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Saving the Diamondback Terrapin: Film Screening and Q&A

Audubon Nature Center and Aquarium,
Bristol, RI

July 22, 2026; 5:30-7:00pm

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. The Q&A will feature Kathryn Beauchamp, co-leader of the Barrington Terrapin Conservation Project. Since 1990, this community-based, citizen scientist volunteer group has been studying the population of the diamondback terrapin in Barrington. Audubon's diamondback terrapin ambassador will be available for a meet and greet.

Fee: \$10/member; \$14/non-member. Ages: 10+. Register through the events calendar at asri.org/calendar.



WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER
WATERSHED COUNCIL

Join neighbors monthly at Riverside Park to clean, plant, and care for the Greenway while building community along the River

The Riverside Park Friends Group meets once a month along the Woonasquatucket River at Aleppo Street in Providence.

Together, volunteers help care for the multi use trail, park space, playground, community garden, and bike camp area.

Location Aleppo Street, Providence, RI

Time 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Dates: July 8, August 12, September 9. and October 7

Come lend a hand, meet your neighbors, and help care for the Woonasquatucket River.

REGISTER

For other events visit: www.wrwc.org/events

Notable Works' Book Release Celebration @ William Hall

Thank you to everyone who joined us for **Notable Works' Book Release Celebration @ William Hall Library** in Cranston, RI on Saturday, June 27, 2026, honoring Notable Works' new publication **Voices of the Earth: The Future of Our Planet IV**. Hosted by the Cranston Public Library, this event brought together poetry, music, visual art, and environmental awareness in an inspiring community celebration. Highlights included a presentation by Sara Sampieri Horvet, Stormwater's Outreach and Engagement Program Manager, and the premiere of Notable Works' video, [click here to view "Building Innovative Bridges for Tomorrow"](#), produced by Maria Bilyeu and spotlighting the efforts of **Stormwater Innovation Center**. This event also included readings by six featured poets (*listen to their readings by clicking the link below each photo; photos and videos courtesy of Bina Gehres*). Original music was premiered by **The Notable Works' Ensemble**, composed by Artist in Residence **Noreen Inglesi** and Guest Composer **Mary Zema**.

Ann Rozhon's original painting, "Roger Williams Park," was displayed as this publication's cover art. Notable Works' Poetry Ambassador, **Carol Anderheggen**, introduced the guest poets and led the open mic. Special thanks to Antonio's Bakery, DePetrillo's Pizza & Bakery, Shaw's, and Stop & Shop locations in Cranston and Warwick for providing wonderful complimentary refreshments. This collaborative project between **Notable Works** and the **Stormwater Innovation Center** was made possible in part by a grant from the **Rhode Island State Council on the Arts**.

Voices of the Earth: The Future of Our Planet IV is available locally at Barrington Books and Stillwater Books in West Warwick, and online as an eBook and paperback through www.notableworks.org.



"Dawn Chorus" by [Christopher Gaynor](#) / *"A Poem for America"* by [Kate Hamilton](#) read by [Cynthia Elder](#)



"Unity Poem" by [Theresa Hickey](#)



"People Come to Look at the Water" by [Janet D. Johnson](#)



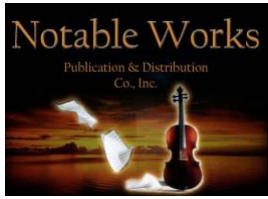
"Again and Again" Poem by [Peg Paolino](#)



"Sanctuary" poem by [Sherri Stepakoff](#)



Special Presentation by Sara Sampieri Horvet



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FREE Stormwater Innovation Center Public Tour

WHEN: July 7, 2026

TIME: 10:30am-11:30am

Join Rhode Island Audubon Society's **Stormwater Innovation Center** for a guided walking tour of Roger Williams Park and discover how innovative stormwater management practices are helping improve water quality, reduce flooding, support wildlife habitat, and create healthier communities.

During this easy walk around Roosevelt Lake, participants will visit green infrastructure installations, learn about local water quality challenges and solutions, and hear about ongoing research and volunteer opportunities.

What to expect:

- Estimated 45 minute guided walk (approximately 0.75 miles)
- Learn about stormwater, urban ponds, and watershed health
- Meet SIC staff and volunteers
- Refreshments and informal Q&A

No science background is needed. Whether you're a community member, educator, conservation volunteer, or simply curious about the environment, this tour offers a fun and engaging way to experience the park while learning about local water resources.

Free and open to the public. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and plan for approximately one hour of being outdoors. We will meet at the [seal house.](#)

Register here: [FREE Stormwater Innovation Center Public Tour](#)



Global Environmental Initiative



**WILDLIFE
OVERPASSES**

Click the Link to View on You Tube

<https://youtube.com/shorts/mzJbpJ5WEKc?si=49SqLSEEkTISuCM>



Save The Bay hosts shoreline cleanups all around the watershed, including weekly cleanups every Wednesday morning from 9-11 am at Oakland Beach from June to August. Our cleanups make our coastlines cleaner and safer. They are also a great way to spread the message that "It's not OK to trash the Bay!" Volunteers can visit www.savebay.org/volunteer to learn more and to sign up.



