

Wednesday Evening Programs at the Quincy Bog Natural Area - 2018

Programs will take place at the Nature Center (131 Quincy Bog Rd. in Rumney) at 7:00 p.m. All talks are free (donations are gratefully accepted), open to the public, and are followed by an informal reception with refreshments. These lectures are underwritten in part by the Ruth V. Fisher Memorial Fund. For more information, contact Betty Jo Taffe (phone, 786-2553, email bjtaffe@gmail.com). More info at www.quincybog.org

June 13 – Diversity, Decline and Sustainability of Native Bees – Katherine Odanaka

Bees are a diverse and agriculturally important group of insects. In New England alone, there are around 200 different species of bees, many of which provide pollination services to the foods we eat, such as apples, berries, and squash to name a few. Join bee researcher **Katherine Odanaka** for an introduction to the colorful world of bee diversity, the current threats bees face, and solutions we can use to help native bees.

June 27 –Returning North With the Spring: Retracing the Epic Journey of Naturalist Edwin Way Teale from Florida to Maine – John Harris

In 1947 Edwin Way Teale, the most popular naturalist in the decade between Aldo Leopold and Rachel Carson, followed the progress of spring over four months from the Everglades to the summit of Mount Washington. His best-selling book, *Returning North with the Spring*, recounts the epic journey he and his wife Nellie undertook. In 2012 **John Harris** set out to retrace Teale's route, stopping at unfamiliar wild places on the same calendar date on which Teale visited. Co-sponsored by NH Humanities.

July 11 – Discover the Secrets of Porcupines – Nigel Manley

Wildlife enthusiast and longtime manager of The Rocks Estate **Nigel Manley** will explore the secrets of these fascinating but often misunderstood animals. Why do porcupines gnaw on buildings? Do they den together? Can they throw their quills? What is a young porcupine called? The program is based on first-hand observation and experience of wildlife out in the field.

July 25 – Songs of Emigration: Story-telling Through Traditional Irish Music – Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki

Through traditional music **Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki** relays some of the adventures, misadventures, and emotions experienced by Irish emigrants. The focus is on songs about leaving Ireland, sometimes focusing on the reasons for leaving (a man who is driven from his land by English persecution), sometimes revealing what happened upon arrival (an immigrant drafted into the Union army during the Civil War), and sometimes exploring the universal feeling of homesickness of a stranger in a strange land (a factory worker in London missing his home in County Clare). The presenter discusses the historical context of these songs, interspersing their stories with tunes from Ireland that made their way into New England's musical repertoire, played on his fiddle or guitar. Co-sponsored by NH Humanities.

August 8 – Bald Eagle Recovery in New Hampshire – Chris Martin

Chris Martin will discuss nearly three decades of bald eagle population recovery in New Hampshire and describe management efforts and partnerships that help eagles. Chris has been a raptor biologist for NH Audubon for the past 28 years. In close collaboration with NH Fish & Game, he focuses on recovery and management of the state's bald eagles, peregrine falcons, and ospreys. He recruits, trains, and supervises an enthusiastic corps of NH Audubon volunteer raptor observers who monitor these species all across the state.

August 22 – The Besieged Northern Hardwood Forest – Nat Cleavitt

Northern forests are facing unprecedented stressors. On top of a legacy of cation depletion from acid rain, the forests now face changing climate, especially changing winters, and related increase in browse pressure from white-tailed deer. Beech-bark disease and sugar maple decline continue to impact forest structure and function. Using examples from our long-term vegetation work at Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest, field researcher **Nat Cleavitt** will present what we currently know about impacts of these stressors and what we hope to know by continuing current or initiating future studies.

Nature Walks and Workshop at the Quincy Bog Natural Area – 2018

Walks are free and open to the public, and will be held (light) rain or shine, but may be cancelled in a severe storm. All walks leave from the Nature Center (131 Quincy Bog Road, Rumney) unless otherwise noted. Wear comfortable walking shoes; bring drinking water and bug spray. For more information or to check for cancellation, contact Betty Jo Taffe (786-2553, bjtaffe@gmail.com).

Saturday, May 19 (raindate May 20) – Spring Wildflower Walk (9 to 11:30 am)

We'll walk the Bog with **George DeWolf** to observe flowering plants, with a focus on tools you can use for identification. Bring field guides if you have them, but none is required. George has spent much of his free time over the last 10 years walking the Bog and viewing it from a natural science perspective. Although he's interested in all aspects of nature, he finds flowers particularly appealing because they don't run or fly away and invite close inspection. He's the creator of the "Bog in Bloom" YouTube channel that is updated throughout the spring, summer, and early fall with video slideshows of flowers in bloom at Quincy Bog.

Sunday, May 27 – Spring Bird Walk (7 to 9:30 am)

Join **Iain MacLeod** for a beginning birding program that will help you identify the huge variety of birds that fill our woods, meadows and wetlands each spring. Explore the differing habitats at Quincy Bog and learn identification by sight and sound. Iain is Executive Director of the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center in Holderness, NH, and has birded in New Hampshire for over 25 years. Meet at 7:00 AM at the Nature Center.

Sunday, June 3 – Edible and Medicinal Plants and Fungi Workshop (9 am to 1 pm)

Sign up for this short seminar led by **Rick Van de Poll**, focusing on what is readily available for food and herbal medicine in central New Hampshire. A colorful introductory slide show will be followed by a short, easy hike around Quincy Bog in search of what is out and identifiable. Our instructor Rick Van de Poll, principal of Ecosystem Management Consultants, has in past years led the popular Fabulous Fungi Workshop at the Bog. Limited to 20 people. Pre-registration required, confirmed upon payment of \$20 fee. Bring drinking water and a lunch. Email bjtaffe@gmail.com or phone 786-2553 for information.

Saturday, June 16 (raindate June 17) – Early Summer Wildflower Walk (9 to 11:30 am)

We had so much fun on the Spring Wildflower Walk that we decided to come back for another round. Again, we'll walk the Bog with **George DeWolf** to observe flowering plants, with a focus on tools you can use for identification. Bring field guides if you have them, but none is required.

Saturday, July 28 (raindate July 29) – Dragonflies and Damselflies of Quincy Bog – John Williams (9 to 11:30 am)

Walk the Quincy Bog trail with local naturalist **John Williams** and learn the fundamentals of how to observe, catch, identify and release these diverse insects. John will draw on his many years of work with the U.S. Forest Service and as a volunteer with the NH Dragonfly and Damselfly Survey from 2010 to 2013. The survey documented 164 species in the state. Did you know 70 species have been found in Rumney?

Sunday, August 5 (raindate August 12) – Fungus Among Us (9:00 am to noon)

Join **Dr. Thomas Stoughton** for a beginning mushroom and lichen program that will help you identify the huge variety of fleshy fungi that come bursting out of the woods each year. Learn identification tips and other interesting information before exploring Quincy Bog on a fungal foray! Dr. Stoughton is an evolutionary biologist focused on assessing biodiversity of sessile organisms, primarily plants and fungi. A self-trained mycophile, he has over 15 years of experience foraging for wild mushrooms.

Saturday, August 25 – Quincy Bog Fern and Moss Walk – Nat Cleavitt (9:00 am to noon)

Nat Cleavitt loves seedless plants as both the elders and the underdogs of the current plant world. We will make the full loop around the Bog, stopping for ferns and mosses of interest along the way. We will also endeavor to find elusive gametophyte generation of ferns – the prothallus. Come and join in the search!