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# Notable Notes

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## In Celebration of Earth Month and National Poetry Month

Notable Works, in partnership with Crosswinds Poetry, will be presenting “A Celebration of Nature Through Music and Poetry” on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 1 PM in the Salem Family Auditorium at the Barrington Public Library (281 County Rd. Barrington, Rhode Island). We hope that you will consider joining us at this event to help recognize the six winning poets from Notable Works’ and Crosswinds Poetry’s 2024 Poetry Initiative who will be reading their winning poems: First Place, Mary Ann Mayer; Second Place, Diana Cole and Third Place, Monique Cellemme; Honorable Mentions; Janet E. Aalfs, Nancy Cook and Charron Holtzman. Thank you to everyone who submitted their wonderful original works for review as part of this contest. “A Celebration of Nature Through Music and Poetry” will begin with the Land Acknowledgement by Tracey Dancing Star Brown and is free and open to everyone (Pre-Registration Required). This event will kick off National Poetry Month and Earth Month and will include a performance by the Notable Works’ Ensemble. And Cynthia Elder, Executive Director of the Barrington Land Conservation Trust (BLCT) will very wonderfully finish off the first half with a special presentation. **REGISTER FOR THE EVENT.**

Barrington Public Library will feature the top three winners of Notable Works’ and Crosswinds Poetry’s 2024 Poetry Initiative each week on Dial-A- Poem. Please call (401) 433-9509 to listen to each of these three featured poems:

**April 1 to 7, 2024 - First Place “In Rosenlauri” by Mary Ann Mayer**

**April 8 to 14, 2024 - Second Place “Squall” by Diana Cole**

**April 15 to 21, 2024 - Third Place “Garden” by Monique Cellemme**



*Photo on right by Cindy Elder: Ellen Berren (second from left), property steward of Sowams Woods, will speak at “This Land Is Your Land.” Here she’s pictured with members of the Land Trust’s Student Stewardship Team: Jonathan Magnuson (left), Chris Johnson (second from right), and Isaac Hall (right).*

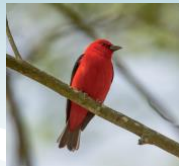


**The Barrington Land Conservation Trust** will celebrate Earth Day this year with two events: a cleanup at Allin’s Cove Conservation Area and “This Land Is Your Land,” a virtual tour of Barrington’s conservation properties. “It’s powerful to have a hands-on experience caring for our environment,” says Cindy Elder, Executive Director of the Barrington Land Conservation Trust. “At the Land Trust, our volunteers feel connected to the lands they steward. We’d like to offer that opportunity to more people who care about preserving the wild places in our town.”

On Sunday, April 21, from 1-3 pm, the public is invited to participate in a cleanup at Allin’s Cove Conservation Area. The Land Trust will provide necessary supplies and will offer an overview of the history and ecology of this important site, which has been the subject of restoration efforts at the local, state and national level. All ages are welcome, including children with parental supervision. Registration is required due to limited parking. To register, go to [www.blct.org/events](http://www.blct.org/events).

The Land Trust will present “This Land Is Your Land” on Wednesday, April 24, at 7 pm at the Barrington Public Library, 281 County St., Barrington. Through pictures and stories, guests will be introduced to hundreds of acres of conservation land in

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*Scarlet Tanager  
by Ed Hughes*

### Guided Bird Walks

Orioles, tanagers, and warblers, oh my! May is bird migrations month. Audubon Society of Rhode Island offers FREE guided bird walks on our wildlife refuges throughout the month.

Check out the schedule and register at <https://asri.org/calendar/>



WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER  
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### Upcoming Events:

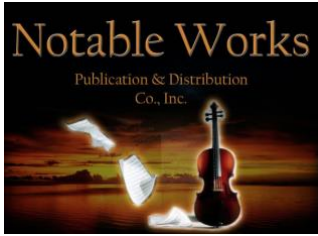
**LATHAM BROOK PRESERVE  
HIKE Date: Saturday, April 6**



**When: 10:00 am Start/end  
Location: 380 Log Rd,  
Smithfield, RI 02917**

Join us for this new hike in Smithfield! Trails have been newly blazed and marked by members of the Smithfield Land Trust for this roughly 4-mile round trip hike at Latham Brook. This is a beautiful new wooded area to explore in Smithfield, with rolling hills and natural happenings yet to be discovered! Registration is REQUIRED for all events. To register for these events, please visit <https://wrwc.org/events/>

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Barrington. "This Land Is Your Land" is free and open to the public. Registration is required as space is limited in the Salem Family Auditorium. To register, go to [www.blct.org/events](http://www.blct.org/events).

"I speak to many residents who aren't aware of the public walking trails that are available to them, as well as the more sensitive areas open only for guided tours, and those places that are reserved for conservation," says Elder. "This presentation will open your eyes to the natural places in our town and help you know when and how to access them."

