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Notable Notes

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Audubon Society
of Rhode Island



Artist Aileen Quinn

The Audubon Maxwell Mays Wildlife Refuge in Coventry has a new resident artist and studio! Get creative this summer and join local artist Aileen Quinn for watercolor, printmaking, and glass painting classes.

Visit asri.org/calendar for details and to register.



WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER
WATERSHED COUNCIL

Litter Bug Party w/ 15 Minute Field Trips and WRWC
June 1st
2 PM - 2:30 PM
Bob's Skate Park

Join us on June 1st from 2 PM to 3:30 PM for the Bob's Skate Park Clean Up! Thanks to the Litter Free RI grant from the Governor, we're teaming up to keep our community clean. Check out the draft flyer attached for more info. Meet us at Bob's Skate Park to pick up bags, gloves, and pickers – everything you need to make a difference. Return your full trash bags and receive FREE 15MFT t-shirts and bee rocks while supplies last. Let's clean up and rock out together! Feeling artistic? Join us in making chalk art on the Greenway – express yourself while beautifying our surroundings. And of course, no event is complete without refreshments! Come enjoy some snacks and drinks as we celebrate our efforts in making our community a cleaner, brighter place. See you there!

LEARN MORE: wrwc.org/events

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Notable Works' Upcoming Events

The newly written musical “Sell Division:” Breaking the Chains of Perception, focuses on overcoming the divisiveness of misinformation, disinformation, labeling, and stereotyping which influence our relationships and ultimately our communities. On November 15, 2024, there will be a Live Staged Reading of this musical in the Bobby Hackett Theater at the Community College of Rhode Island. We are currently seeking actors/singers for this professionally endorsed November 15th performance. No memorization is required. If you are interested in participating, it would be great if you would consider coming to the upcoming open audition which will be held on Saturday, June 22nd from 2:30 to 4:30 PM in Room 113 of the Warwick Public Library, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI. You will just need to come prepared to sing 16 measures of a song of your choice a cappella and fill out a one-page audition form. If you cannot make it, please send a video of yourself singing to: noreeninglesi@cox.net or call (401) 391-1874.

Notable Works is also pleased to announce that on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 11:00 AM “A Celebration of Nature Through Music and Poetry” will be presented at the Weaver Public Library 41 Grove Ave. in East Providence, RI. This event, which is free and open to everyone, will feature Poet David Dragone and finalists from the Notable Works' 2024 Poetry Initiative: Halyna Chapman, Alfred R. Crudale, William Doreski, Irena Kaci, Thomas E. Lane and Sandra Wyatt. The Notable Works' Ensemble will be performing and Notable Works' original video presentation “Connections Nurtured Through Nature's Harmonies,” highlighting Hundred Acre Cove and the East Bay area, will be shown. This video was produced by Maria Bilyeu and the narration and music was written and recorded by Notable Works' Artist in Residence, Noreen Inglesi. It would be so wonderful if you might consider attending and please help spread the word.



BARRINGTON LAND
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**Land Trust Presents “Birds
of the East Bay” June 11**



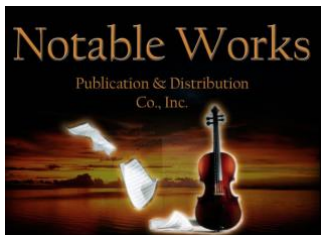
Warbler. Photo by Butch Lombardi

Butch Lombardi's nature photographs have graced the pages of Yankee Magazine, East Bay Newspapers, The Providence Journal, The Boston Globe, and publications by the Audubon Society of RI, the National Wildlife Federation and the Academy of Natural Science. Over his five decades of fascination with bird photography, he has collected images and stories that will evoke appreciation for the birds of the East Bay.

On June 11, at 6:30 pm, the Barrington Land Conservation Trust presents “Birds of the East Bay” featuring Butch Lombardi's remarkable photographs. The event will be held at the Barrington Public Library in the Salem Family Auditorium. The Land Trust will hold its annual meeting prior to the event at 6 pm.

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"Birds of the East Bay" is free and open to the public. To register, go to www.blct.org/events. The event is part of the Land Trust Learning Series sponsored by the Shaw's Foundation, Santander Bank and other local sponsors, held in partnership with the Barrington Public Library.

"My interest in birds started around 1958," says Lombardi, a resident of Warren, RI. "We spotted a cardinal in our yard. My mother and I went to Mercier's Hardware and purchased a bird feeder for the backyard. Ten years later I gravitated to photography as an art form."

Lombardi will entertain the audience with tales of his adventures in photography and will provide tips and suggestions for how you can respect the wildlife while capturing the magic of the moment.

