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# Notable Notes

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Audubon Society  
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## Audubon Raptor Weekend 2025

Audubon Nature Center and Aquarium  
1401 Hope Street (Route 114), Bristol, RI

September 6 & 7, 2025; 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Numerous raptor species will be featured in live presentations, educational programs, and activities for bird enthusiasts of all ages. Audubon Raptor Weekend presents a unique opportunity for visitors to get up-close with these amazing birds and learn about their conservation, adaptations and habitats in an engaging, family-friendly weekend event. Get up close with these wonders of the wild!

For more information on Raptor Weekend, visit [asri.org/raptor-weekend](http://asri.org/raptor-weekend).



WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER  
WATERSHED COUNCIL

## Walk the Greenway

September 2, 2025 5:30-6:30 PM

Meet at Riverside Park, Aleppo St. entrance

Join WRWC's Jill Davidson & her pup June for free fun, family-friendly walks along the Woonasquatucket Greenway. Each week features special guests sharing nature, history & more. All ages & on-leash pups welcome. Come connect with community & the river!!

## Free Community Paddle

September 4, 2025 5PM-7PM

Meet at Riverside Park, 50 Aleppo St. Prov.

Explore the Woonasquatucket! Kayak or canoe alongside our experienced WRWC Paddle Team. Join one or more of our many days for 15 - 20 min paddle. No experience required.

To register for these and other events, visit:

[www.wrwc.org/events](http://www.wrwc.org/events)

## Notable Works' New Art and Poetry Initiative

Notable Works is currently seeking original Poetry and Art to be considered for a new publication scheduled to be released on **Saturday, June 27, 2026 at 11AM in the William Hall Library Auditorium**. As part of this new collaborative project with **Stormwater Innovation Center (SIC)** entitled **"Building Innovative Bridges for Tomorrow,"** Notable Works is excited and honored to also introduce an Art component this year.

All submissions are free, and poets and artists are invited to submit from one to three original works based on the project's theme: *Bridging the Divide and Coming Together for a Common Goal, as it pertains to the natural environment.*

The Poetry Submission Period starts September 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 and ends on November 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 (Midnight EST), and the Art Initiative will start on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 and end on February 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 (Midnight EST). All submissions will be judged blindly by a panel of professionals to be considered for inclusion in this new publication.

For more information and for the Submission Guidelines visit:

[www.notableworks.org](http://www.notableworks.org)

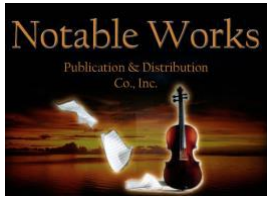
## Rain Harvest Festival!

### Free Poetry Workshop

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 visit the **Notable Works Table** and sign up for a **Free Poetry Workshop** led by **Ocean State poets: Carol Anderheggen and Lawrence J. Krips**.

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 the Stormwater Innovation Center's sponsors and partners: the **Providence Parks Department**, and the **Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT)**. (See page 2 for more information). Also, learn how you can get involved in SIC by visiting: [www.stormwaterinnovation.org](http://www.stormwaterinnovation.org).





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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](http://stormwaterinnovation.org/rainharvestfestival)



Funded through RI Department of Transportation Partnership.



**2025 Pawtucket  
River 5K Run of  
the Mill Event!**

**Race Sponsorships Needed by September 28**

We are looking for local community support to host the 2025 Pawtucket River 5k: Run of the Mills event! Please consider supporting the 5k, as all proceeds benefit our watershed council. We will happily accept monetary donations, or donated services (videography, printing etc.), or donated goods (such as swag giveaways, snacks, or water, etc). Sponsors receive the benefits noted below, such as logo placement on our website, in these newsletters, and at [runSignUp.com](http://runSignUp.com) - please fill out this [form](#) if you are interested in becoming a sponsor: <https://forms.gle/SMj6KbjpL9hCdaR7>





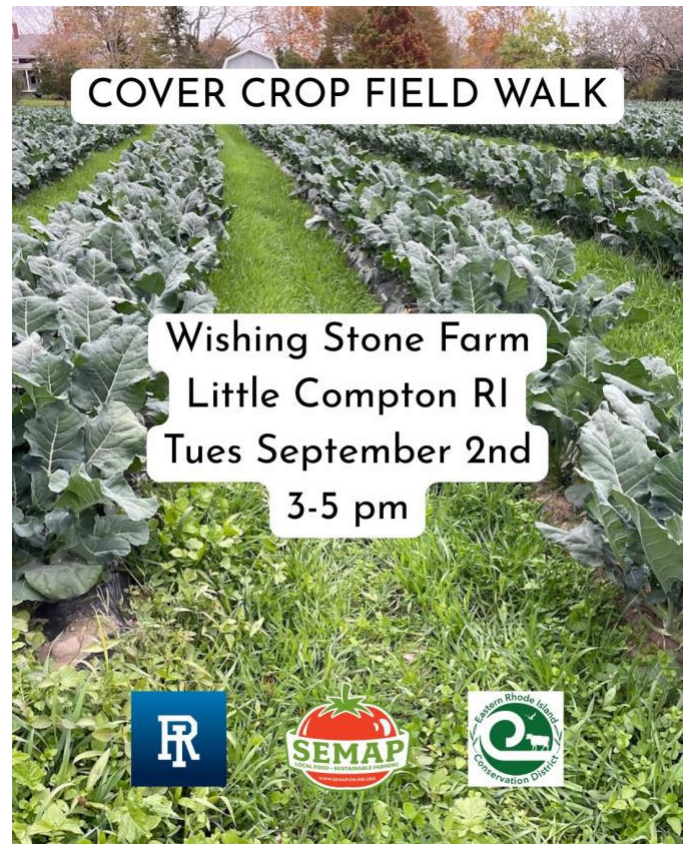
The Barrington Land Conservation Trust will host a free screening of *Thirst for Justice*, an award-winning documentary film about the quest for clean water, directed and produced by Leana Hosea. The event will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 7 pm in the Salem Family Auditorium at the Barrington Public Library. All are welcome. The 58-minute film will be followed by audience response.