The presentation will be delivered by volunteers who play critical roles in the management and care of these properties. Speakers include Peter McCalmont, Chair of the Doug Rayner Wildlife Refuge Management Committee; Ellen Berren, Property Steward of Sowams Woods; Peter Burke, Property Steward of PIC-WIL Nature Preserve; Ginger Brown, Property Steward of St. Andrews Farm; Bill Kirkpatrick, Property Steward of Johannis Farm Wildlife Preserve; Victor Lerish; Chair of the Land Trust's Stewardship Committee; and Cindy Elder. The event is part of the 2024 Land Trust Learning Series, sponsored by Santander Bank and Shaw's, with additional support from Guinness Financial Services, Prickly Ed's Cactus Patch Native Plant Emporium, Bank Newport, the RI Natural History Survey, and other local sponsors.

*Every Day is Mother's Day*  
 A Concert Sponsored by Art In The Atrium First U  
 Reception with light refreshments follows concert in the Atrium.  
 Meet performers, purchase CDs, and view the "Ekphrasis, Where Poetry Meets Art" exhibition.  
 Purchase tickets, cash or check during coffee hour on 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28 between 11:30 - 12:30.  
**Friday, May 3rd, 7:00 pm**  
**First Unitarian Church of Providence,**  
**One Benevolent Street, Providence 02906**  
 Claudia Schmidt, Sally Rogers, Emma's Revolution



Tickets  
 \$35 in advance  
 \$40 at the door




Holly Near  
 with Tammy Hall and Jan Martinelli



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 AN INVITATIONAL EXHIBITION  
 WITH WORKS BY 17 ARTISTS AND 17 POETS.



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"**Ekphrasis - Where Art and Poetry Meet**" an invitational Art in the Atrium exhibit with works by 17 artists and 17 poets. There will be a Poetry Reading on April 11, 7-8 PM when 17 poets will read their poems in response to the artwork. The show runs through May 3, Atrium hours are 9:00 - 5:00 M-F and Sundays 10-1 PM. Entrance to the exhibit is located at One Benevolent Street, Providence, RI 02906.

*Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council Events Continued.....*

**RIVERSIDE PARK EARTH MONTH CLEAN DAY Location: Riverside Park, 50 Aleppo Street, Providence, RI 02909**  
**Date: Friday, April 12, 10 am-2 pm** Join us to get Riverside Park ready for spring! We will be weeding, mulching, painting fences, and planting flowers in this beautiful Green Infrastructure showcase. We will also remove the significant debris that has been pushed into the park by winter stormwater.

**JOHNSTON EARTH MONTH CLEAN DAY. Location: Hillside Avenue, Johnston, RI Date: Saturday, April 20, 10 am-2 pm**  
 Join us to beautify the Hillside Avenue to Manton Pond section of the Woonasquatucket River Greenway in Johnston. Volunteers will plant flowers, clear litter, remove invasive plants, spread mulch, and put on waders and hop into canoes for in-water clean ups this stretch of the Woonasquatucket River.

**Promenade-Kinsley Earth Month Clean Day Location: Meet at the Bath Street Pedestrian Bridge which connects Promenade Street and Kinsley Avenue in Providence Date: Monday, April 22, 10 am-2 pm** On Earth Day, we're looking for many volunteers (big teams welcome along with individuals and families) to clean the Woonasquatucket River and surrounding land along Promenade and Kinsley Streets in Providence. We will be putting on waders and getting in boats for an extensive in-water cleanup, painting guard rails and benches, and planting trees. We will provide everything you need to have a successful volunteer experience.

**Ken Weber Conservation Area: Cascade Brook Hike--When: Saturday, April 27, 2024 Time: 10:00 am**  
**Start/end location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/BN9kEVSgrNo9Admo8>** Enter off Putnam Pike (Route 44) at the sign for Village at Waterman Lake, at the western edge of Greenville, across from West Greenville Road. This entrance is Mapleville Road. Park at the end of the paved roadway (do not take the forks that go up to the left). This is a short and easy hike for all ability levels. Start this Spring Saturday with us in the 27-acre Ken Weber Conservation Area that features the seasonal "Cascade Brook" that produces a pretty little waterfall in the springtime. Along this one-mile loop trail you'll also enjoy Rhode Island's oft-seen rock walls from another time, giant boulders, and stately trees. This serene property is maintained by the Smithfield Conservation Commission and was named for and dedicated to the late Ken Weber, known as "Nature's best friend in Smithfield." Ken and his wife Bettie laid out the trail. For more information about this and other trails managed by the Smithfield Conservation Commission, visit: <https://www.smithfieldri.gov/departments/land-trust/seven-scenic-walks-in-smithfield>  
**Registration is REQUIRED for all events. To register for these events, please visit <https://wrwc.org/events/>**

*\*For the above listed clean-up activities, we will provide everything you need to have a successful volunteer experience. We recommend that you bring a reusable water bottle, and if you have work gloves that you would like to use, please bring those as well. If not, we have plenty of gloves for your use.*



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 or visit:  
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**Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District Earth Month 2024**  
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**MORE INFO: <https://www.easternriconservation.org/earthmonth>**

**Volunteers Needed for Most Events**

Looking for a way to get outside and give back to the community? Consider volunteering with us this Earth Month. There are multiple ways and opportunities to volunteer all month long, including Rain Barrel Workshops, Plogging the Newport Marathon, and our Seedling Sale.