Team Leader: Renay Houle and Intern, Savannah Patalano

Volunteer: Leslye Vanderhorce



It's officially summer, and that means Rhode Island's farmers markets are in full swing! **Southside Community Land Trust's** network farmers and market gardeners are bringing fresh, nutritionally-dense, culturally familiar produce to communities in and around Providence each week through late fall. Find Charlotte's Farm, City Farm, Sanctuary Herbs, and Wilson Community Farm at the Hope Street Farmers Market, the largest in the state, every Saturday morning at Lippitt Memorial Park, where live music plays alongside your shopping. At the Sankofa World Market on Elmwood Ave, SCLT growers including Purple Corn Farm, Loffa Farm, and Daily Farm offer specialty crops like bitter melon, amaranth, and long beans, with cooking demonstrations on Wednesday afternoons. Thursday evenings bring Ada's Farm, Greenleaf Farm, Teo's Products, and several others in the SCLT network to the Armory Park Farmers Market, where food trucks, live performances, and Kids' Days round out the season. Don't forget to check out the Broad Street Farmers Market, the Central Falls Farmers Market, the Garden City Center Farmers Market, and the Pawtuxet Village Farmers Market too, each with its own mix of SCLT-network farmers and neighborhood character. Wherever you shop, you're supporting your own health and the small-scale farmers who keep Rhode Island's food system rooted close to home.

FARM TOUR AND INFORMATION SESSION

27 SEPTEMBER
3 to 5 PM

Join us for a tour of Roots Family Farm, a certified organic vegetable farm. Learn how working with USDA/NRCS can help you to care for the land you grow on.

217 East Road, Tiverton RI
Parking on site or at Weetamoo Woods

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact Kat Zuiromski at 401-786-1889 or kathryn.zuiromski@usda.gov, or 711 to access telecommunication relay services. USDA is an Equal Opportunity Provider, Employer, and Lender



City Farm Bioblitz

APRIL 25TH
JULY 25TH*
OCTOBER 4TH
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
*RAINDATE AUG. 1ST

Join a team to see what animals, plants, and fungi live here!

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15minutefieldtrips@gmail.com

To sign up click the link below

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Register at bit.ly/CFBioblitz.

The Fire Within
By Gregory G. Lee II

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They tried to bury my name in the dust,
Turned their backs when I cried to be seen.
They built a world where my voice was a ghost,
Where my dreams were ripped at the seams.
They told me the weight was mine to bear,
That silence was safer than standing tall.
But I was not made to be hollow and meek,
I was not born to shrink or fall.
I have walked through the fire of forgotten
tongues,
Felt the burn of history's chains.
Yet even in embers, my spirit would rise,
A spark that refused to be tamed.
I have seen my people erased in ink,
Their stories drowned in a sea of lies.
But truth has a way of breaking through—
It carves itself into the skies.
The blood of warriors runs through my veins,
Their songs hum deep in my chest.
Every breath I take is a testament,
To a people who never knew rest.
I have carried the weight of a thousand wounds,
Held my pain like a prayer in the night.
Yet even in darkness, I found my roar,
And bathed my soul in the light.
Let them try to unwrite my name,
Let them turn their eyes away.
I am the voice that will not be hushed,
I am the dawn of a rising day.
For every chain that sought to bind,
A thousand more will rise and fight.
I am the fire that will not be quenched,
A storm unshaken—burning bright.



Artwork by Colleen Traub

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**WRITING, ART AND
MOVEMENT –
ENCHANTED FOREST**

Greetings!

Hard to believe the year is almost half over and that the July Words on Fire is nearly upon us. We hope you can make it to share your work and/or cheer on readers as they take the mic on Wednesday, July 1, from 6:00-7:30 PM in the William Hall Library Auditorium.

Registration is required. [Read more and register on our website.](#)

Reminder for readers: The response to Words on Fire has been overwhelmingly positive, but with that comes a need for time constraints. **Readers will be limited to works of no more than three-to-four minutes long.** If you can, please practice reading your works beforehand so you'll know that you won't go over. We may limit readings further depending on turnout. We appreciate your help so that everyone gets a chance to read at least once.

Looking forward to hearing your Fiery Words next month!

Wednesday: July 1st 9AM to 12PM at Browning Mill Pond.

Join us for a morning of inspiration, creativity, and connection as participants explore writing, art, and movement in a beautiful natural setting. Only \$25 for educators and free for teacher candidates.



Click this link to register: <https://www.ric.edu/visitors-arts-events/events/writing-art-and-movement-enchanted-forest>