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**Between Moon Tides: A Free
Community Film Screening & Discussion**
Audubon Nature Center and Aquarium,
Bristol, RI

October 11, 2025; 7:00pm

A new documentary by filmmaker Jason Jaacks, *Between Moon Tides* tells the story of a remarkable bird and the people working to protect it. Filmed at Jacob's Point in collaboration with the Saltmarsh Sparrow Research Initiative and with permission of the Warren Land Trust, the film offers a rare glimpse into the delicate balance of life in the saltmarsh.

An intergenerational group of citizens is working to postpone the extinction date of the Saltmarsh Sparrow by developing a strategy to prevent nests from flooding due to rising tides. The screening will be followed by a Q&A and discussion with members of the Saltmarsh Sparrow Research Initiative.

Register online through the events calendar at asri.org/calendar. Ages: Teen to Adult.



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Fall 2025 Planting and Nature Events

To register WRWC events, visit:
www.wrwc.org/events

Saturday, October 4

Hickory Dickory Nature Walk

Location: Neutaconkanet Park

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Take a guided walk and learn about native trees and forest ecosystems ahead of planting season.

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Deadline Approaching for Poetry Initiative

It is not too late to submit your original poems to be considered for inclusion in **Notable Works'** new publication **Voices of the Earth: The Future of Our Planet IV-Building Innovative Bridges for Tomorrow**, scheduled to be released on **Saturday, June 27, 2026 at 11AM** in the **William Hall Library Auditorium**.

The Poetry Submission Period began on **September 1, 2025** and will run until **November 1, 2025 (Midnight EST)**. All submissions are free, and poets 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*.

This current **Notable Works' Poetry Initiative** is part of a collaborative project with **Stormwater Innovation Center (SIC)** and is being 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.

In addition, **Notable Works** is seeking original **artwork** to be considered for this new publication as well. This **Art Initiative** will start on **December 1st 2025** and will end on **February 1st 2026 (Midnight EST)**. Send your submissions to: noreeninglesi@cox.net and for the Guidelines go to: www.notableworks.org.

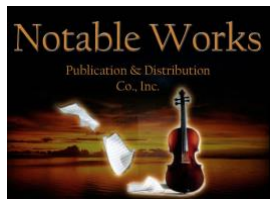
All submissions for both the Poetry and Art Initiatives will be judged blindly by a panel of professionals to be considered for inclusion in **Voices of the Earth: The Future of Our Planet IV-Building Innovative Bridges for Tomorrow**.

Six poets from this current **Poetry Initiative** will also be featured at Notable Works' upcoming event entitled **"Songs and Poems for the Earth and The Season" on Saturday, November 29, 2025 at 11AM at the North Providence Library** (1810 Mineral Spring Ave., North Providence, RI 02904). This event will also feature a **Special Presentation by Stormwater Innovation Center** and a wonderful performance by **The Notable Works' Ensemble**: Maria Bilyeu, cello; Noreen Inglesi, composer and vocals; Beth Schapira, soprano; Alison Shea, piano and vocals and Holly Spencer, flute. There will be **Special Guests** and a **Poetry Open Mic** (first come first served).

At **"Songs and Poems for the Earth and the Season"** event, Notable Works will be graciously accepting donations of items such as **shampoo, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste** to be included in this year's **"Love Warms the Homeless Tote Bag Project"** benefiting families and individuals in need during the winter months.

For more information and again for the Submission Guidelines for both the Poetry and Art Initiatives, please visit:

www.notableworks.org



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**Come celebrate the
2025 EE Award
Winners!**

Congratulations to the 2025 Environmental Education Award winners! Each of these winners exemplify dedication and commitment to environmental education and outdoor learning and recreation: Natalie Tarr, Teacher of the Year; Eli Nixon, Environmental Educator of the Year; James Pastor Tzul, Student/Youth of the Year; Chariho Regional School District, Organization of the Year. Join RIEEA as we recognize and celebrate these winners at a ceremony on Thursday, October 9, 6:00-8:00pm, at the Save The Bay Center in Providence. There will be lite fare served by a local caterer, wine, beer, and soft drinks, and a short program in which the winners will accept their awards. It's a wonderful event that you won't want to miss! <https://www.rieea.org/programs/environmental-education-awards/>

Friday, October 17 – Donigian Park Planting Day

Location: Donigian Park, Valley St, Providence

Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Help plant shrubs and bulbs to build a healthy understory and support pollinators.

Saturday, October 18 – Manton Heights Tree Planting

Location: Manton Heights, 31 Salmon St, Providence

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (time to be confirmed)

Join WRWC and 15 Minute Field Trips to plant new trees and enjoy short educational field trips for kids and families.

Saturday, October 25 – Hairpin Turn Planting Day

Location: Woonasquatucket Greenway Hairpin Turn (meet at 90 Salmon Street)

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Volunteer to plant trees and shrubs that will fill gaps, create shade, and improve habitat along the Greenway.

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www.wrwc.org/events



Learning Series: How Healthy is Narragansett Bay?

