

Wednesday Evening Programs at the Quincy Bog Natural Area - 2019

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 12 – The Guitar in Latin America: Continuities, Changes and Bicultural Strumming – José Lezcano

Musician and music educator **José Lezcano** presents a multi-media musical program that showcases the guitar in Latin America as an instrument that speaks many languages. He presents a variety of musical styles: indigenous strummers in ritual festivals from Ecuador, Gaucho music from Argentina, European parlor waltzes from Venezuela, and Afro-Brazilian samba-pagode. He also plays pieces by Villa-Lobos, Brouwer, Lauro, Barrios, Pereira, and examples from his Fulbright-funded research in Ecuador. Co-sponsored by NH Humanities.

June 26 – The Great New England Flood of 1936 – Jason Cordeira

An unprecedented 22.43 inches of rain was recorded at Pinkham Notch, NH, on 14 days in mid-March 1936, releasing more than 30 inches of rainfall and melted snow into frozen catchments and ice-laden rivers. To this day, the “Great Flood of 1936” is the flood of record at many locations across New England. Meteorologist **Jason Cordeira** will review many of the meteorological aspects of the flood, its impact on society, and comparisons to recent floods in central New Hampshire on the Baker and Pemigewasset Rivers.

July 10 – The Whip-poor-will: Biology and Conservation of a Crepuscular Enigma – Pam Hunt

The Whip-poor-will was once a familiar bird across much of New Hampshire, but is rare today except in a few scattered locations. To learn more about this poorly-known species, avian conservation biologist **Pam Hunt** initiated a monitoring program in New Hampshire in 2003 and followed up with habitat research from 2008 to 2012. In this program she'll provide an overview of whip-poor-will ecology, discuss conservation issues facing the species, and wrap up with some of the results of her research program.

July 24 – Oil, Ice and Bone: Arctic Whaler Nathaniel Ransom – Helen Frink

Author and descendent of two whaling families, **Helen Frink** tells the story of two sunken whale ships discovered off the Alaskan coast in 2016 and how these vessels came to be lost in the greatest whaling disaster in American history. Arctic whaler Nathaniel Ransom, who served as third mate of one of these ships and survived the loss of thirty-two whaling vessels in the frigid waters off Alaska's Icy Cape in 1871, kept a journal detailing eyewitness accounts of these events. Co-sponsored by NH Humanities.

August 14 – Ecology and Management of Beaver – Matt Tarr

Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist **Matt Tarr** will present a complete overview of the history and ecology of beavers in New England, including their food habitats, construction abilities, and their role in creating wetland habitat for other wildlife. We will discuss why beavers build dams and how landowners and communities can maintain beavers on their land while minimizing the damage beavers can cause by flooding and by cutting trees.

August 28 – White Mountain Forest Fires – David Govatski

Forest fires in the White Mountains are not common, but under the right conditions occur and are often difficult to suppress. In 1903 over 85,000 acres of the White Mountain region burned in an outbreak of multiple fires in logging slash and cut-over mountainsides. Entire communities were threatened, and the lack of an organized suppression effort led to growing calls for forest protection and conservation. Former U.S. Forest Service fire management officer **David Govatski** will look at historic fires from the 1800's and early 1900's and more recent forest fires such as the Lucy Brook, Covered Bridge and Dilly Forest Fires. He'll discuss the effects of forest fires in the ecosystem, prescribed burning, fire prevention and detection, fire weather, and more complex issues such as adequate federal funding to manage forest fires under a changing climate.

Nature Walks and Workshop at the Quincy Bog Natural Area – 2019

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 or to check for cancellation, contact Betty Jo Taffe (786-2553, bjtaffe@gmail.com).

Sunday, May 12 – 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 2 – 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 22 (raindate June 23) – Early Summer Wildflower Walk (9 to 11:30 am)

We'll walk the Bog with wildflower enthusiast **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.

Saturday, July 20 (raindate July 21) – Butterflies 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 insects. John will draw on his many years of work with the U.S. Forest Service, as a hobbyist, and as a volunteer with the Baker Valley Butterfly Count. Bring field guides, a fine mesh net, 10x hand lens, close focus binoculars and hand wipes if you have them, but none is required.

Saturday, July 27 (raindate July 28) – Tree Identification Walk (9:00 am to noon)

Join Grafton County Forester **Jim Frohn** on a walk to identify a number of common and not-so-common trees using a variety of methods, including leaves, buds and bark. Quincy Bog includes both wetland and upland species and is home to the Grafton County Champion Tamarack and Grafton County Champion Pitch Pine.

Saturday, August 24 – Kids' Walk: Explore the World of Tiny Critters – Jess Halm (9:30 to 11:30 am)

Kids of all ages, join **Jess Halm** to explore the world of tiny critters living in and alongside the Bog – macroinvertebrates from the water and microarthropods from the soil. You never know what you might find!