The Barrington Land Conservation Trust has preserved approximately 300 acres of open space in perpetuity for the benefit of the public. For more information on the Land Trust and how you can get involved, visit www.blct.org.



Creative Practices for Environmental Learning

The Rhode Island Environmental Education Association (RIEEA) is hosting three (3) workshops this spring/summer exploring the intersection of art, education, and the environment! Each workshop is collaborative, co-facilitated by a Rhode Island artist and a Rhode Island environmental educator. Together, the facilitators will share different approaches to integrating the creative arts into a nature-oriented classroom or program. Poetry of the Wild with Ana Flores and Wanda Hopkins will be held on Saturday, June 15; Microcosmos: microscopes and seeing tiny worlds, with Jeffrey Yoo Warren and Jo Ayuso will be held on Saturday, June 29; and Fresh Indigo: farm to fabric, with Sasha Azbel and Janice Lardey will be held on Saturday, July 13. Learn more about these programs and register at: <https://www.rieea.org/programs/professional-development-workshop-series/>



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Quote of the Month

"Life changes fast. Life changes in the instant. The ordinary instant."

Joan Didion

In 2005, [Joan Didion](#) (1934-2021) published [her memoir](#) about the recent sudden death of her husband, fellow writer John Gregory Dunne. About two months before the book's publication, Didion also lost the couple's only child, daughter Quintana Roo. When she adapted her book on grief "The Year of Magical Thinking" - a National Book Award winner- into a one-woman [Broadway](#) show starring Vanessa Redgrave, she broadened its scope to consider the two great losses of her life. With these lines, Didion reflects that life's most meaningful moments aren't likely to feel grand or cinematic — profound events are still surrounded by normal context. Didion compels us to embrace each mundane-seeming moment, because [we never know when things are going to change](#).

Know Your Rights: Lead Exposure.

June 5th 6 PM - 7 PM

Olneyville Resilience Hub 1

7 Hyat Street, Providence, RI

Free to Attend/ Free Food & Childcare Provided

Attention all 02908 and 02909 Residents! Join the 'Childhood Lead Action Project' to learn more about the dangers of lead exposure in our neighborhoods and your rights as a renter or homeowner. We will also be registering local residents to receive a FREE Brita Water Filter!

Gardening for Pollinators Community Workshop

June 8th 12 PM - 2 PM

Donigian Park. Valley Street, Providence, RI

Join us on June 8th for an enriching experience at the new Community Pollinator Garden at Donigian Park. The WRWC is hosting a workshop and planting activity focused on pollinator gardening. Discover the wonders of pollinator gardens, their profound impact on our ecosystem and food systems, and gain practical insights into creating them in any Rhode Island environment.

WRWC TroopTop at WaterFire Arts Center

June 13th

WaterFire Arts Center 475 Valley Street, Providence, RI

Mark your calendars, invite your friends, and get ready for a night to remember! Join us for a fantastic evening at WRWC TroopTop! What's in store: Gallery on Display: When I Get Home - a group exhibition by the 2023-2024 WaterFire Accelerate Cohort. Music by: DJ Olive Girl. Snacks: Provided by UNFI Cafe PVD. Drinks/Cocktails/Mocktails: Provided by TROOP And that's not all! Will there be Giant Jenga? Lawn games like cornhole? Stay tuned to find out, but one thing's for sure – Brookie the Trout will be drinking like

Downtown Providence Paddle

June 15th 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Join us for a paddle on this beautiful stretch of hidden wilderness, the lower Woonasquatucket River. We'll start at the boat launch on South Water St. and travel through bustling downtown Providence, through Waterplace Park and up to Eagle Square. Pre-registration is required.

LEARN MORE: wrwc.org/events



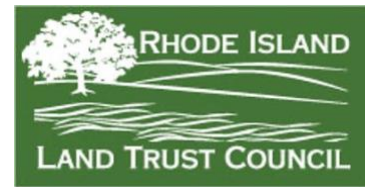
Eastern Rhode Island Conservation

District please contact:

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or visit:

www.easternriconservation.org



Through conservation programs, the Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District partners with the USDA's NRCS to provide technical and financial assistance to help farmers and forest landowners make conservation improvements on their land to benefit natural resources, build resiliency, and combat the impacts of climate change. NRCS accepts applications for these programs year-round, so farmers and landowners should reach out if they are interested in learning more.

