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Notable Notes

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Notable Works' 2025 Poetry Contest
Bridging the Divide



Audubon Society
of Rhode Island



Long-tailed Duck by Jason Major

Winter Beach Walk with Audubon Moonstone Beach, South Kingstown, RI

January 12, 2025; 12:00-2:00 pm

Join naturalist Bob Kenney for a mid-afternoon winter walk along Moonstone Beach, without the summer crowds or closed piping plover nesting areas. The program is timed to the low tide, perfect for some leisurely beach combing and bird watching. Bring your binoculars; there will be a spotting scope available. Expect to walk one or two miles in soft sand.

Advance registration is required.

Moonstone Beach Road, South Kingstown, RI; Fee: \$15/member; \$20/non-member. Ages: Teen to Adult. Register online through the events calendar at asri.org/calendar.



WOONASQUATTUCKET RIVER
WATERSHED COUNCIL

Joslin Community Garden Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2025
6:00 – 7:30pm

[Olneyville Resilience Hub, 17 Hyat St,
Providence, RI 02909, USA](#)

Join the Joslin Community Garden Committee

Seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help organize the garden! Garden plots will be available for Spring 2025 for neighbors in Olneyville, Valley, Manton, and Mt. Pleasant.

For more information, please contact:

ijencks@wrwc.org

Phone: 206-617-2333



Notable Works' 2025 Poetry Contest will run from **January 1, 2025 to March 1, 2025** (Midnight EST). This year's **Final Contest Judge** will be **Tina Cane**, who was Poet Laureate of Rhode Island from 2016 to 2024.

Notable Works is seeking original poetry submissions focusing on the **theme** of healing and bridging the divide which misinformation can create as it pertains to social concerns and/or the natural environment.

Cash Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners: First Place: \$100; Second Place: \$50 and Third Place: \$25. Three Honorable Mentions will also be selected.

A **Special Event** will feature all six winners on **May 3, 2025 at 11AM** in the **William Hall Library Auditorium** in **Cranston, Rhode Island**, which will also showcase some of the songs and cast members of our new musical *Sell Division*. The six winners of the Poetry Contest will also have their works published in Notable Works' monthly newsletter, *Notable Notes*.

In addition, the Top Three Winners will be featured on On the Line with Cranston Public Library in Celebration of National Poetry Month.

Please Download Poetry Contest Flier and Guidelines at:

www.notableworks.org

Then email your submission(s) to:

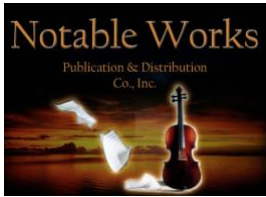
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**Environment Council of Rhode Island
2023-2024**

Green Report Card

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Environmental Studies Scholarship Program

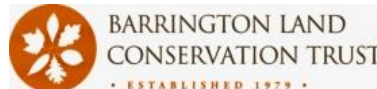
The Rhode Island Environmental Education Association (RIEEA) is happy to announce that applications are now open for our 2025 Environmental Studies Scholarship Program. These scholarships are for Rhode Island residents pursuing a college or university degree related to the environment. Winners have demonstrated a passion for the environment, community leadership, and success in their academic and/or employment and volunteer endeavors.

Learn more at <https://www.rieea.org/resources/environmental-studies-scholarships/> and please share widely amongst your networks!

SAVE THE DATE!

On Saturday, March 15, 2025, the **Rhode Island Environmental Education Association** will be hosting their **Annual Summit**, an opportunity for environmental educators, advocates, students, and others to gather, celebrate, learn, and form connections that strengthen our community. This year's theme is youth voice.

