

## **Wednesday Evening Programs at the Quincy Bog Natural Area – 2022**

Programs will take place at 7:00 PM at the Nature Center (131 Quincy Bog Road in Rumney) unless changing Covid conditions dictate otherwise. Covid protocols will be announced on the Quincy Bog website ([www.quincybog.org](http://www.quincybog.org)) and in program publicity. All talks are free (donations are gratefully accepted) and open to the public. These lectures are underwritten in part by the Ruth V. Fisher Fund. For more information, visit our website or contact Betty Jo Taffe (phone, 786-2553, email [bjtaffe@gmail.com](mailto:bjtaffe@gmail.com)).

### **June 8 – Range the Wild Woods Over: Loggers’ Songs and Stories – Jeff Warner**

Loggers at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century cut the timber that built and warmed our houses and provided the ties for America’s ever-expanding railroads. Folklorist Jeff Warner relates the songs and stories of the people who worked the wintry woods, showing their humor and their grit, and giving us a glimpse into everyday life in long ago lumber camps. Sponsored by NH Humanities.

### **June 22 – A Walk Back in Time: The Secrets of Cellar Holes – Adair Mulligan**

Northern New England is full of reminders of past lives – stone walls, old foundations, a century-old lilac struggling to survive as the forest reclaims a once-sunny dooryard. Presenter **Adair Mulligan** will explore the rich story behind such abandoned places and see how one town has set out to create an inventory of its cellar holes, piecing together the clues left behind on the landscape. Sponsored by NH Humanities.

### **July 13 – Monitoring and Conserving At-risk Turtles in NH – Joshua Megyesy**

Wildlife biologist **Josh Megyesy**, from the NH Fish & Game Department’s Nongame and Endangered Wildlife program, will talk about the ecology of Blanding’s, Wood, Spotted and Eastern Box Turtles in New Hampshire. He will discuss habitat, state-wide distribution, threats, and conservation actions currently underway, highlighting the Quincy Bog area and its unique features for turtles in the landscape. Josh will also explain how private landowners and the public can help.

### **July 27 – Native Peoples of the Upper Merrimack River and Asquamchumauke a.k.a. Baker River Watersheds from the Paleoindian Period to Contact – David P. Miller**

From limited archeological records and the historic contact record, presenter **David Miller** will reconstruct who were the native peoples that lived beside the Asquamchumauke a.k.a. Baker River watershed, a major pre-colonial crossroad. What was their relationship to the landscape features of Quincy Bog and surrounding forests, and how did they interact with neighboring communities including their dog and their best friend in nature, the beaver?

### **August 10 – The Night Visitors: Backyard Game Cameras and Wildlife Natural History – Dave Anderson**

Join **Dave Anderson**, naturalist and Sr. Director of Education for the statewide Society for the Protection of NH Forests, for an evening wildlife program. Learn about common NH wildlife species, habitats and habits – feeding, predation, scavenging, mating. The presentation shares photos taken over several years and in different seasons from backyard remote wildlife cameras that reveal animals visiting backyard gardens, orchards, and a chicken coop while living in the surrounding forest – bears, deer, coyotes, foxes, bobcats, porcupines, raccoons, birds and more.

### **August 24 – Encouraging Wildlife Diversity in Designed Landscapes – Matt Tarr**

An “abundance of wildlife” is one of the best indicators of an ecologically well-designed landscape. By understanding how pollinators, birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians select their habitats during each season of the year, we can design landscapes that effectively attract and support a diversity of wildlife. This presentation by Extension Professor and Wildlife Specialist with UNH Cooperative Extension **Matt Tarr** will provide practical methods for how to design your landscaping to attract and benefit a diversity of wildlife species.

## **Weekend Events, Nature Walks and Workshop at the Quincy Bog Natural Area – 2022**

Walks are free and open to the public, and will be held (light) rain or shine, but may be cancelled in a severe storm. Cancellations will be posted on the kiosks at the Bog and on the Quincy Bog Facebook page. 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, visit the Bog website [www.quincybog.org](http://www.quincybog.org) or contact Betty Jo Taffe ([bjtaffe@gmail.com](mailto:bjtaffe@gmail.com)).

### **Sunday, May 8 – Spring Bird Walk (7 to 9:30 AM)**

Sorry if we missed you – see you next year!

### **Saturday, May 14 (rain date May 15) – Quincy Bog Wildflower Walk: Spring Ephemerals and Other Early Bloomers (9 to 11:30 AM)**

Walk the Bog with wildflower enthusiast **George DeWolf** to observe flowering plants, with a focus on tools you can use for identification. 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 they invite close inspection.

### **Saturday, June 11 (rain date June 12) – Natural History of Quincy Bog (9:00 to 10:30 AM)**

Join **Marguerite Crowell** to explore the plants, wildlife and habitats of Quincy Bog. As observers of Nature, you will use the app iNaturalist (<https://www.inaturalist.org>) to learn more about local and distant natural communities.

### **Saturday, June 18 – Kids' Nature Walk (9:30 to 11 AM, rain or shine)**

For kids ages 4 to 12 and their caregivers, walk around the trail with nature lover and educator **Jess Halm** to explore the forest and aquatic ecosystems at Quincy Bog. The focus of the walk will depend on the interests of the participants. You never know what you will find!

### **Saturday, July 23 (rain date July 24) – Tree and Shrub Identification Walk (9:00 to 11:00 AM)**

Grafton County Forester for UNH Extension **Jim Frohn** will lead a walk to discuss and identify a number of native trees and shrubs. We'll look at identifying characteristics as well as habitats. Feel free to ask lots of questions and offer your plant knowledge too!

### **Saturday, August 20 (rain date August 27) – Seedless Plants: Mosses, Ferns and Friends (9:00 to 11:30 AM)**

After a general introduction to gauge the needs and wants of the participants, bryophyte specialist **Nat Cleavitt** will lead a walk to meet the mosses of Quincy Bog and learn about their unique way of living on the planet.

### **Monday, August 22 (rain date August 29) – Late Summer Watercolor Study at Quincy Bog (1:00 PM to late afternoon)**

Join **Ashley Rouillard** to learn to see the bog landscape through the lens of an artist and painter. Explore different locations at the Bog to practice and create preliminary sketches with pencil on watercolor paper, then apply what you've learned to create a full-sized sketch and bring it to life with watercolors. Limited to 15 people. Pre-registration required, confirmed upon payment of \$20 fee. Visit our website [www.quincybog.org](http://www.quincybog.org) for more information about the workshop and how to register.

### **Sunday, September 25 – Fabulous Fungi of Quincy Bog Workshop (9 am to 1 pm)**

This short seminar led by **Rick Van de Poll** will introduce the intricate world of higher fungi in northern New England. A colorful introductory slide show will be followed by a short, easy hike around Quincy Bog in search of what is out and identifiable. Limited to 18 people. Pre-registration required, confirmed upon payment of \$20 fee. Visit our website [www.quincybog.org](http://www.quincybog.org) for more information about the workshop and how to register.