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Five Sessions: August 29, September 26,
October 10, October 17,
November 7, 2026.

For details and to register,
visit asri.org/calendar.



WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER
WATERSHED COUNCIL

Fish Fun(d) 2026

Thursday, August 6, 2026, 5-8 PM
Farm Fresh Rhode Island, 10 Sims Ave.
Providence, RI

**BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW- EARLY
BIRD SPECIAL ENDS JULY 8**

Join the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council for the 2026 Fish Fun(d) at Farm Fresh Rhode Island — an evening of food, music, games, costumes, and community celebration supporting clean water, climate resilience, environmental education, and recreation programs throughout the Woonasquatucket watershed.

Click the link below for more information:
<https://wrwc.org/events/fish-fund-2026/>

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

Notable Works' Book Release Celebration at the William Hall Library on June 27th was well attended and we appreciate all who attended. The program included readings by six featured poets whose works are included in Notable Works' new publication **Voices of the Earth: The Future of Our Planet IV**. Original music was performed by the Notable Works' Ensemble and there was a premiere viewing of a new video entitled "Building Innovative Bridges for Tomorrow" which can be viewed at www.notableworks.org. Special Guest Sara Sampieri Horvet, Stormwater's Outreach and Engagement Program Manager, outlined through her special presentation some of Stormwater's current and future projects and the program concluded with an open mic for poetry and music.

Voices of the Earth: The Future of Our Planet IV is available at Stillwater Books in West Warwick and Barrington Books and is available online as an eBook (in full color) and in paperback by visiting Notable Works' website: www.notableworks.org.

One of the musical pieces premiered by the Notable Works' Ensemble was entitled "A Walk in the Park" and was written by Special Guest Mary Zema. Mary is a career vocalist, singer/songwriter and guitarist. She has released 2 albums - "Songs of Early Paradise" (1998) and "Whistles, Dimes and Dragonflies" (2021). Mary has been performing locally with Throwback- a trio specializing in music from the 60s to 90s, plus originals.

YouTube-Mary Zema music and www.facebook.com/musicmaryzema.



Click here to listen to "A Walk In The Park"

(Top left to right) The Notable Works Ensemble: Alison Shea, piano;
Maria Bilyeu, cello; Teresa Gervais, flute; Beth Schapira, soprano;
Special Guest Mary Zema, guitar and vocals and (bottom right)
Noreen Inglesi, vocals.

Save the Date for Notable Works' Upcoming Event:

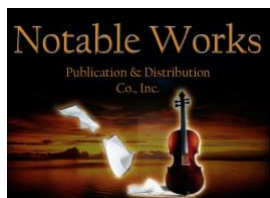
Saturday, November 21, 2026 11AM to 1PM

North Providence Union Free Library:

Special Guest: Alicia Lehrer, Executive Director

Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council

Other events TBA



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Providence Parks **Stormwater Innovation Center** **Audubon Society of Rhode Island**

Curious where rain goes after it hits the pavement? Come and find out during this fun and informative tour!

Where: Seal House Roger Williams Park
When: August 4th 1:00pm-2:30pm

This Tour Includes:

- An easy 45 minute walk (~0.75 miles)
- Information about:
 - stormwater
 - water quality
 - volunteer opportunities
- Light refreshments & Q&A afterward

Whether you're a park lover, neighbor, student, or just looking for a fun outdoor activity, we'd love to have you join us!

Register today! Scan the QR code



**Guided Walk at Doug Rayner Wildlife Refuge
Sunday, August 9th at 9 am**

Join us for a free walk through the Doug Rayner Wildlife Refuge on Sunday, August 9, at 9 am with Peter McCalmont and Charlie Brown, co-managers of the Refuge. The Doug Rayner Wildlife Refuge is an 82-acre town-owned preserve along Hundred Acre Cove in Barrington. The terrain is gentle but may be uneven in places, with some moderate inclines. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.

The walk will last about one and a half hours. All ages are welcome.

The Doug Rayner Wildlife Refuge is located at 111 George Street in Barrington, off Warren Avenue in Seekonk (near Four Town Farm). There is a parking area along the side of the road near the white gate at the entrance to the Refuge.



**Register for the walk
at BLCT.org/event**



**Nominations are
open for RIEEA's
Annual EE Awards!**

The Rhode Island Environmental Education Association (RIEEA) invites you to nominate a person, organization, or school for a 2026 Environmental Education Award. Each award winner receives a certificate, monetary award, and RIEEA membership. Nominations are due by 5:00pm on Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

Learn more and fill out a nomination form at:
<https://www.rieea.org/programs/environmental-education-awards/>



Every growing season, Southside Community Land Trust's farms and community gardens come alive not just with crops and critters, but with volunteers. This summer, SCLT is grateful to individuals and groups from across the region whose time and skills make a direct difference for our growers. Whole Foods employees, Point32Health Foundation staff, URI Master Gardeners, and young people from Incredible Days have tackled weeding and maintaining native pollinator gardens, harvesting produce for market, and learning from SCLT farmers and staff about the organization's 45-year history supporting food sovereignty.