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Save the Date:

Wine Down: Yoga at Greenvale Vineyards

When: Monday, August 12: 5-7PM

Where: Greenvale Vineyards, 582 Wapping Rd, Portsmouth RI

What: Join us for an evening of yoga and a glass of wine in the gorgeous setting of Greenvale Vineyards in support of the Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District. The yoga instructor for this event will be Rachel Frodyma of Nanaquaket Yoga Studio. Please bring your own mat and props. Two ticket options are available - with or without wine. The ticket price for yoga with one glass of wine included is \$30. The ticket price for yoga without wine is \$20. Additional wine will be available for purchase. For more information and to purchase tickets:

<https://www.easternriconservation.org/events/wine-down-yoga-at-greenvale-vineyards>.

YOU'RE INVITED!

To the Rhode Island Land Trust Council's Annual Meeting

Tilted Barn Brewery
One Hemsley Place
Exeter, RI 02822

Join us for an evening of celebration, reflection, and inspiration!

Monday, June 24, 2024
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Speaking program begins at 6:15 pm

Featuring special guest **Andrew Bowman**,
President and CEO Land Trust Alliance

Free for members of the Council, \$35 for non-members
Registration includes light refreshments and a welcome drink
Visit rilandtrusts.org to learn more

Registration required by June 19th
Contact Victoria Antonucci
vantonucci@rilandtrusts.org
401-641-5500

Winners of Honorable Mention from Notable Works' and Crosswinds Poetry's 2024 Poetry Initiative

Rhythms of Rain

Green begins
 in rhythms of rain
 her hand
 warm on my face
 green that is also gold
 a candleflame
 in the coldest cove
 wave-washed stones
 percussive
 the way I learn to live
 unfinished
 shaping words
 each a salt rose blooming
 from untranslatable light
 as if I could render
 ruby-green this pulse
 I call my heart
 deeper than blue
 whales sounding
 where nothing yet begun
 begins
 in the bend
 of sudden bliss
 her touch this
 gold that is also green
 a sun shower weaves between
 each wordless leaf

By Janet E. Aalfs



Take ACTION for Environment Council of Rhode Island's 2024 Legislative Priorities

Tell your Rhode Island state legislators to pass ECRI's top 3 legislative priorities:

1. **The Building Decarbonization Act.** This bill will create a benchmarking program for energy usage in large buildings and phase in requirements for building construction to be all-electric.
2. **The Environmental Justice Act.** This bill will define Environmental Justice, require meaningful engagement with environmental justice communities, and require DEM and CRMC to consider cumulative impacts when reviewing permit applications for polluting facilities.
3. **Budget Appropriation to Fund RIPTA.** This funding is necessary to meet current operating needs, invest in drivers and paying them a livable wage, and invest in the statewide Transit Forward RI plan.

Send them a message today!

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/take-action-for-ecris-top-3-2024-legislative-priorities/?mc_cid=e250664a89&mc_eid=da2e22c328

Tinta

with a nod to Joy Harjo

My house, made of grass,
 is ancient, venerable, not
 the stuff of legend, but of life.
 In my house are no windows;
 windowless,
 my house is all window,
 sky its only rooftop.
 Flowers grow in my house:
 clover, gumweed, goldenrod,
 wild rose and wild onion,
 blazing star and downy gentian,
 thistle, silky aster, bergamot,
 and plum. Cleansed by fire,
 wind-swept, rain-washed,
 the rooms of my house
 are scented with sage and musk.
 There are no doors in my house.
 Place of prayer and silence, cradle
 of infinity in its inner chamber.
 Open sanctuary, shelter
 to bees, bison, birds, beetles,
 broken wings and hearts.
 Can it be saved, my house?

By Nancy Cook

December Waking

I should let this moment pass:
 first snow. We know what will come.
 Burgled sun, abducted song.
 Cold and dark will muscle in,
 the closet will be piled with boots.
 I'll be looking for my scarf,
 you for your gloves. The wipers
 won't keep up. The bags will
 get wet. Our cheeks will chafe,
 noses run, eyes tear, toes numb.
 Our shovels may break, and so
 our spirits on frozen drifts.

But this white dawn
 and the neighbor's lantern—
 a diamond above our ermine-pelted lawn—
 hold me at winter's beginning
 beauty, and more may come:
 a quiet to console us winter-long.

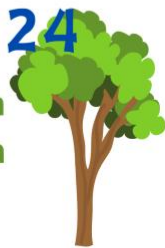
By Charron Holtzman



Blackstone Valley Tourism Council

Rivers Day 2024

Saturday, June 15th
 10:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m
 1420 Broad Street
 Central Falls, RI



A celebration of rivers and the environment

Music

Boat Tours

Environmental RI Organizations