October 8, 2025 7-8:30 PM FREE

Join us on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 7 pm for a presentation on the health of Narragansett Bay by Dr. Warren Prell, Professor of Oceanography Emeritus, Department of Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences, Brown University. The presentation will take place in the Salem Family Auditorium at the Barrington Public Library, our partner in the Land Trust Learning Series.

REGISTER FOR THE EVENT

Fifty years ago, Narragansett Bay was heavily polluted with excess nutrients (mostly Nitrogen) and coliform bacteria. These conditions led to hypoxia (low oxygen), high chlorophyll levels, fish kills, and much of the upper bay closed to shell fishing.

Today, the Bay is greatly improved. The nitrogen input to the Bay have been reduced by 50%, the area of hypoxia and excess chlorophyll has been dramatically reduced, and the upper bay and part of the Providence River are conditionally open to shell fishing.

Warren will review how the Narragansett Bay estuary works, what leads to hypoxia, the changes that were made to reduce pollution levels, and how the improvements to the Bay were monitored. He will also speculate on how climate change may affect future hypoxia levels in the Bay.

About Warren Prell

Dr. Warren Prell received a BA in 1966 with Honors from Hanover College and a PhD in 1974 from Columbia University. He became director of oceanographic and geologic programs for the NYC Energy Research and Development Authority before being appointed as Assistant Professor in the Department of Geological Sciences at Brown in 1975. He was promoted to full professor in 1989 and was appointed to the Henry L. Doherty Chair in Oceanography in 1990.



Where: Across Rhode Island

When: August 10th - October 26th

Visit 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!



This year's Neighbors Helping Neighbors is more than an event — it's your chance to be part of something truly special with an exclusive first look at our new Summer Street Apartments!

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.

DON'T MISS OUT! SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY
Contact Tracey Mahoney at 401.277.4346 or 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.](#)

There's a Rift of Emerald in the Hill

By Noreen Inglesi

There's a rift of emerald in the hill
 Just over yonder
 Where the orchards bloom
 Past a full moon
 And the air's immersed
 In the mirth of hummingbirds
 There's a rift of emerald
 In the hill
 Where the weary sky
 Stretches and yawns past eventide
 Stirring restlessly in the wind
 Without ever sleeping
 There's a rift of emerald
 Where the wounded can heal
 In the dazzling myriad
 Of monarchs gracefully hovering
 With their rainbow wings
 There's a rift
 Where even the wolves can roam
 Unscathed in the untamed night
 And where all of Nature
 Is lulled to sleep
 By the aroma of the
 Whispering pines

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Healers

By Emily Cooper

They say a famine circles—
 a puma set on heavy claw
 with silent paws the size of dinner plates.
 Hunger glowing in each eye,
 ribs articulate the barrel of its chest.
 Meanwhile, the masses buy up
 all the meat to freeze
 and all the paper goods to hoard
 as though each chicken breast
 and package of TP is but a flag
 to capture first.

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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, October 1, 2025 from 6:00-7:30 PM.

Join poet and educator Ira Schaeffer at the William Hall Library at 1825 Broad Street in Cranston for five sessions of "Poems from Pictures: An Ekphrasis Workshop." Sessions are free and will be held on October 27, November 3, 10, 24, and December 1 from 6:00-7:30 PM. [Space is limited and registration is required.](https://events.cranstonlibrary.org/calendar/events/wordsonfire)

Learn more and register at:

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

*But I have seen the local farmer
 take the blunt butt of the lettuce,
 the potato, the onion, the herb,
 place them tenderly in jars of clear water,
 tuck them gently in the downy soil to grow
 again and gift unto the stranger,
 because they can—they know
 the meaning of regeneration.
 Those for whom the shelves are empty
 must not need. Those who have forgotten
 how to sow can be taught. I have seen
 the ascendance of teachers.*

People hide within their homes
 as a sickness spreads—turns pink
 lips and digits blue as it settles
 in the flayed wingspan of our lungs.
 They say the pecking order matters,
 though it is only a matter of time.
 Assuredly, many will fall prey
 to the talons of the ruthless—flown away
 on high with a breathless flock.
 Some will shut their eyes.
 All who can will keep their distance.

*But I have seen the medics
 tuck their children into bed,
 kiss family goodbye, and wave
 from deep within the cast of the pandemic.
 Donning gloves, gowns, masks
 (the things we wish were spared
 for happy carnivals), they stand guard
 all hours by the bedside of the gasping.
 Though they are tired,
 though their feet would fail,
 though their faces bruise
 under the chaffing of their vestment,
 they will offer healing.
 They will lead the lost to light.*

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World of Wonders
 AN INTEGRATED SCIENCE/ELA FIELD TRIP
 TO MYSTIC AQUARIUM

Saturday, October 4th 2025
 Mystic Aquarium

10 am - 1 pm
 but you can stay until 5 pm!

\$35
 includes cost of aquarium admission

Join us as we **read** like scientists and writers, **explore** the aquarium for both facts and beauty, and **sketch/write** integrated pieces inspired by Aimee Nezhukumatathil's book *World of Wonders*. We'll **share** what we create and **discuss** ways to modify this experience for your own students, elementary through high school.

3 PLUs awarded to all participants.

Register
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