

MARCH 2025

Notable Notes

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Maple Sugaring at Caratunk
Caratunk Wildlife Refuge,
301 Brown Avenue, Seekonk, MA
March 22, 2025; 10:00am-1:00pm

Audubon's popular maple sugaring program returns to the Caratunk Wildlife Refuge in 2025! Discover how maple trees are tapped for sap, learn how syrup is made, and explore the rich history of maple sugaring in New England. A light maple-themed breakfast will be provided. Fun for the whole family!

Caratunk Wildlife Refuge, 301 Brown Avenue, Seekonk, MA; Fee: \$20/member Adult, \$10/member child; \$50/member family (up to 4 people). \$25/non-member adult; \$12/non-member child; \$60/non-member family (up to 4 people). Ages: 4 and up. Register online through the events calendar at asri.org/calendar.



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15 Minute Field Trips

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You can save frogs by becoming a Citizen Scientist! Learn about RI's native species and their special adaptations while making frogs and toads from clay.

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Notable Works' 2025 Poetry Contest

Final Reminder:

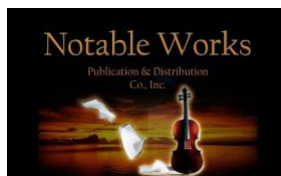
The deadline for **Notable Works' 2025 Poetry Contest** is **Saturday, March 1, 2025 at midnight (EST)**. Once again, the theme of this year's contest is bridging and healing the divide misinformation, labeling and stereotyping creates as it pertains to environmental and social concerns. To download the Contest Flier and Guidelines, please visit: www.notableworks.org,

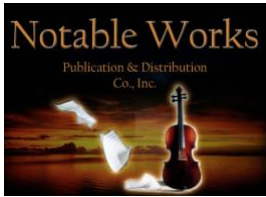


Save the Date:

"Bridging the Divide Through Music and Poetry @ William Hall" will celebrate this year's winners of Notable Works 2025 Poetry Initiative and feature a performance by members of the "Sell Division" Cast as well as some of the Notable Works Ensemble. Please join William Hall Library's Director, Zach Berger, and Notable Works' Artist in Residence, Noreen Inglesi, on **May 3rd, 2025 at 11AM at the William Hall Library located at 1825 Broad St., Cranston, RI.**

Also, through a special video presentation, this year's **Final Poetry Contest Judge, Tina Cane**, Poet Laureate of Rhode Island from 2016 to 2024, will share her impressions of this year's poetry contest theme as well as how she selected the six winning poets. "Bridging the Divide Through Music and Poetry @ William Hall" is free and open to the public and the William Hall Library Auditorium is handicapped accessible. And please join us for complementary refreshments.





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Earlier this month, **Amos House** opened Rhode Island's only designated emergency shelter for Older Adults. The Older Adults Shelter, open to adults over the age of 55, currently has an 18-bed capacity and will expand to 40 beds next month. Learn more about the vital programs Amos House provides at: www.amoshouse.com



*Heather Goldstone, Chief
Communication Officer,
Woodwell Climate
Research Center*

Land Trust Series Hosts Climate Change Conversation

The Barrington Land Conservation Trust kicks off its 2025 Learning Series on Tuesday, March 4, at 7 pm, with a big-picture look at how we think and talk about climate change. This free event will take place in the Salem Family Auditorium at the Barrington Public Library. To register, visit www.blct.org/events.

Heather Goldstone, Chief Communication Officer of the Woodwell Climate Research Center, will lead a presentation and discussion on "Seeing the Forest Through the Trees." The talk will address common questions and misconceptions about climate change and present a realistic, empowering framing of our climate challenge—the scope of the problem and the kinds of solutions we need.

"Climate change is full of paradoxes," says Goldstone. "The need for action is urgent, and yet, true success is a long game. The accumulation of greenhouse gases is supercharging both droughts and downpours, fires and floods. It is a global phenomenon with intensely local impacts."

The Land Trust Learning Series is a year-long program of free environmental education presentations. All ages are welcome and there is no residency restriction. The Learning Series is sponsored by Prickly Ed's Cactus Patch Native Plant Emporium with additional support from Pods Swimming, Jaffe Orthodontics, and Fitness Together.



The Rhode Island Land Trust Council invites you to participate in the competition of the year, the **Creature Clash**, where our 30 #RIWalksChallenge creatures will battle it out to find out who will be crowned number one! This month-long competition is fun for the whole family, where one unique Creature will be named the RILTC mascot for 2025-2026, and featured on RILTC merch! We invite you to participate by voting for your favorite creature! You can comment, share photos on social media, and donate to the Rhode Island Land Trust Council to have your votes counted. From the handsome maple leaf, to the dashing honey mushroom, help crown your favorite creature as the Creature Clash Champion!



Register today for the RIEEA Annual Summit

Earth Month Seedling Sale

April 12, 2025 10:00AM-12:00PM

We are currently 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 [NOW OPEN](#) - SALE ENDS APRIL 10TH!

