Wednesday Evening Programs at the Quincy Bog Natural Area – 2026

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. For more information, visit our website www.quincybog.org or email programs@quincybog.org. See also the Quincy Bog Natural Area Facebook page.

June 10 – Audrey Drake in Concert at Quincy Bog
Join local vocalist-songwriter **Audrey Drake** whose warm, soulful tone creates an immediate sense of connection. Her artistry is rooted in years of classical training, hard work and lived experience. Haunting melodies and honest, reflective lyrics draw listeners into a world where it's just the music, the moment and the emotional journey unfolding.

June 24 – Out in the Wild: One Man's Journey from the Closet to the Summit – Mike Boisvert
Outdoor enthusiast and conservation advocate **Mike Boisvert** traces his journey from a closeted youth to a confident, out gay man, shaped in large part by time spent outdoors. From formative lessons learned hiking the Appalachian Trail to moments of quiet self-discovery in the mountains, the natural world becomes both a refuge and a teacher. The presentation celebrates the power of chosen family and community found through outdoor clubs and shared adventure, leaving the audience inspired, affirmed and ready to keep moving forward, on and off the trail.

July 8 – Eavesdropping on the Environmental Biologists: A Poetry Reading and Conversation – Liz Ahl
Liz Ahl will share original, highly accessible poems inspired by the natural world. Expect to encounter plants, birds, landscapes, weather, geology, insects, bodies of water, and one human fumbling through it all, making and mixing metaphors, experiencing and trying to articulate wonder, sadness, curiosity, humor, fear and hope.

July 22 – Mid-Summer Forest Health Update – Kyle Lombard
Longtime NH Forest Health Program Manager **Kyle Lombard** will give updates and assessment of current forest health issues such as beech leaf disease, emerald ash borer, spruce budworm, red pine scale and other active forest health problems relevant in 2026.

August 19 – Brewing in NH: An Unformal History of Beer in the Granite State – Glenn Knoblock
NH Humanities-To-Go presenter **Glenn Knoblock** explores the fascinating history of NH's beer and ale brewing industry from Colonial days, when it was home- and tavern-based, to today's modern breweries and brew pubs. Unusual and rare photos and advertisements document this changing industry and present evidence of society's changing attitudes towards beer and alcohol consumption over the years. **PROGRAM HAS BEEN MOVED FROM THE 2ND WEDNESDAY TO THE 3RD WEDNESDAY TO ACCOMMODATE THE SPEAKER'S SCHEDULE.**

August 26 – Invasive Upland Plant Species of New Hampshire– Doug Cygan
Invasive Species Coordinator for the NH Department of Agriculture **Doug Cygan** will provide an in-depth look at upland invasive plant species, including Japanese Knotweed, Burning Bush, Oriental Bittersweet, Norway Maple, Japanese Barberry and Purple Loosestrife. Attendees will learn the identifying features, characteristics, control measures and New Hampshire rules and regulations of some of the most aggressive non-native plants here in the Granite State.