

St. George Conservation Commission Program Archives

2004 - 2019

Community Series 2019 w/Conservation Commission

- January 24: “Winter Wildlife in St. George”
 - Kirk Gentalen of MCHT presented his photos showing winter wildlife including springtails, birds, and mammals.
- Saturday, June 8: “Invasive Plants of St. George: Hands-on ID & Management Methods”
 - Ryan LeShane, ED of Blueberry Cove Camp and Amanda Devine of Maine Coast Heritage Trust gave a presentation and demonstration of removal of invasive plants at BCC.
 - Native plants were given out by Dale Pierson (Pierson Nurseries) .
 - There were about 40 attending including some from Cushing, Owls Head, etc.
 - Conservation Commission’s Invasive Plant Brochure “Know Before You Grow”, composed by Ryan and Anita Siegenthaler, distributed.

2018

Community Series 2018:

- April 9: Solar Celebration “pulling the switch” at Transfer Station
 - Presentation by ReVision Energy.
- April 26: “Invasive Plants: Rip Out & Replace”
 - Presentation by Amanda Devine MCHT and Rebecca Jacobs Knox-Lincoln SWCD: Overview of invasive plants, problems, management, eradication methods, and native plants for replacements.
- August 9: “Soft-Shell Clams: Present Decline, Future Possibilities”
 - Presentation by Brian Beal, U.ME Machias & Downeast Institute.
- September 15: “Up Close with Invasive Plants”
 - Nancy Olmstead of the ME Natural Areas Program led an invasive plant identification walk.

2017

- April 27: “Life on the Edge: Shorebirds & Waders”
 - Presentation led by IFW Shorebird and wading bird experts Lindsay Tudor and Danielle D’Auria, Wildlife biologist & Habitat Outreach Coordinator Amanda Shearin. With speaker contact assistance from Matt Stern.

- August 3: “Life on the Edge: Will Clamming Survive”
 - Sherm Hoyt
 - Jon Eaton, Maine Warden Justin Hill
 - Professional clammers, Butch Taylor, David & Gigi Hynd, and a Maine state biologist.
 - Brian Beal, Prof. Maine Ecology and Director of Maine Field Station UMM, contributed from the audience. He has placed “clam recruitment boxes” in our area in coordination w/ the Georges River Land Trust and the Friends of the Weskeag. Will pull the boxes Oct. 13 including at Vivian Newman’s of the Friends of the Weskeag.

- November 9: “Don Reimer and the Corvids”
 - Presentation about crows & other corvids

2016

- February 4: “Back-to-the-Land Movement in St George: A Conversation”
 - Facilitated by Sherm Hoyt at Jackson Memorial Library

- June 4: Grand Opening of the St. George School Nature Trail
 - Sponsored by the Conservation Commission, St. George School, Trekkers, Jackson Memorial Library, Friends of St. George, Parks and Recreation Commission

- June 18: The Cycle of Water
 - Dan Verrillo, hydrogeologist with Alex Brasili HGLC helping w/ water testing, at Jackson Memorial Library

2015

- January 15: “Climate Change in the Land and Wildlife of Coastal Maine”
 - Andy Whitman of the Manomet Center, and author of March 2013 report “Climate Change and Biodiversity in Maine: Summary of Vulnerability of Habitats and Priority Species”
- February 26: “Lobster, Shrimp, Other Fisheries and Marine Resources”
 - Susie Arnold, marine scientist Island Institute
- March 19: “A Sentinel Species of Spring: Butterflies”
 - Phillip deMaynadier of Maine Butterfly Survey Team and leader of Reptile, Amphibian & Invertebrates at Maine IFW

2014

- January 16: “The Future of Your Land: Estate Planning Workshop”
 - Peter Warren and Pamela Terry of McKittrick & Warren on future planning for your land
- February 21: “Energy Solutions: Efficiency and Solar Options for the Home”
 - Hans Albee, ReVision Energy and Kathleen Meil, Evergreen Home Performance

- March 20: “Long Term View of Climate Change and its Local Implications”
 - Dr. George Jacobson, Maine State Climatologist and Prof. Emeritus, Climate Change Inst. & School of Biology and Ecology

2013

- January 17: “The Gulf of Maine Region: This Critical Flyway System at Risk?”
 - Rebecca Holberton, director of the NE Regional Migration Monitoring Network, also w/ Laboratory of Avian Biology
- February 21: “The Health of the St. George River Estuary: What We Know, What We Don’t Know, and How Citizen Volunteers Are Investigating”
 - Jon Eaton, Georges River Tidewater Association
- March 21: “Bridging Two Rivers: Linking the St. George and the Weskeag through Land Conservation”
 - Gail Presley, Executive Director, Georges River Land Trust
- July 25: Conservation of Special Places in St. George
 - Conservation Commission and Annette Naegel, Georges River Land Trust

