

Wednesday Evening Programs at the Quincy Bog Natural Area - 2017

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 14 - Discovering New England Stone Walls – Kevin Gardner

Why are we so fascinated with stone walls? **Kevin Gardner**, author of *The Granite Kiss*, explains how and why New England came to acquire its thousands of miles of stone walls, the ways in which they and other dry stone structures were built, how their styles emerged and changed over time and their significance to the famous New England landscape. Kevin is a writer, teacher, tradesman, and a lifelong resident of Hopkinton, NH. For 25 years, Kevin was an award-winning performance critic, feature writer, and producer for NH Public Radio. Co-sponsored by New Hampshire Humanities.

June 28 –Satellite Tracking of New Hampshire Ospreys - Iain McLeod

Project OspreyTrack is a multi-year project using GPS trackers to follow Ospreys from their nests in New Hampshire to their wintering grounds in South America. Researcher **Iain McLeod** is also learning much about the foraging behaviors of breeding male Ospreys. Hear the amazing and sometimes tragic stories of some of the 16 NH Ospreys tagged, including Art, a male Osprey from a nest in Bridgewater who each year makes a 10,000 mile round-trip between his winter home in Brazil and New Hampshire. Iain is Executive Director of the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center in Holderness. He is an internationally recognized Osprey researcher and has studied these amazing birds for more than 35 years both in New Hampshire and in his native Scotland.

July 12 - Rally Round the Flag: The American Civil War Through Folksong

Woody Pringle and Marek Bennett present an overview of the American Civil War through the lens of period music. Audience members participate and sing along as the presenters explore lyrics, documents and visual images from sources such as the Library of Congress. Through camp songs, parlor music, hymns, battlefield rallying cries and fiddle tunes, Pringle and Bennett examine the folksong as a means to enact living history, share perspectives, influence public perceptions of events, and simultaneously fuse and conserve cultures in times of change. Showcasing numerous instruments, the presenters challenge participants to find new connections between song, art, and politics in American history. Co-sponsored by New Hampshire Humanities.

July 26 – Moose in a Changing World – Kris Rines

Learn more from the moose project leader's mouth about moose life history, current status, history of moose in NH, results of recent moose research and an outline of how our changing climate is impacting this iconic species. Questions are encouraged. **Kris Rines** is a native Granite Stater with a B.S. in wildlife management from Michigan State University. She has worked at NH Fish and Game for 33 years; 31 as moose project leader.

August 9 – Introduction to Wabanaki Beadwork – Rhonda Besaw

Beadwork has long been an expression of cultural identity. Join us for a brief introduction to traditional and contemporary Wabanaki beadwork. **Rhonda Besaw** is one of few people who continue these traditions and an internationally known beadworker of Abenaki descent. Her ancestors lived in northern New Hampshire and southern Quebec and along the Connecticut River Valley in New Hampshire and Vermont. She is a juried member of the League of NH Craftsmen.

August 23 - The Bats Among Us – Christine Perron

Did you know that 8 different bat species can be found in New Hampshire? An important method used to determine the diversity of bat species in a given area is the acoustic survey, which involves using ultrasonic detectors to record the echolocation calls that bats make as they move through the environment. This program will provide an overview of acoustic surveys completed right here at Quincy Bog and Quincy Pasture Forest. We will learn about bats in the northeast, why they are declining, and what we can do to help. Speaker **Christine Perron** has over 16 years of experience as an environmental professional working with public, private, and non-profit organizations. She is now an environmental consultant with McFarland Johnson, where her responsibilities include coordinating northern long-eared bat acoustic monitoring efforts.

Nature Walks and Workshop at the Quincy Bog Natural Area - 2017

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).

Sunday, May 14 – 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 4 – 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.

Friday, June 9 – Full Moon Bog Walk (6:30 to 9:30 pm)

Explore the sights and sounds of Quincy Bog by moonlight with Naturalist **John Williams**. There is a lot to see at this time of day including a look at the moon through a telescope, if weather permits. Together we'll walk the first part of the trail, as far as the inlet stream if visibility is good. Dress for the weather and be sure to bring a light! Clear to partly cloudy only – rain is a No-Go. John worked for 37 years with the WMNF and has been a botany hobbyist for more than 20 years.

Saturday, June 24 – 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.

Saturday, July 22 – 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. (Rain date 7/23) 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?

Saturday, July 29 – Fairy House and Toad Tower Workshop for children (9:30 to 11:30 am)

Building Fairy Houses and Toad Towers is an interesting and fun way to connect kids with nature. Children ages 3 to 12, come build your own magical dwelling in the Enchanted Woods at Quincy Bog! If possible bring some organic materials to the workshop to supplement those we find on site. Meet at the kiosk above the Nature Center at 9:30 AM. Parents and grandparents welcome. Free to all, registration required: call 786-2553, email bjtaffe@gmail.com, or go to the Byron Merrill Library in Rumney to register.

Saturday, September 9 – Quincy Pasture Forest Moss Walk (9 – 11 am)

Walk the Quincy Pasture Forest trail with **Nat Cleavitt** and learn about the biology, ecology and characteristics of mosses that help to differentiate them. Nat has been a bryophyte lover for more than 25 years and has taught bryophyte courses in upstate New York and throughout New England. Having relocated back to her home state of NH in 2010, she is excited to have found a new venue for public walks about bryophytes, lichens, etc. Meet at 9:00 AM at the Quincy Pasture Forest trailhead on the East Rumney Road, on the left across from #340.