

Nature Author Series:

Joyce Major on Voluntourism

Fri, May 22, 7 PM

Nature Learning Center

Co-sponsored with White Birch Books

Joyce Major will share experiences and read from her book *Smiling at the World: A Woman's Passionate Quest for Adventure and Love*, describing her yearlong voluntourism adventure around the world including helping with lion cubs, elephants, kangaroos and monkeys.

Canoe Bird Watch in the Bog

Sat, May 23, 7 AM

Meet Brownfield Store on Rt 5/113

The Brownfield Bog is without question one of the top birding spots of interior New England. Join Tin Mountain staff and local bird authorities on this canoe trip.

Building Raised-Bed Gardens

Sat, May 23, 1-4:00 PM

Nature Learning Center

Gardener Anne Bennett will impart her knowledge of constructing and gardening in raised beds. The afternoon's workshop will be hands-on building a series of raised beds on the at the Nature Learning Center. Bring gloves and sturdy shoes.

Bird and Flower Walk

Sat, May 30, 10 AM-1 PM

Stone House, Chatham

Meet at the Chatham Town Library Rt 113B

The property around the Stone House and Shell Pond in Chatham offer a great opportunity to view both field and forest birds as well as see some beautiful late spring flower blooms. It's a great spot for bluebirds. It's a beautiful walk in a beautiful season.

Annual 24-Hour Bio-Blitz

Fri, June 5, 4 PM - Sat, June 6, 4 PM

Join staff and visiting biologists in conducting a 24-hour biological survey of Tin Mountain's 140-acre Bald Hill Sanctuary. Groups will set out a different times to inventory as many species possible of birds, trees, mammals, fungi, lichens, mosses, plants, etc. All skill levels are encouraged to participate.

Mountain-Laurel Walk

Sun, June 21, 1-3 PM

Nature Learning Center

Join the staff on the meander through the most northerly and perhaps largest mountain-laurel population in NH. The shrubs should be at the height of bloom during this walk through an extraordinary forest community of pitch, red, and white pine with scrub and red oak as well as other interesting plant assemblages.

Observations on Migratory Songbirds

Thurs, June 25, 7 PM

Nature Learning Center

Avian ecologist Mason Cline will present information he has learned while studying various migratory songbird species in NH and elsewhere in the U.S. Recent work on nesting black-throated blue warblers at the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest will be showcased.

Alpine Flowers & Ecology

Sat, June 27, 7 AM-5 PM

Meet at Langdon's Mercantile Parking Lot

TMCC staff will lead a hike up the Ammonoosuc Ravine Trail to Monroe Flats and Bigelow Lawn. Beautiful alpine flower, many other fascinating plant communities will be observed along the way. Bring gear/food/a strenuous hike. Call 447-6991 for reservations.

Eco-Forum-Free-Flatbread Co Pizza

Thurs, July 9, 12-1 PM

Dr. Rock, Complex Systems Research Ctr, UNH

Topic: Europe's Black Triangle Turns Green

Nature Learning Center

For many Czechs, the area referred to as the Black Triangle became a symbol of Soviet callousness toward nature and their culture. The right to clean air was among the first demands of the revolution's leaders when the Communist regime fell, and quickly the new republic set out to clean up the Most basin. Dr. Rock has studied the forest of the region since the 1980s and will speak about the recovery of forests in the region two decades later.

Madison Hills Paleoecology Project

Thurs, July 9, 7 PM

Nature Learning Center

Local scientists Lee Pollock and Brian Fowler will share the findings of their grass-roots project to analyze the sediments accumulated at Madison's Big Pea Porridge Pond since the glaciers covered the area. Through analysis of the 35-foot sediment core, the date of the glacial retreat, patterns of temperature, precipitation changes, and a picture of landscape and its vegetation changes over this period will be uncovered.

Lake Umbagog Canoe Trip

Sat, July 11, 6:30 AM-5 PM

Meet at the Old Jackson Town Hall

Ply the waters of Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge. Loons, osprey, bald eagles, great blue herons, waterfowl, and moose abound! Bring binoculars and a hearty lunch. Use your own canoe/kayak or borrow ours. Space is limited. Call 447-6991 for reservations.

Energy Workshops w/Russ Lanoie TBA



Nature Programs Spring/Summer 2009

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Sat, Aug 1, 6 AM-5 PM

Visit www.tinmtn.org for details

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Sun, Aug 23, 1-4 PM

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Champney Falls Trail Head

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Meet Nature Learning Center

Pamela Hunt of New Hampshire Audubon will teach basic dragonfly biology, identification, as well as discuss dragonfly conservation issues. The program starts with a short presentation before heading to the bog to learn identification and capture techniques first hand.

Summer Watercolors

Thurs, July 23, 4-7 PM

Nature Learning Center

Local artist Ed Cooke will once again work with experienced painters as well as beginners to capture the natural beauty of summer in watercolors. Materials fee \$5. Call 447-6991 for reservations.

Tour of Local Wetland Mitigation Project

Sat, July 25, 9:30 AM-12 PM

Meet Nature Learning Center

Accompany Tin Mountain staff to a wetlands restoration project to see the results and discuss the role of constructed wetlands as a mitigation option for unavoidable wetlands loss.