ERICD is also seeking volunteers to help with their seedling sale preparation on April 11th, 2025, and seedling sale on April 12th, 2025. Both volunteer events are at **Greenville Vineyards 582 Wapping Rd, Portsmouth, RI 02871.**

April 11th, 9:30 AM-1:00 PM: Preparing organizing plant species, putting together seedling bundles, and prepping orders.
April 12th, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM: Aiding in order organization, distribution, sales, and clean up.

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Earth Month Plogging Events

April 19 - Walk or jog a short segment of the Newport Rhode Race to clean up the route. Sign up by the 18th to guarantee shirt size preference. [Click to signup](#), password is ERICD.

April 24 - Plog a 5K in Newport, then stay for a drink with Newport Run & Chug.

April 26 - Morning plog at Fogland Beach in Tiverton with the Tiverton Litter Committee & the Farm Coast Run Club.

Earth Month Rain Barrel Events

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, you will be taking home a ready-to-install rain barrel and installation kit, which will collect and store stormwater for your garden. There are four total workshops throughout the months of April and May. [Check them out here!](#)

Registration is now open for the 2025 RIEEA Annual Summit, presented by SouthCoast Wind. The event - Empowering Voices: Youth Leadership for a Sustainable Future - will take place on Saturday, March 15, 2025, from 8:00AM – 12:00PM at the Rhode Island College Donovan Dining Center. The morning will include a presentation from the Groundwork Rhode Island Green Team youth; a full, hot, delicious breakfast with vegan and gluten-free options; small group discussions; lots of great networking opportunities; and a raffle to support our programming.

Register at <https://www.rieea.org/programs/summit/>



Upcoming Event

ATTENTION LADIES - SAVE THE DATE!
MAY 8, 2025

Our 18th annual Women Helping Women fundraising event will be held on Thursday, May 8 at the WaterFire Arts Center in Providence.

To sign on as an early sponsor or co-host contact Tracey Mahoney at 401.277.4346 or tmahoney@crossroadsri.org.

Updates to follow.

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Recent events have prompted me to reflect on how fortunate we are to have such a robust local network. While we value our federal partners, it's you - our donors, members, gardeners, farmers, local businesses, and partners - who form the backbone of our organization. With us for 44 years, your commitment to building a sustainable food system in RI has been nothing short of remarkable...Margaret DeVos, Executive Director

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Sunday Afternoon

By Mary Ann Mayer

Sunday strollers on the promenade,
the factories closed,
the river almost-blue, almost river-like.

The river-bank as it should be, elms
not yet sickened, green
thickness of willows.

Mallards strut, iridescent.
Sun-turtles shine in the muck,
an eel glides

luminous, past
boys fishing for pickerel
in the shallows.

Upstream, children build rafts of sticks,
to watch them drift off,
break apart on the lip of Pawtucket falls.

A father and son skipping stones, circles
ripple, one into the other
as evening comes.

Tomorrow, the violence again.
The river goes crazy with color
the mills spew into the Blackstone...

It's said, you can tell what the mills are doing each day
by the color of the river.
Mustard, vermilion, lime-green, magenta on Thursdays...

Branding and burning the river—
heavy, heavy metals, dyes, varnishes, solvents, bleach
and a dark-red poison to kill the cotton seed bug –

a hot effluent slop
raging seaward, forty-eight miles
from Quinsigamond to Seekonk,

with all the waste that perverts this river,
all the measures destined for her soul. *

* *reference to Wallace Steven's poem "Sunday Morning"*

*(Previously Published Ocean State Poets' Anthology 2016:
The Worked, We Write, Editors, Juliana C. Anderson and
Will Anderson.)*

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For information:
www.RIWP.org

Upcoming Spring Events

March: Creative Writing Sneak: Murder Mystery

Join us for a morning of mystery! **Keith Sanzen and Nora Pace will lead us in a Murder Mystery Game** and demonstrate how to take that inquiry-based approach into writing. **March 22 from 9-12** on the RIC campus. \$25 for teachers and \$10 for students. Coffee and pastries will be provided, and you will earn three PLUs. [Register here.](#)



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

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

Don't Stop Me When I Say I've Had Enough

By M. Neil

I can see the tidal wave
Coming in off the coast,
I'm prepared for impact.
I have no fear of the wave,
But terrified of who I'll be after it hits.

*"Sunday Afternoon" and
"Don't Stop Me When I Say I've Had Enough" were Published
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QUOTE of the Month

When you come out of the storm you won't be the same person who walked in.....Haruki Murakami

Experiences have the power to transform us, as this quote from Haruki Murakami's renowned 2002 [novel](#) "Kafka on the Shore" vividly illustrates. The storm here is a symbolic one, and this line is said as one of the story's protagonists prepares for a difficult personal journey. Just as a storm can alter a landscape, challenging times can change us deeply. Even in the most unsettling moments, there are opportunities for growth and brighter days ahead — by embracing the transformative power of these moments, we can build resilience and adaptability in the face of just about any adversity.