Among our most hands-on partners is Building Futures RI, whose construction pre-apprenticeship participants have taken on significant infrastructure projects across multiple SCLT sites, like constructing sheds for farmers operating in Cranston and tackling site grading, invasive control, and pathway creation at Pawtucket's Galego Community Farm.

If you or your organization is interested in volunteering with SCLT this season or in the years ahead, reach out to sclt@southsideclt.org

**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 Zuermski at 401.786.1389 or kathy.zuermski@usda.gov, or 711 to access telecommunication relay services. USDA is an Equal Opportunity Provider, Employer, and Lender

USDA NRCS ROOTS FARM



Peace and Plenty Community Garden in Providence recently hosted a fourth Bioblitz on June 20 made possible by a Bloom Rhode Island grant.

The final morning's tally yielded 205 verified species with 28 being new species. Add this total of 28 to the previous 4 Bioblitz totals of 377, to yield 405 different species that are now documented as living in or visiting the garden.

27 gardeners and community scientists/ neighbors brought their inquisitive spirits to the task as identifiers of the day's species count living in our community garden.

Our urban green spaces are now being recognized for the role they play in our urban wildlife ecosystems.

The garden's next step is to hold a **Moth Night at Peace and Plenty on September 19, 2026 7:00 – 9:00 pm**

Melissa Guillet of 15 Minute Field Trips will be setting up a science central tent. All are invited!

2.5% - Defending Earth's Freshwater

By Diane H. Silva Pimentel

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Data centers activated.

AI use advocated.

Freshwater confiscated.

Watersheds dissipated.

Ecosystems devastated.

Companies compensated.

Message. Increased efficiency. Drip.

Message. Novel solutions. Drip.

Message. Tech Innovation. Drip.

Data centers multiplied.

Cooling needs prioritized.

Water consumption justified.

Future requirements amplified.

Activists occupied.

Communities galvanized.

Wake Up! Benefits marketed. For Whom?

Wake Up! Freshwater limited. For Whom?

Wake Up! Access guaranteed. For Whom?

Data centers hidden away.

Distractions from the price we pay.

Governments with little to say.

Corporations spin it their way.

Mother Earth we betray.

Defenders unite without delay.



Where: Across Rhode Island

When: August 28th - October 25th

Visit rilandtrusts.org/landtrustdays
or scan the QR code to learn more!



Greetings,

Just a reminder that the next Words on Fire Open Mic meets on Wednesday, August 5 from 6:00-7:30 PM in the William Hall Library auditorium. Read more and register on our website:

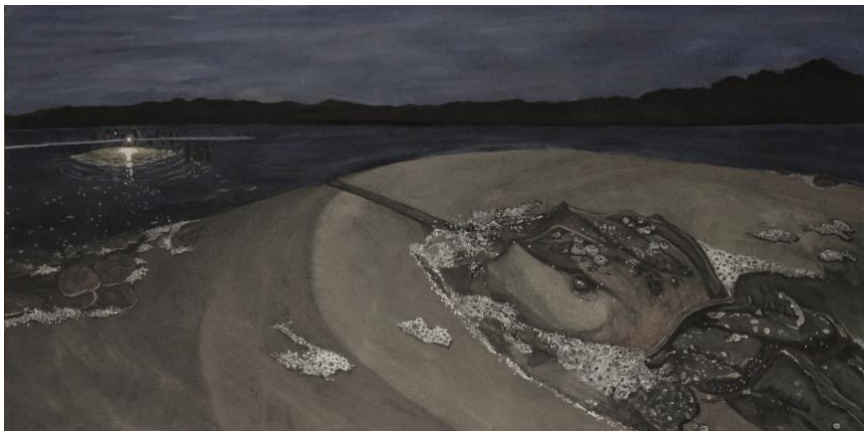
<https://events.cranstonlibrary.org/calendar/events/wordsonfire26>

A few additional reminders:

- This event is for reading your original creative writing in any genre
- Please limit your reading time each round to no more than 3-4 minutes, including any introductory remarks
- Registration is required, whether you are reading or just listening

And don't forget: September's Words on Fire event will be a special Saturday edition taking place on September 19 from 2:00-4:00 PM. Registration for the September meeting will open on August 5. I will send out a reminder two weeks prior with a registration link.

Hope to see you at one or both events!



"Bloodtide" painting by Melissa Guillet

"2.5% Defending Earth's Freshwater,"
with painting "Bloodtide"

are included in **Voices of the Earth:**
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