington Public Library will record and feature the top three winners on April 1st, April 8th and April 15th, 2024 on Dial-A-Poem. All six winning poets are invited to read their selected poems at "A Celebration of Nature Through Music and Poetry" on April 6th 2024 at 1 PM in the Salem Family Auditorium at the **Barrington Public Library** (281 County Road, Barrington, Rhode Island). This free and open to everyone event (Pre-Registration Required), will kick off National Poetry Month and Earth Month and include a special presentation by **Cynthia Elder, Executive Director of the Barrington Land Conservation Trust**. Notable Works and Crosswinds Poetry are so honored and pleased to have BLCT as a Collaborative Partner for this new 2024 celebration of music and poetry project. **REGISTER FOR THE EVENT.**

Notable Works' Staged Reading of the new musical "Sell Division" at the Granite Theater in Westerly, Rhode Island scheduled for April 12, 2024 at 7 PM, has been postponed. However, a Staged Reading of this musical will take place at the **Community College of Rhode Island's** Knight Campus in Warwick, Rhode Island on Friday, November 15th 2024 at 7 PM in the Bobby Hackett Theater. For more information, audition form and script, contact Noreen at: noreeninglesi@cox.net or Mary at: zemawoman99@gmail.com.

A Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser for Notable Works: We hope you will consider attending this "Dine to Donate" event. If you present the attached voucher (on page 4) to your food server for either Dine-In or To-Go between 3 PM and 8 PM on Thursday, March 7, 2024, Notable Works will receive 10% of your food order which will be used to support Notable Works' current projects and events. There will be a 50/50 raffle which will be drawn at 7:45 PM that same evening. Need not be present to win. Please join us for this special fundraiser!



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2024 Land Trust Learning Series

Behind the Scenes: The Terrapin Conservation Project

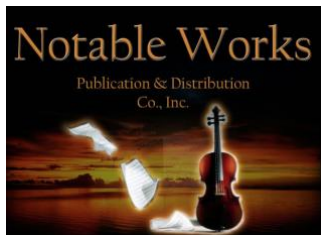
Tuesday, March 12, 6:45 pm at the Barrington Public Library

BARRINGTON, RI – Every year in late spring, a miraculous thing happens in a remote corner of Barrington, RI. Hundreds of rare Diamondback Terrapin turtles come ashore to lay their eggs, ensuring the survival of their species for another generation. Just as remarkable are the dozens of volunteers who spend hours preparing for their arrival.

Learn about this project at an event hosted by the Barrington Land Conservation Trust and Barrington Public Library. "Behind the Scenes: The Terrapin Conservation Project," takes place on Tuesday, March 12, at 6:45 pm in the Salem Family Auditorium at the Library, 281 County St., Barrington.

To register, go to www.blct.org/events.

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The event is part of the 2024 Land Trust Learning Series, sponsored by Santander Bank, with additional support from Prickly Ed's Cactus Patch Native Plant Emporium, Bank Newport, and the RI Natural History Survey, and other local sponsors.

At this event, you'll hear directly from volunteers who greet the nesting turtles, protect their nests, watch the hatchlings emerge, and scientifically track the results of each season. The project draws volunteers of all ages and backgrounds, including college students interested in pursuing a career in environmental studies.

Kathryn Beauchamp and Madeleine Linck, co-leaders of the Terrapin Conservation Project, will be joined by other long-time volunteers who have invested heart and soul — along with a lot of sweat equity — in the project. Volunteers will share their experiences, answer questions, and provide a glimpse into the daily activities of a Terrapin Conservation Project volunteer.

"When you go through a whole season, there's such a reward when you see those tiny, perfectly formed little babies," says volunteer Nancy Maddocks, a retired librarian from the Barrington Middle School. "They're incredible. It gives you hope that nature still persists. It's exciting to think that here in little suburban Barrington, this exists. I feel a sense of pride that there's a decent-sized community who really cares about nature and is trying to preserve it."

Mary Caplan, who spent 30 years as a nurse at RI Hospital, became an active volunteer when she retired. "I'm outside with like-minded people who care about the environment. We're doing something positive. It's scientifically interesting, and we see the benefit when the babies are born. We look in each little cage and their little faces peek up. They're saying, let me go. Let me do my thing."

