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Notable Notes

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Audubon Society of Rhode Island

Photo Eurasian Eagle Owl by Peter Green

Audubon Raptor Weekend

September 12 & 13, 2026; 10:00am-4:00pm

Audubon Nature Center and Aquarium
1401 Hope Street, Bristol, RI

Join Audubon for a celebration of hawks, owls and falcons. Watch birds of prey soar during live flight demonstrations, meet them up close, and discover the incredible adaptations that make them nature's top hunters. Perfect for families, bird enthusiasts, and curious explorers of all ages, the weekend features raptor presentations, hands-on activities, games, food, and plenty of fun learning opportunities.

Visit: asri.org/raptor-weekend for tickets and details.

WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

Nuestros Bosques Forest Care Days

Register for updates and locations.

Sat., Sept. 5th (Rain date Sept. 13th)
10AM to 2PM 90 Salmon St., Prov., RI

Join us for **Nuestros Bosques Forest Care Days**, a series of community volunteer days dedicated to caring for neighborhood trees and green spaces in Providence. Throughout the season, we'll travel to different sites across **02909** and **02908** to support the health of our growing urban forest. These gatherings bring neighbors together to care for the trees that shade our streets, cool our neighborhoods, and make our communities stronger. Volunteer tasks will vary by location and need. Together we may remove invasive plants, pick up litter, water young trees, spread mulch, and help maintain the spaces where our trees grow. Events are free, bilingual (Spanish and English), and open to everyone.

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

Notable Works' Upcoming Events

Join Notable Works and find out **What the Pawtuxet River Authority is up to** and how this organization is working to improve the health of Rhode Island's largest river and its surrounding watershed. The event will take place at the Warwick Public Library, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI, on **Saturday, October 17th from 11 AM to 12:30 PM**, and will feature a presentation by **Robert Nero**, Chairman of the Pawtuxet River Authority and Watershed Council. Guests will also enjoy an introductory display of original poetry and art inspired by the theme "**Bridging the Divide and Coming Together for a Common Goal."** This free event will feature readings by six poets from Notable Works' new book, **Voices of the Earth: The Future of Our Planet IV**: **Marjorie Leary, Karina Lutz, Diane H. Silva Pimentel, JoAnne Preiser, Ira Schaeffer** and **Fran Webber**. The program promises to be engaging, with a focus on the environment, creativity and community. For more information, contact Noreen at: **info@notableworks.org**.

And on **Saturday, November 21st from 11 AM to 1 PM**, Notable Works will present: **Songs and Poems for the Earth and the Season** at the North Providence Public Library, 1810 Mineral Spring Ave., North Providence, RI. This free event will feature a presentation by **Alicia Lehrer, Executive Director of the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (WRWC),** highlighting WRWC's revitalization efforts for the Woonasquatucket River, its watershed and surrounding communities. There will also be readings from Notable Works' new publication **Voices of the Earth: The Future of Our Planet IV** and a special musical performance by the **Notable Works' Ensemble.**

Agricultural Education Workshops

Registration is open for the Rhode Island Environmental Education Association (RIEEA) annual workshop series. This year's theme is Education Through Cultivation: Rooting Teaching, Farming, & Healing in Relationship to the Land. Each one is facilitated by Rhode Island community members who will share how they connect audiences of all ages with the living systems that sustain us. Formal and nonformal educators as well as advocates and community members are invited to attend. You can register for one, some, or all!

Learn more at
https://www.rieea.org/programs/workshop-series/

Global Environmental Initiative

Backyard Rain Garden

Click the Link to View on You Tube
https://www.youtube.com/shorts/fx2GVRdq4OQ

RI Nature Video Festival

Blue Heron Family Life

The RI Nature Video Festival will again be held in February at RI College. We are looking for short videos of nature filmed in RI by people who live, work, or go to school in RI. This is an early bird notice asking if you do any work that might include videos of nature for work with kids where they might do some filming of nature, we would really like you to consider submitting some videos for the festival. The festival is led by the RI Natural History Survey, RI College and me. As a video maker I am happy to talk with anyone or any groups to encourage the production of short nature videos and happy to share my experience (i have made more than 3000 videos) of both nature and video making. The official call for videos will go out in October or November with a deadline of mid-January but figured a heads up for those of you working with nature this summer or for teachers getting ready for fall would not be a bad idea. You can contact me at gerritt@mindspring.com or call me at 401-374-5186 for more information and advice.…Greg Gerritt https://www.youtube.com/Moshassuckcritters/videos

