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Notable Notes

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Saving the Diamondback Terrapin Film Screening and Q&A

July 29, 2025; 6-7:30pm

Audubon Nature Center and Aquarium,
Bristol, RI

Join Audubon and the Barrington Terrapin Conservation Project for an engaging lecture, film screening, and Q&A to learn about the fascinating life history and ecology of diamondback terrapins. Audubon's diamondback terrapin ambassador will be available for a meet and greet! For details and to register, visit asri.org/calendar.



WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER
WATERSHED COUNCIL

**Walk the Greenway
Tuesday, July 29 5:30 – 6:30pm**

[Riverside Park, Aleppo St, Providence, RI 02909](#)

Walk The Greenway with Jill Davidson Tuesdays, 5:30–6:30 PM May to September (weekly except July 1, August 5, and August 12) Meet at Riverside Park, Aleppo Street entrance. Join us for a weekly, beginner-friendly walk along the Woonasquatucket River Greenway led by WRWC's Director of Development and Communications (and enthusiastic walker) Jill Davidson and her dog June! Most weeks will feature special guests who can help us learn more about the flora, fauna, history, and evolution of the Woonasquatucket River Greenway. These free walks are open to all ages and fitness levels. Each walk will last about an hour, covering either a scenic loop or a stretch of the Greenway. Registration encouraged! Sign up so we know you're coming. Visit: www.wrwc.org. *Cont. p.3*

Notable Works' 2025 Poetry Contest

The six winning poets were selected by three members of the Ocean State Poets and Final Judge Tina Cane, Poet Laureate of Rhode Island (2016-2024). All six poets were featured at "**Bridging the Divide Through Music and Poetry @ William Hall,**" which took place on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 11:00 AM in the William Hall Library Auditorium in Cranston, Rhode Island.

Winners of Notable Works' Poetry Contest

First Place: Diana Cole

Second Place: Monique Cellemme

Third Place: Zachary Berger

Honorable Mentions:

Mary Gutierrez

Seth Rafal

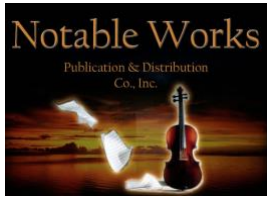
Marissa Sasso

Read the poems of the Honorable Mention Winners on page 4.

Notable Works' Upcoming Projects and Events:

- **Notable Works** is in the process of organizing and preparing for our annual "**Love Warms the Homeless Heart**" **Tote Bag Project** which helps provide hand-knitted hats, scarves and blankets as well as other essential items such as socks, gloves and hygiene products to families and individuals in crisis during the Fall and Winter months.
- "**Songs and Poems for the Earth and the Season**" will take place on Saturday, November 29, 2025 at 11:00 AM at the North Providence Union Free Library (1810 Mineral Spring Ave., North Providence, RI 02904). This event will include a performance by the gifted Notable Works' Ensemble as well as special guest performers and poets.
- Notable Works' 2025/2026 Project entitled "**Building Innovative Bridges for Tomorrow**" will be a collaborative project with **Stormwater Innovation Center (SIC)** which is dedicated to advancing effective stormwater management, fostering education and building partnerships to improve water quality across Rhode Island. This new collaboration with SIC will involve a 2025/2026 Poetry and Art Initiative along with a new Notable Works' publication, the creation of a video and original music which will highlight the efforts of SIC and a culmination and Book Release Event in June 2026. More details to follow. Please visit:

www.notableworks.org



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And Thank You to Shaw's, Stop and Shop and Fellini Pizzeria of Cranston!



**Upcoming Events
July 2025**

Tuesday, July 1 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Town Resilience Garden Work Day

Barrington Town Hall 283 County Road, Barrington, RI

This event is for volunteers who have registered to participate in the care of the Town's Resilience Garden at Town Center. If you haven't registered yet and would like to participate, you may register here and download the Town's release of responsibility here. On Tuesday, July 1, we'll be doing general care and maintenance of the new Resilience Garden at Town Center. Free. **REGISTER FOR THE WORK DAY**

Saturday, July 12 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am

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Barrington Town Hall 283 County Road, Barrington, RI

This event is for volunteers who have registered to participate in the care of the Town's Resilience Garden at Town Center. If you haven't registered yet and would like to participate, you may register here and download the Town's release of responsibility here. On Saturday, July 12, we'll be doing general care and maintenance of the new Resilience Garden at Town Center. Free. **REGISTER FOR THE WORK DAY**

Tuesday, July 22 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Town Resilience Garden Work Day

Barrington Town Hall 283 County Road, Barrington, RI

This event is for volunteers who have registered to participate in the care of the Town's Resilience Garden at Town Center. If you haven't registered yet and would like to participate, you may register here and download the Town's release of responsibility here. On Tuesday, July 22, we'll be doing general care and maintenance of the new Resilience Garden at Town Center. Free. **REGISTER FOR THE WORK DAY**



*Photo of Town Resilience Garden Work Day
by Barrington Land Conservation Trust*



Small World Farm Tour

Small World Farm is a small family farm and orchard in Little Compton, RI, that grows and sells organic apples, sunflowers, eggs, assorted veggies, and other goods in season. During the tour, we will hear about the history of the farm and the conservation practices they utilize to help the environment. To sign up, please click the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/small-world-farm-tour-tickets-1395304987779?aff=oddttdcreator>

small World Farm Tour
August 12TH
5:00-6:00PM
229 Long Hwy, Little Compton, RI 02837

RSVP by scanning QR code

Learn more about the history of the farm and the conservation practices they utilize for the environment
 USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.