Deb Matson, whose career in social work led her into many volunteer activities, now divides her time between the Barrington Farm School and the Terrapin Conservation Project. "What has been the most meaningful is to witness the mother turtles coming in late spring to lay their eggs and watching the little baby hatchlings emerge in late summer. It's a miracle and we are all relieved to see them coming out of their nest and healthy! No words can describe the feeling. You have to experience it. Volunteering here, interacting with nature, has given me a deepened respect and humility towards all of wildlife. I truly have grown."

The evening will conclude with a 20-minute documentary, "Turtles on the Hill," a love story about this population of rare turtles, the dedicated people who are conserving them, and the changing coastal landscapes that they share. The documentary is told through the eyes of a young woman scientist who joined this community to reveal how—despite the existential threats of coastal development, predation, and sea level rise—the lives of the people, the Diamondback Terrapins, and the estuary are inextricably intertwined.

The movie is written and directed by Carolyn Decker, and produced & edited by Jason Jaacks. It is a Splitframe Media production produced in partnership with the Science & Story Lab at the University of Rhode Island.

The Barrington Land Conservation Trust has preserved nearly 300 acres of open space in perpetuity for the benefit of the public. For more information on the Land Trust and its properties, visit www.blct.org.



Photo by Barrington Land Conservation Trust



20th Anniversary of the Land & Water Conservation Summit

[Here is more information.](#)

Hosted at URI Memorial Union on
March 9, 2024

This year, we are focusing on critical strategies to conserve our important landscapes and waterways and will be grounding our program in contemporary environmental challenges and opportunities for collaboration!

Registration for the 2024 Land & Water Summit is now open! Learn more:
<https://rilandtrusts.org/summit/>



For more information about ERICD,
please contact:
info@easternriconservation.org
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The People's Garden Project Funding Opportunity WHO: Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District (ERICD) WHAT: Community Garden Grants Available. WHERE: Bristol and Newport Counties, Rhode Island CONTACT: Sara Churgin, ERICD, schurgin.ericd@gmail.com | 401.225.6033

MORE INFO: www.easternriconservation.org/peoples-garden

Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District seeks organizations in urban, suburban, or rural areas to install community gardens or high tunnels and maintain them for the duration of the project. This project is funded by an agreement between the RI State Conservation Committee (RISCC) and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS).

Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District Earth Month 2024 Save the Dates

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<https://www.easternriconservation.org/earthmonth>

Seedling Sale Prep Day- April 19, 2024 9:30AM-1:00PM

Volunteer with us to help prep for the Earth Month Seedling Sale. Volunteer Sign Up [link here.](#) Volunteers needed for both the prep day and the sale day!

Seedling Sale- April 20, 2024- 10:00AM-12:00PM

We will be offering a range of native plant seedlings and saplings for sale. From perennials to shrubs to trees! Bundles of native plants can be purchased in advance online and picked up at our sale. The online seedling store is OPEN ONLINE- [click here to start your order.](#)

Cozy Candle Making Workshop, March 2: Join WRWC's Youth Education Coordinator Gianna Lourenco for a delightful and illuminating experience at our first cozy candle making workshop, perfect for those eager to learn a new skill! Immerse yourself in a perfect blend of coziness, education, and fun as you learn the art of crafting your own personalized candle to take home. All materials will be included and light snacks and beverages will be provided. Spaces are limited; register online at <https://wrwc.org/wp/events/cozy-candle-making-workshop/>

Vernal Hikequinox with Pizza at Revive the Roots, March 20: Mark the beginning of Spring with us and celebrate the Vernal Equinox—that time of year when the sun is exactly above the Equator and day and night are of equal length. We'll start our hike at Revive the Roots, traverse down to the Woonasquatucket River and follow the Mowry Conservation Area loop before returning back for some wood fired pizza made by our friends at Revive The Roots. This is a hilly, roughly four-mile loop hike. Register at <https://wrwc.org/wp/events/vernal-hikequinox/>

