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Community Yoga with Audubon

Experience the benefits of practicing yoga while connecting with nature. Led by certified yoga instructor Joanne DeCataldo, this class is for people of all skill levels and abilities.

February 23, March 23, 2025; 9-10am.
(More dates to come!)

RSVP: asri.org/calendar



WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER
WATERSHED COUNCIL

Job Opportunity

Are you passionate about the outdoors and environmental stewardship? Do you love connecting people with nature while fostering stronger communities?

The Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (WRWC) is looking for a dynamic individual to join our team as a **Recreation Guide and Coordinator!**

This part-time, year-round position offers the chance to lead hikes, paddle trips, and other recreational activities across the scenic Woonasquatucket River Watershed. If you're an experienced outdoor enthusiast with strong communication skills and a passion for making a difference, this is the role for you!

For more information, please visit:

<https://wrwc.org/get-involved/careers/>

Notable Works' 2025 Poetry Contest *Bridging the Divide*



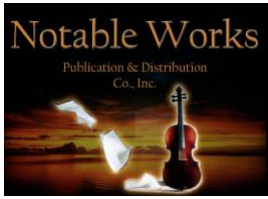
Notable Works' 2025 Poetry Contest opened on January 1st 2025 and we will continue to accept submissions until March 1st 2025 (Midnight EST). There has been an adjustment in the submission fee. Poets are able to submit up to three poems for a total of \$10.

Again, the theme of this year's Poetry Contest is based on Notable Works' new musical "Sell Division: Breaking the Chains of Perception," which focuses on healing and bridging the divide that misinformation, labeling and stereotyping creates as it pertains to our environment and social concerns. To view the video of the Live Staged Reading of "Sell Division," which took place at the Community College of Rhode Island on November 15th 2024, click this YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/QT6gVSCssYk>. And to download the Poetry Contest Flier and Guidelines, please visit: www.notableworks.org.

Notable Works is looking forward to your submissions to this contest! A culmination event "**Bridging the Divide Through Music and Poetry @ William Hall**" will take place on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 11 am in the William Hall Library Auditorium (1825 Broad Street, Cranston, RI 02905). This event will feature the six winners of the Poetry Contest, and songs from the new musical "Sell Division" will be performed by members of the original cast and the Notable Works' Ensemble. There will also be an open mic for poetry (first come first serve). Admission is Free, everyone is welcome and complimentary refreshments will be served.



Left to right: Elissa Parente, Kayla Kennedy, Norman Rivera & Madison Durfee



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Consider a RIEEA Membership!

The Rhode Island Environmental Education Association (RIEEA) offers membership for organizations as well as individuals. They even offer a special rate for full-time students and youth under the age of 25. When you become a member, you will receive a number of benefits - such as eligibility for scholarships and discounts on RIEEA-sponsored events, including their upcoming Annual Summit -while supporting RIEEA's work to promote environmental education in Rhode Island.

Learn more at: www.rieea.org/get-involved/become-a-member/

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

February 19 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[Young Explorers' Adventure at Sowams Woods](#)

Sowams Woods South Lake Drive, Barrington, Rhode Island

Join us during February school vacation for an adventure especially designed for our youngest explorers!

Bring the whole family on Wed., Feb. 19, at 10 am for a winter walk through Sowams Woods, a special place where animals make their home in the forest on the shore of Echo Lake. We'll run, jump, sing songs and go on a scavenger hunt for nature's treasures. The adventure will last about an hour.

[REGISTER FOR THE ADVENTURE](#)



**Discover Our Progress:
2024 Annual Report Released!**

We are thrilled to announce the release of the Stormwater Innovation Center's 2024 Annual Report. This comprehensive report highlights the impactful work we have accomplished over the past year.

Click below to Download and view the report!

[Read Annual Report](#)



Thank you to Notable Works' Sponsors and Supporters!



- ERICD's Annual Seedling Sale is now live! Order online [here](#), now until April 10th! Get started with your native garden today!-



- NRCS Applications for next round funding are due February 28th, 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



Amos House, one of Rhode Island's leading social service agencies providing support to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, poverty, and crisis, is excited to share their 2024 Community Impact Report. Read the full report by scanning the QR code below.



All at Sea

by Nancy Walker Greenaway
Block Island

On the island,
I pay attention to
which way the wind blows,
how the waves tip their white caps,
when to battle with
and when to concede to
forces of nature.

I think of myself
as a parachuting milkweed seed
manipulated by whimsy or chance,
by genetics or weather,
and I hunker down,
rooting as deep
as a seedling can.

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Resilience of Wisdom

by Teagan Smith

A farmer walks along the lines that are left behind by his tilling.
 The composition of the soil is of recycled matter from yesteryear's harvest,
 In which the roots of the new plants will plunge deep into their origin,
 Sustaining off of the history that their ancestors produced.
 Living through the influence of ancient knowledge, building resilience,
 So that their blossoms may never wither and sustain in one's mind an image of brilliance.

The farmer sits under the gargantuan trunk of an ash tree,
 His cap over his eyes, as he takes a resting position, a bough as his bed.
 He has worked hard this day and sees fit that the product is to his content.
 Organic are his methods of agriculture, and indeed, his ideas, too.
 And never he worries about the industrial bustle, though this does take great skill,
 The wisdom and cunning he gains is immense, as he hangs on Yggdrasil.



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



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 Wednesday, February 5, 2025 6:00-7:30PM. Learn more and register at:

[https://events.cranstonlibrary.org/calendar/events/wordsonfire.](https://events.cranstonlibrary.org/calendar/events/wordsonfire)

Nature's Solace

by Patricia McAlpine

Walk in a wetland
 Winter into spring
 Water fills the pond
 laden with duckweed so green
 from surface to depths below.
 Wind blows, trees speak
 rub against each other, broken
 lean on one another.
 Five deer pass by
 in the weathered meadow.
 They sense my presence
 We commune together
 linked in nature's solace.



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QUOTE of the Month

Endure, and keep yourselves for days of happiness....Virgil

Publius Vergilius Maro, better known as **Virgil**, was an ancient Roman poet and a true heavyweight when it comes to quotability. His three major poems — the “Eclogues,” the “Georgics,” and the epic “Aeneid” — gave us many popular phrases, including “time flies,” “love conquers all,” and “fortune favors the bold.” His most famous poem, the “Aeneid,” tells the tale of Aeneas, a Trojan who escaped the fall of Troy before — to cut a very long story short — making his way to Italy to ultimately become the ancestor of the Romans. Aeneas speaks the line, “Endure, and keep yourselves for days of happiness,” in an effort to encourage his men after a series of encounters with monsters, whirlpools, and storms. Like so many of Virgil's lines, it's a beautiful and timeless sentiment, a call to [hold out hope](#) and persist in the face of challenges.