Learn more at www.rieea.org



Upcoming Events

January 4, 2025 @ 7:00 am - 8:00 am

[Sunrise Walk at Osamequin Nature Preserve](#)

Osamequin Nature Preserve 1580 Rte. 114 North, Barrington, RI
Early risers - this one's for you! Launch into the new year with a brisk sunrise walk on Saturday, Jan. 4 at 7 am at Osamequin Nature Preserve. We'll experience the quiet of the forest and Hundred Acre Cove as the sun slips above the horizon at 7:12 am. Dress for the weather and bring your camera to capture the beauty of first light. All ages are welcome. The walk will last under an hour and we'll keep moving at a moderate pace to keep warm. **[REGISTER FOR THE WALK](#)**

January 26, 2025 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[Clean Up – Osamequin Nature Preserve](#)

*Osamequin Nature Preserve 1580 Rte. 114 North,
Barrington, Rhode Island*

Winter is a great time to collect litter that can be hard to see when the leaves are out and the plants are in full bloom. Help us keep Osamequin Nature Preserve pristine by joining our clean up on Sunday, Jan. 26. The clean-up will begin at 1 pm and end at 3 pm, but we welcome you to come even if you can only stay for an hour. Many hands make light work! When you're finished, you can enjoy a self-guided walk of the preserve. Maps will be provided. All ages are welcome; parents must be responsible for the safety of their own children. **[REGISTER FOR THE CLEAN UP](#)**

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and events possible!!!*



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Innovation
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**The Stormwater Innovation Center
is hiring** a Stormwater Education
Coordinator! For more information, visit:
www.stormwaterinnovation.org/jobs



- **ERICD** will have its **annual seedling sale** going live in the new year, so keep an eye out for updates on our website and social media!

- **NRCS Applications** for second round funding are due **January 10th, 2025**. NRCS offers a variety of practices like cover crops, tree planting, composting facilities, pasture & hay planting, wildlife habitat planting, efficient irrigation systems and more! For more information you can contact **NRCS at 401-828-1300 or ERICD at info@easternriconservation.org**

- **ERICD** will be at the **Tiverton Farmers Market** on January 12th, stop by and say hello!

- **Calling all farmers, producers, and landowners!** We want to hear from YOU! Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District (ERICD) will be hosting the Local Work Group Meeting for Bristol and Newport Counties on February 12th, 2025 at 5:30pm at Greenvale Vineyards in Portsmouth RI. Local Work Group Meetings are a valuable part of the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) planning process, providing an opportunity for local land managers to be part of a collaborative effort to improve natural resources within your county. **This meeting is free and open to the public.** We want to see you there, and hear from you on how we can continue to improve the programs we help facilitate through the NRCS. Come and be the voice for your community so that we can continue to be the voice for you with our partners at the USDA's NRCS. Please RSVP at:

<https://ERICDLocalWorkingGroup.eventbrite.com>

2025 Rhode Island Nature Video Festival Deadline for Submissions is January 15, 2025

Organized, Curated and Hosted by:

*RI Natural History Survey, RIC Environmental Club
RI State Film Society, RIC Film Studies Program
and Environment Council of Rhode Island*

Friends, colleagues, film makers, schools and related organizations. We are gearing up a little early this year to begin getting out the word on submissions to the RI Nature Video Festival to everyone who we have ever talked to about the event so that we have more of a chance to connect to youth organizations and schools as we continue to seek more videos from the YouTube generations. If you have any way to get the word into the hands of youth or work with programs that work with youth that might be interested, please help us get out the word. I am available to talk to anyone and everyone about the event and to offer my experience as a video maker to those contemplating making a video.

Contact: Greg Gerritt 401-374-5186

YouTube Moshassuckcritters.

<https://prosperityforri.com/about-us/f/submit-your-videos-for-the-2025-ri-nature-video-festival>



PFLAG Greater Providence provides much-needed support, education, and advocacy efforts to, and for, LGBTQ+ people and their families in the Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts communities. With the success of our previous virtual support meetings, we are proud to continue providing you with trusted support, meeting you where you are—wherever you are—via PFLAG Connects

PFLAG Connects meetings, run by trusted PFLAG Greater Providence leaders, will give you the support you need during this most-challenging time.

All are welcome to attend our meetings. They are not just for parents seeking support. We also welcome members of the LGBTQ community who are seeking support and questioning how to come out to family. Allies who want to learn how to better support their LGBTQ+ friends or provide support to others are welcome, as are members of the medical community, social workers, therapists, educators, etc. You just need to register for each meeting.