**[www.easternriconservation.org/news/volunteer-with-us-for-earth-month-and-beyond](http://www.easternriconservation.org/news/volunteer-with-us-for-earth-month-and-beyond)**

**Bristol Rain Barrel Workshop**  
**April 6- 10:00AM-12:00PM**  
**101 Asylum Road, Bristol, RI, 02809**

Learn how to prep a rain barrel, with all the materials and step by step guidance provided within the workshop. At the end of the workshop take home a ready-to-install rain barrel and installation kit, which will collect and store stormwater for your garden. Containers generously provided by Coca-Cola. For conservation and for pollution prevention, installing a rain barrel to collect and store rainwater for use on your lawn and gardens is a simple but powerful way to make a difference for the Aquidneck Island and Narragansett Bay. Volunteers also needed for all workshop dates.

**[www.easternriconservation.org/events/bristol-rain-barrel-event](http://www.easternriconservation.org/events/bristol-rain-barrel-event)**

**VOICES FROM THE VILLAGE**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**Location: HARBOR CHURCH,**  
**Block Island, Rhode Island**

**Invited readers and reciters will present their favorite poems to Block Island.**



*Ryan McGarry returns to the Voices from the Village stage again this year.*

Please reserve this date and time on your calendar and play a most important role: listener-responder. The program will run approximately one hour. Readers and musicians are community members who contribute to the well-being of Block Island.

They and their poems will not be revealed until the program. We hope you will join us as we explore the variety and power of poetry.

**Plog Newport****April 13- 10:00AM, 12:30PM, or 2:00PM**

Plog with us after the Newport Rhode Race on April 13! There are three signup times to pick from; 10:00AM-12:00PM, 12:30PM-2:00PM, or 2:00-3:00. Participants will walk or jog a two-mile segment of the race route and pick up trash. You will be provided with bags, gloves, a map, shirt, and other goodies! The first 50 participants to sign up will receive a free long sleeve dri fit shirt, courtesy of Orsted. This is a volunteer event associated with Newport Rhode Races. This does not include running in the race event, only plogging after the event.

[www.easternriconservation.org/news/plog-with-us-this-earth-month](http://www.easternriconservation.org/news/plog-with-us-this-earth-month)

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**Spirit in the Night**

*Published by Notable in Voices of the Earth: The Future of Our Planet III*

The Owl flapped his feathered wings when I was near, blending in with bark and branches  
 Bringing comfort in a storm  
 Being aware, knowing the forest  
 Bringing a reminder, nature gives life  
 Being majestic, riding the wind  
 Bringing protection from danger  
 Being brave, listening for predators  
 Bringing sticks and leaves to create a nest  
 Being swift, foraging for food  
 Being free, flying in the coniferous and boreal forest, among the redwoods, firs, red maple cypress, aspen and the tundra

The Owl flapped its wings when I was near

by Babs Wells

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# Earth Day



## Citywide Ways to Engage in Earth April 2024

**Reduce Landfill Waste and Increase the Life of a Favorite T-shirt with a Fresh Earth Day 2024 Graphic**

**The Roger Williams Park Gateway Center  
 April 1st – 8th and 11th – 15th during hours of operation**

Drop off a light colored, currently-loved, clearly labeled (masking tape works great!) plain-back or front t-shirt to get silkscreened by local artists from ChromaCouncil for FREE! Then pick up your newly upcycled shirt back at the Gateway Center between April 11-15 to model with pride during Earth April activities and beyond!

**Rain Barrel Painting****The Roger Williams Park Gateway Center****Every Wednesday in Earth April 4-6**

City kids are invited to work with local teaching artist Evelyn Coa on designing and painting Rain Barrels that will be raffled off (for free!) at the Gateway Center to members of the community. More Information: <https://fb.me/e/32aKNyjdk>

**Providence Community Libraries****Mashpaug Pond****Every Tuesday in Earth April from 5 – 6**

**WildLives Owl Prowls** with Alex Hornstein of Wild Lives, CLPVD is offering nature walks in parks, AKA Owl Prowl.

Click this link to view complete list of Earth Day Activities:  
<https://www.providenceri.gov/earthday/>

### Quote of the Month

**“With confidence, you have won before you have started.”**

*Marcus Garvey*

Possessing a strong sense of who you are and what you are capable of can carry you a long way in [reaching your goals](#). The opposite is also true: Taking on a difficult task while full of [self-doubt](#) and pessimism often leads to failure. Marcus Garvey, a Black leader and [activist](#) in the early 20th century, believed this so thoroughly that he saw [confidence](#) as a victory in itself. He said, “If you have no confidence in self you are twice defeated in the race of life.”