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Notable Notes

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Audubon Society
of Rhode Island



NEW! Audubon Field Naturalist Series Six Sessions of Natural History Investigations

August 16, 23, September 13, 20, October
4, 11, 2025; 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Go ahead, indulge your curiosity and delve into the complexities of the natural world.

Let the experts be your guide to the ecosystems, plants, animals, and fungi found in Southern New England. Explore Audubon wildlife refuges with scientists and skilled naturalists in six sessions with both indoor lectures and outdoor investigations.

For details on locations, class topics, and to register, visit asri.org/calendar



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The Big Chill-August 5th 2025 6-8 PM

Cool Down for a Cause at Gather Ice Cream & Café 519 Atwells Ave. Providence! Join WRWC for a sweet summer night of ice cream, connection, and community impact. Cost: Free to attend! 10% of all sales during the event will be donated to WRWC—and Gather Wealth Management will match it for a total of 20% back to the river! See you there!

<https://wrwc.org/events/big-chill-with-wrwc-gather-ice-cream-cafe/>

The Fish Fund- August 14th 5:30 -8 PM

Farm Fresh, 10 Sims Ave, Providence, RI, Get your tickets for a delightful evening of support for WRWC. Enjoy a pre-party Greenway bike tour, delicious locally sourced food, beverages by New Harvest, a costume contest, and music from 3 different live performers. <https://wrwc.org/events/2025-fish-fund-fundraiser/>

Notable Works' Current Projects and Events

Notable Works will be collaborating with **Stormwater Innovation Center (SIC)** on a project entitled **"Building Innovative Bridges for Tomorrow"** highlighting the efforts of this organization. SIC is *dedicated to advancing effective stormwater management, fostering education and building partnerships to improve water quality across Rhode Island.*

"Building Innovative Bridges for Tomorrow" will focus on the theme: *Bridging the Divide and Coming Together for a Common Goal as it pertains to the natural environment.* This project will include a new **Notable Works' Poetry Initiative** which will begin on **September 1st 2025** and end on **November 1st 2025 (Midnight EST)** as well as an **Art Initiative** starting on **December 1st 2025** and ending on **February 1st 2026 (Midnight EST).**

A panel of professional judges will select some of the submitted poems and artworks for a new publication which will be released at a **culmination event in June 2026.** This event will also premiere a specially created and produced video and newly composed music and song again highlighting the efforts of **SIC** to improve water quality throughout Rhode Island. **All submissions are free, and poets and artists are invited to submit from one to three original works based on the project's theme.**

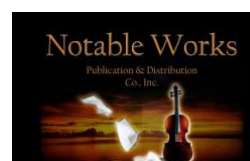
For more information and for **Submission Guidelines** visit:

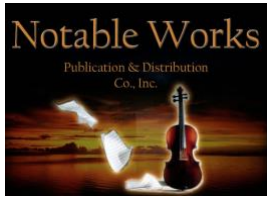
www.notableworks.org.

Also, this year **Notable Works** is honored to be participating in the **Rain Harvest Festival** at the **Roger Williams Park Botanical Center Pavilion** on **Sunday, September 28, 2025 from 11AM to 2PM.** Please stop by and visit the **Notable Works' Table** as we will be next to the **Story Walk Table** and will be hosting a **Poetry Workshop.** The **Rain Harvest Festival** is a free community event in **Roger Williams Park** celebrating art, music, and the importance of clean water in our communities. The festival is made possible through **SIC's** sponsors and partners, the **Providence Parks Department**, and the **Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT).** (*More information about this event is on page 2*). Also, to learn how you can get involved, please visit: www.stormwaterinnovation.org.

"Building Innovative Bridges for Tomorrow" will also include a **Kick-Off Event** featuring **Special Guest Rebecca Reeves, Stormwater Educational and Outreach Manager.** This event is entitled *Songs and Poems for the Earth and the Season* and will take place on **November 29, 2025 at 11AM** at the **North Providence Union Free Library (1810 Mineral Spring Ave, North Providence, RI 02904)** and will also feature **The Notable Works' Ensemble.**

This new collaborative project with **Stormwater Innovation Center** is made possible in part by a grant from the **Rhode Island State Council on the Arts**, through an appropriation by the **Rhode Island General Assembly** and a grant from the **National Endowment for the Arts.**





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**Thank You to all who attended the Panera Bread
Fundraisers for Notable Works
in East Greenwich and Cranston.**

A Community Celebration of Water, Science, and Art
Music Environmental Activities Green Infrastructure Walks Free Food
Games Vendors Arts & Crafts and More! All Are Welcome!

The City of Providence Parks Department's investment in over 40 projects to clean polluted stormwater runoff within Roger Williams Park has inspired this yearly event, which highlights the importance of clean water and climate resiliency in our communities. Hosted by the Stormwater Innovation Center and City of Providence Parks Department.