For urgent support, visit pflag.org/hotlines for an up-to-date list of emergency hotline numbers, available nationwide. You can also call the PFLAG Greater Providence Help Line: 401-307-1802 or email at pflagprovidence@gmail.com.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! BE THE VOICE OF YOUR COMMUNITY!

This event is in partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service Rhode Island. USDA NRCS is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender. Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the Disability SEPM, Allie Brown, at 401-822-8841 or allie.brown@usda.gov, or dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunication relay services.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO:
ERICD LOCAL WORK GROUP MEETING**

WHERE: GREENVALE VINEYARDS 582 WAPPING RD, PORTSMOUTH, RI
WHEN: FEBRUARY 12TH, 5:30-7:00PM

USDA NRCS logo and Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District logo are included at the bottom of the card.

Seesaw Meditation by Carol Anderheggen

The days are getting shorter but will begin to get longer after December 21. The trees are gray and brown skeletons, but the sap will run again in late winter and early spring.

Maybe it will snow, maybe it won't. If you live in southern New England near the coast as I do, it probably won't.

Life is a seesaw, sometimes we are up, sometimes we are down. I hope as we go through these very dark times we remember life is a seesaw-- the other side of down is up.

Symbiosis

by Mary Gutierrez

From Notable Works' 2024 Poetry Initiative

Feet, bare, stand still on the ground,
I cannot feel where I end
and the earth begins.
We are the same.
I root and dig deep
for the sustenance needed to flourish.
The earth is rich and soft,
so I gather what she gives.
My arms grow full and wide,
allowing me to carry the fruits,
flowers, and leaves of life.
I expand and reach for the sky,
there, the clean air fills my lungs,
every particle seeps within my DNA,
but I take only what is needed
and expel what is left
for others to capture and thrive.

There Are Quiet Places

by Roger Funston

From Notable Works' 2024 Poetry Initiative

There are quiet places
where something stopped long ago
Primordial ancient redwood forest
Sunlight filtering through the trees
I visualize dinosaurs ambling
Redwood trees fall
Open up forest to new saplings
Trees slowly decay
Release nutrients into the soil
Fires hallow out base of trees that still stand mighty
Creeks move in their channel beds after a downpour
Runoff forms new rivulets on slopes
Damp coolness on my skin
Take in incredible green-ness
The beauty, the grandeur
Grounded again, rejuvenated
But time has not stopped
It only seems so
for the few moments
as I stand among giants



Join us for our **January Book Club Meeting over Zoom on Wednesday, January 22, from 3:30-5 pm.** We will talk about the idea of **reading in the wild**...and what YOU'VE been reading in the wild this year! Discuss the concepts in *Reading in the Wild* by Donalyn Miller blog (or book if you're motivated!!) and your best reads of 2024--and hopefully pick up some new ideas for 2025.

Register here: [January Book Club](#)

Mark your calendar for **WAM: The Artist in You!** Join us on **Saturday, February 8th from 10am-12pm at Rhode Island College** for a morning of writing, art, and movement celebrating the artist that you are, both in and out of the classroom. Register yourself and a friend [here](#) before the event fills up! before the event fills up!

For information:

www.RIWP.org

Email: riwritingproject@gmail.com

Spring Signs

by Jim Manchester

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Heavy snow lies thick and lazy on the silent ground;
Sand stained, discolored now, it pushes 'gainst the freeze beneath
And craters at the dormant trunks of trees and stems of shrubs.
Its burden is to bear the promise of a spring to be,
Unbothered by the wizened winter past.
The pack succumbs, if slowly, to insistent sun,
Recedes beneath itself
in a slow
dance of
disappearance . . .



Writers of all genres and experience levels are invited to the monthly Words on Fire Open Mic at William Hall Library in Cranston. The next event will be Jan. 15, 2025 6:00-7:30PM. Learn more and register at:

<https://events.cranstonlibrary.org/calendar/events/wordsonfire>.