2012

- January 19: “Footpaths for St. George: Lessons from the U.K. and the National Park Service”
 - Burnham Martin of NPS Rivers & Trails program, Les Hyde re: British footpaths, and Jay Astle, Georges River Land Trust
- February 16: “The Future of Agricultural Land in Maine”
 - John Piotti, Maine Farmland Trust
- March 17: “Ready or Not, Alewives!”
 - Dan Kircheis, Nat’l Marine Fisheries Service marine biologist

2011

- January 20: “Birds for 4 Seasons: St. George”
 - Don Reimer, birding expert
- February 17: “Public Welcome: Walkways and Water Access”
 - Students at Herring Gut Learning Center report on their biodiversity study at Ft. Point.
- March 17: “Great Blue Herons in Maine”
 - Danielle D’Auria, wildlife biologist on Georges River rookeries

2010

- January 21: “Alewives Are Coming Back”
 - Sam Chapman of Waldoboro Alewife Restoration, Nate Gray of Me. Dept. Marine Resources

- February 18: “Conservation Options for Landowners”
 - Annette Naegel, Georges River LT
- March 18: “Dining Out in Marshes and Mudflats”
 - Lindsay Tudor and Jim Connolly of Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife re: migratory birds, waders, shorebirds

2009

- January 22: “Energy Savings through Energy Audits”
 - Paul Kando, Midcoast Green Collaborative
- February 19: “Opening Night: Muscongus Bay Atlas Exhibit”
 - Amanda LaBelle of Quebec-Labrador Foundation, Jay Astle of GRLT, Sherm Hoyt
- March 19: “Gardening and Landscaping the Natural Way”
 - Rebecca Jacobs, specialist in native plant gardening w/ comments by Hedgerow’s Anne Cox & Julie Wortman.
- July 11: Bug Day at Blueberry Cove Camp
 - Clay Kirby, insect diagnostician, University of Maine Extension

2008

- January 17: “Wetlands: Land We Used to Fill” – wetlands maps from town aerials
 - Conservation Commission

- February 28: “Looking at the Land, the Monhegan Model”
 - Doug Boynton if weather permits – and film “Coastal Conservation”
- March 20: “Land Meets the Water” – land use, water quality, fisheries video for our area
 - Sherm Hoyt, U.Me. Cooper. Extension
- July 11: “Fisheries, the River, and the Land”
 - Sherm Hoyt and his video crafted for our area

2007

- January 25: “Growing Together...Smart Growth and Community Change”
 - Discussion leader, Jane LaFleur of Friends of Midcoast Maine, w/ Conservation Commission
- February 22: “Livable Landscapes, by Chance or by Choice”
 - Discussion leader, Jane LaFleur of Friends of Midcoast Maine
- March 22: “Creating Open Space Networks...”
 - Russell Arendt video

2006

Summer 2006

- July 6: “The Granite Quarries of St. George”
 - Steve Lindsay

- July 13: “Be an Aquaculturist for a Day”
 - Herring Gut Learning Center
- July 27: “Wildflowers”
 - Les Hyde
- August 6: Family Picnic at Ft. St. George
 - Jim Skoglund lead discussion of history
- August 9: “A Hundred Acres: Green Housing Development”
 - John McIlwain of Urban Land Institute and Jan Wirth, St. George Conservation Commission & Comprehensive Plan Committee.

2005

- July 15: “Who Gets What: What Does a Conservation Easement Mean to the Owner, the Public, the Town?”
 - David Farmer, Georges River Land Trust
- July 30: Family Day Tour of Rocky Intertidal Zone
 - Herring Gut Learning Center
- August 13: Botanical Walk around Mosquito Head
 - Les Hyde, University of Maine Cooper. Ext.
- August 18: “The Cultural and Ecological History of the Maine Forest”
 - Les Hyde w/ Conservation Commission
- August: Town Forest Cleanup and Birding

- Conservation Commission

2004

- July 21: “Our Disappearing Waterfront”
 - Warren Whitney, Maine Coast Heritage Trust
- July 24: Family Tidal Pool Event
 - Herring Gut Learning Center
- August 19: Shrinking Access to waterfront & concept of land banks
 - Vivian Newman w/ panel of John McIlwain of Urban Land Institute, Jim Connor of State Planning Office, and Me. Reps. Steven Bowen and Chris Rector, Conservation Commission
- August 21: Tour of Mosquito Head
 - Geology Prof. Elizabeth Wilson, University of Maine
- August 28: Geology of Mosquito Head & Marshall Point
 - Prof. Wilson - collaboration w/ Marshall Pt. Lighthouse Museum