

Wednesday Evening Programs at the Quincy Bog Natural Area – 2024

Programs will take place at 7:00 PM at the Nature Center (131 Quincy Bog Road in Rumney) 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 and NH Humanities. For more information, visit our website www.quincybog.org or contact Betty Jo Taffe at bjtaffe@gmail.com. See also the Quincy Bog Natural Area Facebook page.

June 12 – The Quincy Boppers in Concert – Jim Tyrrell and Jeff Lindblom

Join local musicians **Jim Tyrrell** and **Jeff Lindblom** for a live performance of original compositions and semi-traditional songs played with an Irish flair.

June 26 – Walking in the Woods with Robert Frost: Seeing Nature Through the Words of America’s Most-Loved Poet – Jeffery Zygmunt

Writer, poet and journalist **Jeffery Zygmunt** will recite a selection of Frost’s nature poems, including some of his best-known works. With each recitation he provides background on Frost’s life, offering insight into the poem’s origins and its significance. Participants will join in a lively discussion and celebration of Frost’s work that will deepen their appreciation for both the poet and New Hampshire’s natural environment. Sponsored by **NH Humanities**.

July 10 – Maple Sugaring in NH and the Effects of Climate Change – Steve Roberge

UNH Cooperative Extension Forestry Specialist and Professor **Steve Roberge** will discuss how sap flows in maple trees, how it’s extracted for maple syrup production and how a shifting climate and unpredictable weather impact sap and syrup production.

July 24 – Canaries in the Coalmine: Bird Population Declines in New Hampshire – Iain MacLeod

A 2019 paper in the journal *Science* highlighted a 29% net loss in bird populations in North America since 1970. Avid birder and Squam Lakes Natural Science Center Executive Director **Iain MacLeod** will look at bird population trends in New Hampshire that show a similar decline. Many familiar songbirds are vanishing while others like raven, wild turkey and pileated woodpecker are increasing. What is behind these changes and are there ways to mitigate or reverse the trend?

August 14 – Managing New Hampshire’s Black Bear – Dan Bailey

New Hampshire Fish & Game Bear Biologist **Dan Bailey** will talk about the department’s Bear Project, which works to promote coexistence with bears. He will discuss population trends, management practices, hunting, and proactive approaches to mitigate human-bear conflicts.

August 28 – The Paleoecology of Quincy Bog – 50th Anniversary Edition – Lisa Doner

Ongoing research into a sediment core provides intriguing details about Quincy Bog’s natural history and regional climate change. From the time of the glaciers until 2013, erosion and deposition, climatic cooling and warming, flooding and desiccation have shaped the landscape and built a watershed of rich forest soils, networked wetlands and habitats for people and wildlife. Professor **Lisa Doner** invites you to join her on a time-traveling trip of the last 14,000 years at Quincy Bog and the nearby Baker River Valley.