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Nature's Highway: Flyway of Life A Night of Film and Conservation

**Audubon Nature Center and Aquarium,
Bristol, RI December 6, 2025; 4:00–
7:30pm**

Step into the story of the Atlantic Flyway with a special screening of *Flyway of Life*, followed by a conversation with Rhode Island filmmaker and journalist Tomas Koeck, who has produced award-winning work for National Geographic, PBS Nature, the Smithsonian Channel, ESPN, and the National Audubon Society.

The Atlantic Flyway is the stream of life that balances ecosystems throughout the entire eastern side of North America. Without it, life would cease to maintain its balance and productive ecosystems would grind to a halt.

The evening includes a cocktail & mocktail reception, an opportunity to meet staff from the Atlantic Shark Institute, a Q&A session with the filmmaker, and a book signing after the film.

All proceeds support Audubon Society of Rhode Island conservation and research initiatives.

For more information and to register, visit asri.org/calendar.



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upcoming WRWC events, please visit:
www.wrwc.org/events



Call for Art Submissions for a New Publication

Notable Works Publication and Distribution Co., Inc. (www.notableworks.org) is currently seeking original works of art following the theme of “Bridging the Divide and Coming Together for a Common Goal, as it pertains to the natural environment” to be considered for an new publication **Voices of the Earth: The Future of Our Planet IV.** All mediums will be accepted including pen and ink, watercolor, oil, charcoal or photography. Please keep in mind that artworks accepted for publication will be printed in black and white. This “Call for Art” is part of a collaborative project with **Stormwater Innovation Center** which is dedicated to improving water quality and stormwater management. (www.stormwaterinnovation.org).

Submissions are free and artists from high school age and up may submit up to three original works to be considered for inclusion beginning **December 1, 2025 through February 1, 2026 at midnight (EST)**. The “Call for Art Flier and Submission Guidelines” in both English and Spanish are available at: www.notableworks.org or email: info@notableworks.org.

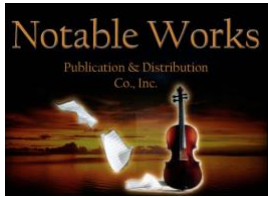
Notable Works’ “Love Warms the Homeless Heart” Tote Bag Project provides local families and individuals in need during the winter months with essential items such as hats, gloves, scarves, socks, blankets and hygiene items. Special thanks to the Wethersfield Knitters, the Cranston Senior Volunteers and Notable Works’ sponsors and supporters for making this project come to fruition.

Some of the agencies Notable Works has distributed the tote bags to include: Amos House of Providence, Oaklawn Baptist Church, in Cranston, McAuley House Ministries and McAuley House Village.



*Photo: Wethersfield Knitters-left to right:
Ann, Denise, Patti, Joan, Eileen, Cindy (standing: Jane, Kathy)*

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Special Thanks to Audubon Society of Rhode Island, Lang's Bowl-a-rama, The Newport Playhouse, and DePetrillo's Pizza & Bakery, Santoro's Pizza, Shaw's and Stop and Shop of North Providence.

Holiday Giving Drive

\$25 GIFT CARD DONATIONS WANTED!

You can **brighten** the lives of those in need by donating a \$25 gift card to support a client at Crossroads.

Toy Drive OR SPONSOR A FAMILY AT CROSSROADS

Make a **difference** by donating **unwrapped** toys & games or by sponsoring a family at Crossroads.

Please schedule your donation drop-offs by December 5th!
Contact Ric Wild at rwild@crossroadsri.org for more information.



The average American family tosses 6 pounds of Thanksgiving food.

This year, let less go to waste.

The average American family throws away 6 pounds of food after Thanksgiving. It either goes to:

- A) the landfill, where it turns into methane, or
- B) a compost system, where it becomes usable soil instead of waste.

What composting delivers:

- Cuts household landfill waste by up to 30%
- Produces nutrient-rich soil
- Reduces greenhouse gases
- Replaces synthetic fertilizers
- Strengthens soil structure

Newport, Bristol, and Barrington have a no-excuse option: the Black Earth Compost curbside pilot.

Newport: free for the entire pilot

Bristol: \$50 first year

Barrington: \$66.66 first year

You get a starter kit, weekly curbside pickup, finished compost, and deep discounts for two years. No yard or experience required.

One family's 6 pounds is minor. A neighborhood participating together measurably improves local environmental impact.

If your leftovers are headed for the trash, redirect them.

Sign up: <https://blackearthcompost.com/newport/>,
[/bristol/](https://blackearthcompost.com/bristol/), [/barrington/](https://blackearthcompost.com/barrington/).