Call for Artists: Inspiring Change through Art – Woonasquatucket River Greenway Trash Bin Project: The Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council is excited to invite artists to contribute to our community-driven initiative aimed at promoting responsible waste disposal and combating littering. This project is part of an anti-litter campaign with objectives to increase awareness of the environmental, economic, health and safety impacts of litter on the community, including the River and Greenway. **Deadline for submissions is March 8.** For details and to submit your designs, visit <https://wrwc.org/wp/call-for-artists-inspiring-change-through-art-woonasquatucket-river-greenway-trash-bin-project/>



**Register today for the
2024 RIEEA Summit:
Art for Eco-Literacy
and Activism**

Each year, RIEEA hosts a Summit to bring together engaged communities throughout the state and from across various sectors to build networks, gather resources, share best practices, and cultivate leadership skills for widespread environmental literacy adoption and implementation.

Register today for the 2024 Summit: Art for Eco-Literacy and Activism, featuring keynote speaker, May Babcock, at Rhode Island College on Saturday, March 16, 2024. Registration includes a RIEEA membership for the year. *Click the link below to register.*

<https://www.rieea.org/programs/summit/2024-annual-summit/>

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Plog Newport- April 13, 2024

We will be plogging (jogging and picking up trash) after the Newport Rhode Race Marathon on April 13, 2024. Volunteer signups are now open! The first 50 volunteers to sign up get a free Dri-fit long sleeve shirt. Shirt sizes will be first come, first serve.

How to sign up:

- [Click this link](#) to go to the Plogging Volunteer section of the Rhode Races website.
- Check the box with your preferred time slot under the date then click 'Continue'.
- Add the Password: ERICD
- Input your preferred contact and volunteer information.

Plog & Chug April 25, 2024

Join the local Newport Run & Chug club at 6:30pm at the Fastnet Pub to plog Newport and then have a drink! Preventing trash from entering the watershed is a great way to help the Earth all year long.

Rain Barrel Workshops

For the fifth year we will be hosting rain barrel workshops for local residents to learn how to make their own rain barrels and then take them home. These barrels collect stormwater for use in gardens and on lawns. [Sign Up for the location and time of your choosing here.](#)

Please also consider volunteering at one of our Rain Barrel Workshops by visiting our volunteer [sign up link here.](#) Workshop Dates Include:

Bristol- April 6, 2024 (Rain date: April 7, 2024)

Barrington- April 13, 2024 (Rain date: April 14, 2024)

Middletown- April 20, 2024 (Rain date: April 21, 2024)

Life in the Marsh

Knee deep in the rising tide
The Great White Egret stands
Neck stretched tall,
Alert to his dinner streaming past.

His elegant stillness against
Green salt marsh grasses
Is reflected in undulating motion
On the incoming tide.

How does he know
That the tastiest morsel is yet to come?
His still body tells me - patience.
Time does not exist.
Only this moment.

Atop a platform in the salt marsh
An osprey pair have raised four chicks
Now fledged, flying haphazardly,
Practicing landings and misses
To a symphony of high-pitched twitters
From watchful parents
And themselves.

Imagine! Four fledglings! Almost unheard of.
Ospreys have a hard life.
Defects of birth, accidents, starvation
If your siblings are bigger and greedier.

This year the osprey parents are notably anxious
As they instruct and guide their fledglings
Adult in size, still teenagers in know-how,
Not yet equipped to survive on their own,

Learning to pierce the depths of the cove with
Laser sharp eyes for tiny, darting mummichogs,
Or a telltale flick of grass on the upland
That signals a field mouse
No larger than my thumb.

Last year was a bad year
For these elegant, resourceful virtuosos.
They lost two of three fledglings.
Do raptors' hearts break?

They are anxious, impatient birds,
Hunting, feeding, escaping their own predators -
The quarrelsome squadrons of crows
Who dive bomb the nests for food.
There is no patience in the perilous skies.

Yet, the parents return every year
To the same nesting spot,
Repair the nest,
Begin again.

And the Great White Egrets who sometimes
Greet each other with a gentle brush of beaks?
They, too, return
Year after year.

Sandra Wyatt





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3pm – 8pm



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