To register for the event, go to [www.blct.org/events](http://www.blct.org/events). This event is part of the Land Trust Learning Series, a partnership between the Land Trust and the Barrington Public Library and supported by local sponsors.

Armed only with facts and their illnesses, extraordinary citizens take on industry and government, risking arrest to protect clean water. From Flint to the Navajo Nation, via Standing Rock, this is their story. THIRST FOR JUSTICE follows Janene Yazzie as she searches for the source of contamination in her son's school's water in Sanders, Arizona. She suspects drinking uranium-contaminated water from the 1979 Church Rock dam spill caused her ovarian cancer.

Armed with a geiger counter she begins investigating radioactive waste on the Navajo Nation and finds areas hotter than evacuation zones in Chernobyl. When the epic movement for water justice ignites in Standing Rock, Janene is compelled to join. There she meets Flint water activist Nayyirah Shariff and their struggles converge. Janene travels to Flint, where she sees first-hand the similarities between what's happening in this inner-city and the Navajo experience.

The sacredness of water flows through the film, with the water ceremonies and teachings from water carriers, like Mary Lyons and other Water Protectors.



**Where: Across Rhode Island**

**When: August 10<sup>th</sup> - October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Visit [rilandtrusts.org/landtrustdays](http://rilandtrusts.org/landtrustdays) or scan the QR code to learn more!



Join the RI Land Trust Council for Land Trust Days 2025! Over the next two months, explore land trust properties around the state and learn about their important conservation work. See you on the trail!





Photo of Braden Collins and fellow Notable Works' Board Member at Notable Works' event with the Barrington Land Trust Council April 12, 2024.

### In Memorial:

Notable Works is very sad to announce the sudden passing of **Braden Collins**, who has been a dedicated member of **Notable Works Board of Directors** since 2020. Braden was very supportive of all Notable Works' projects and events and truly believed in Notable Works' Mission of raising awareness for environmental and social concerns through the Arts.

A talented poet himself, Braden's poignant poem "The Crusade," which was dedicated to the amazing Health Care Workers during the Covid Crisis, was published in Notable Works' 2020 publication of **Love Warms the Homeless Heart II**. Below is another one of Braden's great works entitled "Point Judith."

**Braden Collins** will be truly missed, and we wish to extend our deepest condolences to Braden's entire family.

*The Notable Works' Team*

### Point Judith

By Braden Collins

As I look upon the ocean which surrounds me  
I feel a deep feeling of security.

As I watch the waves breaking on the beach  
my heart stops it's rhythmic beating  
to take in what this beauty offers

For an endless moment my body is no more  
For it is a part of what surrounds me

I could stand here forever and I realize  
that it's just not another place  
But it's the immortal Point Judith

The ocean is enclosing me and  
I am amazed of its beauty.  
Here I drown in its silence  
I will breathe of its loveliness once again.



Creative writers of all genres and experience levels are invited to read their original work at the monthly Words on Fire Open Mic at William Hall Library in Cranston. The next event will be Wednesday, September 3, 2025 from 6:00-7:30 PM.

Learn more and register at:

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

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RI FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

## A Free Workshop on Composting for Bristol Residents

**3 September 2025**  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Rogers Free Library  
525 Hope St, Bristol, RI 02809

**What You Will Learn**  
1. Why is composting important  
2. How can you compost at home  
3. Composting options for Bristol Residents

**Don't miss out on this educational opportunity! Register now and join our workshop!**

RSVP not required but appreciated  
Scan this QR Code to RSVP

Discounted curbside compost pickup is coming to Bristol and Barrington. Collection begins on September 18th and will continue for the next 2 years of this pilot program. Sign up now and make a difference for your community and the whole state by diverting your waste from the central landfill.

Bristol Resident link- <https://blackearthcompost.com/bristol/>

Barrington Resident- <https://blackearthcompost.com/barrington/>

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

**NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM**  
**SUMMER STREET APARTMENTS**  
99 STEWART STREET, PROVIDENCE

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Join us for an unforgettable evening of connections, engaging stories and curated fare from Russell Morin. Together, we'll support Crossroads' life-changing work — helping nearly 5,600 individuals and families experiencing homelessness find safety, stability and a place to call home.

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Contact Tracey Mahoney at 401.277.4346 or [tmahoney@crossroadsri.org](mailto:tmahoney@crossroadsri.org)

For more information about Neighbors Helping Neighbors [here's the link to the event page](#) and to purchase tickets [Here's the link](#).