Join Southside Community Land Trust on Friday, December 5, 2025 from 4:00-8:00 PM at 404 Broad Street in Providence for our annual End of the Year Potluck Celebration. After navigating significant challenges this year, including over \$600,000 in federal funding cuts, we're gathering to celebrate the resilience of our community and the incredible work that continues across our gardens, farms, and food access programs. This event is a chance to honor the farmers, gardeners, volunteers, staff, and supporters who make our food justice work possible.

Everyone in the SCLT community is welcome to attend this potluck-style gathering. Bring a dish to share if you're able, and come ready for an evening of community connection with kids' activities, music, dancing, and more. This celebration marks the close of another growing season and the beginning of winter, a time to reflect on our collective impact and look ahead to the work that lies before us. Whether you're a longtime SCLT community member, new to our network, or interested in being part of our circle, we invite you to join us in continuing to build food sovereignty together. Call 401.273.9419 for more information.



Student Stewardship Team – Johannis Farm Wildlife Preserve Sunday, Dec. 7, from 1-3 pm FREE

This event is for members of our Student Stewardship Team for high school students ages 14 to 18. If you are not a registered member and would like to join, visit our [Student Stewardship page](#) for more information.

On Sunday, Dec. 7, from 1-3 pm, we'll be working at Johannis Farm Wildlife Preserve. Dress for the weather and wear long pants, socks, shoes, and your Land Trust t-shirt and hat (optional). Bring a water bottle!

[REGISTER FOR THE EVENT](#)

Student Stewardship Team – Osamequin Nature Preserve Saturday, Dec. 20, from 9-11 am FREE

This event is for registered members of the Land Trust's Student Stewardship Team ONLY. If you are not a registered member and would like to join, visit our [Student Stewardship page](#) for more information.

On Saturday, December 20, from 9-11 am, we'll be working at Osamequin Nature Preserve. Dress for the weather and wear study shoes long pants, and Land Trust t-shirt and hat (optional). Bring a water bottle!

[REGISTER FOR THE EVENT](#)



McAuley House Ministry



Left to right: Volunteer & Yvette Kenner,
Director

Knitted items for Tote Bags



The Magic Gift Of You

If you're feeling stressed and lonely,
And you don't know where to turn.
If your head is pounding madly,
And your chest aches with heartburn.

Try to stop and take a deep breath.
Watch the bird light in a tree.
Try to listen to the melody,
He sings so beautifully.

Feel the breeze as it is blowing.
Let it kiss and lift your hair,
With the power it has carried,
From a distant land so fair.

Raise your face up to the sunlight;
Warming rays that shine so bright.
Try to think about life's magic,
That it soon will help ignite.

Just remember what's important,
In the larger scheme of life,
When you're stressed and feeling harried
As frustration adds to strife.

For happiness stems from within,
Accepting as you go.
The challenges you face in life,
With all you come to know.

As you learn to compromise and grow,
Through all you come to do,
When your heart can sing believing in,
The magic gift of you!

By Janet Barron



Greetings, Creatives and Supporters!

The next Words on Fire Open Mic takes place from 6:00-7:30 PM on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 in the William Hall Library Auditorium. If you haven't yet signed up to read and/or watch, there's still space available! [More information and registration are available on our website.](#)

We hope to see you there!



Pugnacious Leafcutter Bee

Peace and Plenty Community Garden in Providence

hosted three seasonal mini-BioBlitzes in 2025, made possible by a grant from Bloom Rhode Island.

What is a BioBlitz you ask?

A BioBlitz is an event where scientists, environmentalists and community members come together to find and identify as many living species as possible in a specific area. In the 1/3 acre of Peace and Plenty Community Garden, 340 total species were discovered. These findings, tabulated and verified by Melissa Guillot of 15 Minute Field Trips, demonstrate how vibrant and valuable our often overlooked urban green spaces are in Rhode Island's ecosystem.

Notable Findings...

It was verified that during the second Bioblitz on July 12 that a species of bee was identified, which had not been previously identified in Rhode Island, the *Pugnacious Leafcutter Bee*. Yellow jackets were also filmed eating a Spotted Lanternfly!

Here's the link to the full 3 season BioBlitz total, 340 species:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NyWD75Qxd2WzsvV3M9J5huBYf1RTI0wvV1yhX9f2MI8/edit?usp=sharing>

Here's an article in ecoRNews: <https://ecori.org/tiny-but-mighty-providence-garden-showcases-natural-diversity-in-bioblitz/>

For more information and to volunteer in Peace and Plenty, contact Doug Victor at: doug.crimewatch@gmail.com



*Two Upcoming
Events*

W.A.M. event with the theme, "Let It Go". We'll write, create art, and move our bodies, letting go of whatever weighed us down in 2025 in order to make space for the wonder of the new year. It will be held Saturday, January 10 from 9-12 at Rhode Island College. Then, we're hosting a book club on Thursday, February 12 from 4:5:30 with *Lessons from My Teachers* by Sarah Ruhl. Register for one or both of these events [at this link.](#)