For more information and a complete schedule of events, please visit:
stormwaterinnovation.org/rainharvestfestival



Funded through RI Department of Transportation Partnership.



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**Upcoming Events
August 2025**

Saturday, August 2 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Free.

[Town Resilience Garden Work Day](#)

Barrington Town Hall 283 County Road, Barrington, RI

Sunday, August 10 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Free.

[Student Stewardship Team – PIC-WIL Nature Preserve](#)

Pic-Wil Nature Preserve Washington Rd., Barrington, RI, United States

Tuesday, August 12 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Free.

[Town Resilience Garden Work Day](#)

Barrington Town Hall 283 County Road, Barrington, RI

Saturday, August 23 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Free.

[Art in Nature: Being \[with\] Trees with Kendall Reiss](#)

Sowams Woods South Lake Drive, Barrington, Rhode Island

Tuesday, August 26 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Free.

[Town Resilience Garden Work Day](#)

Barrington Town Hall 283 County Road, Barrington, RI

This year, the Rhode Island Land Trust Council is kicking off Land Trust Days at Borders Farm in Foster as part of their Second Sundays at the Farm on August 10th, 12-4pm! Many great organizations will be participating, including the Northern RI Conservation District, 15 Minute Field Trips, and Foster Public Library. Hope to see you there!

We Find Unity

By Riitta Passananti

When fires burn
storms destroy
when our humanity
blooms in kindness
to help to heal
to comfort to mourn

It shouldn't take a disaster
to reach out your hand
to work together
walk together
cry together laugh together

On the bedrock of
nature's truth
in the healing balm
of trees flowers
rivers and seas

*Submitted as part of Notable Works'
2025 Poetry Initiative*

Wings

By Olivia Alvarez

A beautiful sky
Avians listen and sing
Through the calming winds

*Submitted as part of Notable Works'
2024 Poetry Initiative*

Street Trees

By Doreen Beyer

Public dancers
every one of them
long slender trunks
graceful limbs
in praise of sky
in rain or shine—
dance to rhythms
of sunrise,
to birdsong at first light,
fire colors of the season
in noon's sun,
moonlight
anchor shadow limbs
in rivers of silver
a windy encore
loosens foliage,
expose delicate fingers—
play notes of loose leaves
that treble outside
ledger lines
of curbside alignments.

*Submitted as part of Notable Works'
2024 Poetry Initiative*

The call of life

By Patti McAlpine

is sometimes quiet
like a winter sky
at sunset inviting
you to rest, to reflect
on what matters

is sometimes wild
like white water
raging in a river inviting
you to dance, sing,
unhindered by boundaries

is sometimes a cacophony
like a conference of birds inviting
you to join community
for justice and equality
to stand up for truth

*Submitted as part of Notable Works'
2025 Poetry Initiative*



On Writing

By Carol Anderheggen

The blank page
is so accusatory:
waits as in a trance
for the writer's art,
the poet's dreams.
Waits for a fine madness
to peak, spill out
into letters, forming words,
patterns for the eye, the ear—
symbols for the discerning,
gibberish for the not so
discerning.

This question of madness
is crucial:
whether this adjective
or that noun is the one.
A question
more complicated than
red or blue, up or down.
It is a question
of the fine art
of making distinctions.

*Peace Dale, RI
July 1982; June 2025*

Healing the Fractured Lens

By Mary Gutierrez

Beneath the veil of tangled lies,
A wounded earth in silence cries.
Its rivers murmur, forests sigh,
While we debate the how and why.

Words have fractured truth's bright face,
Turned kin to foes, and love to waste.
Misinformation, deftly spun,
Divides the many, blinds the sun.

Yet hope remains, like seeds in soil,
A chance to mend, a chance to toil.
To sift through noise, to seek the light,
And realign what's wrong to right.

Let us listen to the earth's soft song,
Its quiet wisdom, clear and strong.
The melting ice, the rising seas,
Are cries for care, not theories.

Let facts take root where doubt has spread,
And build a bridge where fear once fed.
Through kindness, courage, hearts that heal,
We'll find again what's truly real.

For healing grows where truth takes hold,
In whispered winds and tales retold.
The forests bloom when minds are clear,
And justice thrives when hearts draw near.

The path ahead is steep, unsure,
But love and learning can endure.
Together, we can plant the truth,
And heal this world for age and youth.

*Submitted as part of Notable Works'
2025 Poetry Initiative*



Creative writers of all genres and experience levels are invited to read their original work at a special Saturday edition of our monthly Words on Fire Open Mic at William Hall Library in Cranston. Join us on Saturday, August 9, 2025 from 2:00-4:00 PM.

Learn more and register at:

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