TMCC Mt. Washington Century Ride

Sat, Aug 1, 6 AM-5 PM

Visit www.tinmtn.org for details

Tin Mountain's Mt. Washington Century Bicycle Ride will leave from the Nature Learning Center between 6 and 8 AM. The ride around the base of Mt. Washington is over the NH Scenic Byway/Presidential Range Tour offering spectacular mountain views and tranquil New England pastoral scenery. The Century is completely supported with five aid stations along the 50-, 80- and 100-mile course. A fabulous meal awaits returning riders call 447-6991 for more information.

Exploring & Canoeing Pondicherry

Sat, Aug 22, 7 AM-4 PM

Meet Langdon's Mercantile Parking Lot, Glen Naturalist David Govatski will lead this canoe trip to Cherry Pond on the natural history of the Pondicherry National Wildlife Refuge in Jefferson and Whitefield, NH. David is currently the Chairman of the Friends of the Pondicherry and has volunteered at the refuge since 1992. Canoes or kayaks will need to be wheeled (you provide the wheels) the 1.5 miles into the pond. Call 447-6991 for reservations.

Exploring the Allen Mill Site

Sat, Aug 29, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM

Meet at Champney Falls Trail Head

Local naturalist/history buff Fred Lavigne will lead a trip to visit the old Allen Mill site of the Champney Falls.

Adult Nature Courses

Call 603-447-6991 for detailed information

History Tour through Crawford Notch

Carol Foord, Teacher/Naturalist, TMCC

Sun, June 7, 12-4 PM

\$15 Mem, \$20 Non-Mem

Come learn the fascinating 1700s history and lore of Crawford Notch while visiting the sites where intrepid men and women endeavored to eke out a living, including Timothy Sawyer and Benjamin Nash's discovery of the Notch, the tragedy of Nancy Barton, and the first settlements of the Crawford family. The tour will start at the top of the Notch where participants will hear an historical overview as they eat lunch. Visit the site of the 1826 Willey family tragedy, as well as views of two flumes, the source of the Saco River, and Elephant Rock. The course is entirely in the field, for details and registration call 603-447-6991.

Wetland Plant Survey Course

Dr. Rick Van de Poll

Sat, June 20, 8 AM-3 PM,

\$35 Mem, \$40 Non-Mem

Join Naturalist Rick Van de Poll for this interesting course to understand the world of wetland plants. Van de Poll will share his extensive knowledge of wetlands as participants get out into the various ecosystems on Tin Mountain's Bald Hill Sanctuary to investigate what grows where and why. Learn how soil, moisture and sunlight characteristics help determine what is able to thrive in our marshes, swamps and bogs. Participants will have an opportunity to sharpen their plant identification skills and leave with a sampling collection of the plant diversity they encounter.

NH Lakes Seminar: Protecting Your Lake

Jared Teutsch, Pres NH Lakes Assn

Darlene Forst, Amy Smagula, NH DES

Sun, August 23, 1-4 PM

\$10 Mem, \$15 Non-Mem, \$5 Seniors & Students This workshop is designed especially for lakefront residents, but is open to anyone interested in the health of NH lakes. Speakers for the day include a representative from the NH Lakes Association, and Darlene Forst and Amy Smagula from the NH Department of Environmental Services. NHLA will speak about the pros and cons of forming lake associations to address common concerns. Forst and Smagula will respectively discuss the new provisions to the Shoreland Protection Act and setting up Weed Watch groups to combat aquatic and riparian invasive species.

Nature Nuts

Children Ages: 3 through 5 and their parents, grandparents

Wednesdays 10 - 11:30 AM

Cost per child: \$6 M, \$8 NM, \$4 each additional child

Children and their parents/grandparents join TMCC naturalists on seasonal exploration of the natural world. Enjoy nature songs, crafts, hikes, and games based upon the theme of the day

May 13 Farm	June 3 Trees	July 1 Bees	Aug 5 Butterflies
May 20 Frogs	June 10 Worms	July 8 Snakes	Aug 12 Toads
May 27 Wildflowers	June 17 Moose	July 15 Rocks	Aug 19 Mushrooms
	June 24 Spiders	July 22 Dragonflies	Aug 26 Pond
		July 29 Natural Dyeing	

July/August Wednesday Night NatureWalks & Talks

Wednesdays 6-7:30 PM Free to members, \$3 per person \$5 per family

July 1 Frogs	Aug 5 Natural Dyeing
July 8 Pond Walk	Aug 12 Turtles
July 15 Journal Drawings	Aug 19 Flowers and Ferns
July 22 Birds	Aug 26 Trees & Shrubs
July 29 Quarry	

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Mt. Washington Century Ride

A fabulous ride around the base of Mount Washington

Sat, Aug 1, 6 AM-5 PM Riders and Volunteer Wanted

Visit www.tinmtn.org for details

Mt Washington Auto Road HillClimb

Sat, Aug 15, 2009 Over 100 Volunteers Wanted

Visit www.tinmtn.org for details

Fundraiser for TMCC at the MWV Theatre Company

Play: Forever Plaid Sun, Sept 6 Call for Coupon

Antique Appraisal Day with Bruce Buxton Back by Popular Demand

Sat, Sept 26th

Barn Tour Fundraiser for TMCC Sat, Oct 3

Featuring with Tom Hubka Author of Big House Little House