Creative 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, July 2, 2025 6:00-7:30PM. Learn more and register at:

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

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Community Paddle Days

Thursday, July 3rd 5:00 – 7:00pm

Location: Riverside Park 50 Aleppo St 02909
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/J6KNh1vPiV4rmNY59>

Most Thursdays late June through Sept
 July Dates: 7/3; 7/10; 7/17; 7/24 and 7/31

Explore the Woonasquatucket! Kayak or canoe alongside our experienced WRWC Paddle Team. The WRWC hosts a sensational series of community paddles on the Woonasquatucket River each season from June through September. Join one or more of our many days for 15 - 20 min paddle. No experience required and beginner friendly. This is a great way to hone your skills and gain confidence to join us on our longer trips later in the season.

The WRWC provides canoes, kayaks, paddles and life jackets. All skill levels are welcome. Children are welcome, if accompanied by an adult. All participants must wear a life jacket (PFD), even if you bring your own boat and sign a waiver.

Registration encouraged but not required Interpretación en español. Disponible handwashing on sight. No Cost thanks to AARP! Visit: www.wrwc.org



Get outside this summer and explore our beautiful state by taking the #RIWalksChallenge! There are 34 creatures hidden on trails across Rhode Island. Can you find them all?

Winners of Honorable Mention for Notable Works' 2025 Poetry Contest

"Where the Divide Breathes" Mary Gutierrez

The river does not split itself.
It does not ask
why one bank is stone,
the other soft with moss.
The current flows,
bearing no loyalty to either side,
only seeking the sea.
Yet here we stand,
casting stones and words
to widen the gap,
building walls of certainty
from fractured truths
and forgetting
the ground beneath us is the same.
Misinformation festers
in the silence between questions,
in the spaces where listening
is replaced by the need
to be right.
It tangles our roots,
poisons our shared sky,
and makes us strangers
in a world we cannot escape.
But healing begins when we remember:
the wind carries no allegiance,
the rain does not care
whose fields it feeds.
We are bound to this earth
as tightly as we are bound to each other,
though we try to deny it.
To bridge the divide,
we must unlearn the fear that keeps us apart.
We must name the shadows,
untangle the knots,
and speak not to defend,
but to connect.



New Teacher Camp:
July 8-10 and 15-17, 9-2.
FREE

Join us this summer
at NTC for a **collaborative
and supportive professional
development opportunity for
first through third year**

teachers! This experience will provide you with
strategies for successful teaching practices,
efficient day-to-day routines, self-care, and
meeting others who are on this journey with you.
NTC's camp counselors, Nora Pace and Seth
Curran, are experienced teachers who will lead
full-group gatherings, provide individual writing
time, invite guest speakers, and offer many
opportunities for learning. You can
email riwritingproject@gmail.com with any
questions. [Register here.](#)

"Crossing to Goosewing Beach" Seth Rafal

The tides never leave the sands the same.
On the beach where I walk,
canyons are engraved
in yesterday's sloping plains.
Great walls of polished stones -
spewed from the belly of the ocean -
are built then torn down overnight.

At the town beach,
when the tide is low,
you can cross to another where shy birds are sheltered
under the impossibly far-flung wing
of a mythic goose.

Arrive too late or too early,
crossing may not be so easy.
You may find the beach cleaved,
pond rushing to ocean
or ocean to pond,
on a teeter totter of tidal rhythm.

There, you can turn back or take your chances
to cross and walk the narrow path
between the immensity of the ocean's power
and the protection of the great goose's wing.



*Photos of Goosewing Beach
Preserve and the Piping Plover
by The Nature Conservancy*

"Natural Memories" Marissa Sasso

The woods aren't as quiet as they once were.

All the booming roars and whines and crashes of cars on the interstate
and the constant (re)constructions of exorbitantly frailed complexes—
We're forever connected on the line at full volume, buttons broken
showing videos of sirens surrounding everyone we know,

Drowning out the birds' golden chirps in springtime
who used to wake us up each blooming sunrise with their love songs,

With the fickle ocean smacking at the ever-present sand
gaining ground in an infinite battle always ending in retreat,

Laughter infectious among a circle of children by the wharf
seagulls stealing their jokes to share over some scavenged scraps,
Whispers of stuttered confessions from rosy-eyed lovers
who haven't truly met the one they stand in front of yet,

Murmurs of crowds creeping and coming together in silence
slowly bringing their hands together in unity,
Of families feeding each other around the crackling fire
leaving leftovers to any who are still hungry.

Our memories may fail to hold onto these small noises
that once flew across the leaves with ease,
But the woods never forget.