Pawtuxet River Authority & Watershed Council

"The Pawtuxet River Authority continues to engage in activities to improve and protect the Pawtuxet River System. An on-going initiative is anadromous fish restoration. Anadromous fish are those species which spend most of their lives in the ocean but come to fresh water to give birth. Most of these fish complete this cycle only once in their lives. RI has a number of these species native to its waters which include the Striped Bass, the Alewife herring, the Blueback herring, the

American Shad and several others including the Atlantic Salmon. As it would suggest, these fish have the biological ability to live in both fresh water and saltwater and constitute a very small minority of all fish on the planet.

Since 2001, the Authority has invested 1.6 million dollars of largely federal money to provide access to the Pawtuxet River system for these fish which have been largely shut out by dams from the industrial revolution for the last 200 hundred years. Currently, the Authority is working on modifying or removing the Pontiac Mill Dam of the former Fruit of the Loom empire in Warwick. This dam is the next blockage in the Pawtuxet system for unrestricted access and would provide 9 miles of spawning habitat for these species." **https://www.pawtuxet.org/**

Robert J. Nero, Chairman
Pawtuxet River Authority & Watershed Council

There Are Quiet Places
By Roger Funston

There are quiet places
where something stopped long ago
Primordial ancient redwood forest
Sunlight filtering through the trees
I visualize dinosaurs ambling

Redwood trees fall
Open up forest to new saplings
Trees slowly decay
Release nutrients into the soil
Fires hallow out base of trees that still stand mighty
Creeks move in their channel beds after a downpour
Runoff forms new rivulets on slopes

Damp coolness on my skin
Take in incredible green-ness
The beauty, the grandeur
Grounded again, rejuvenated

But time has not stopped
It only seems so
for the few moments
as I stand among giants

Bird Watching
By Nancy Walker Greenaway

Meeting time and place are
posted: 8 A.M., Settlers' Rock.

Birders gather, carrying
binoculars, spotting scopes.

They scan trees and sky,
silence human voices.

They look and listen, breathe
sea-salted morning air.

They attend to color, motion,
rustle, caw, patterns of song.

Twelve in number,
the birders move as one.

A quickly raised finger points.
All eyes gaze in that direction.

A hum of agreement sounds,
then ahhs of amazement.

The birders bind with their world,
find a oneness, a belonging.

Both poems published in Notable Works'
Voices of the Earth: The Future of Our Planet IV
*To order your copy visit: **www.notableworks.org***

Quote of the Month

The scariest moment is always just before you start.
…….Stephen King

Before his first book sold in 1973, **Stephen King** had to face down fear as he began each new short story and novel. Starting something new — be it a creative project, a relationship, or a major life change — can bring up many questions and doubts. But King reminds us that new beginnings offer something else: possibility.

Where: Across Rhode Island

When: August 28th - October 25th

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

NORMAN BIRD SANCTUARY

FREE WEDNESDAY NATURE WALK

Wednesday, September 2, 20263:30pm - 4:15pm
Free, no registration required

This free public program requires no registration and will meet outside the Welcome Center ten minutes prior to the walk. In the event of inclement weather, an announcement that day will be made on our website determining whether the walk will continue or not.

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words on fire open mic

Greetings,

The next Words on Fire Open Mic will take place on **Saturday, September 19**, 2026 from **2:00-4:00 PM** in the William Hall Library Auditorium. This is a special two-hour event. Registration is required, whether you are reading your work or just coming to enjoy the creative vibes in the room. Light refreshments will be served.

Read more and register on our website. Hope to see you there!