

QUINCY BOG NATURAL AREA – RUMNEY, NH

2011 Wednesday Evening Programs

Programs will take place at the Nature Center (131 Quincy Bog Road in Rumney). All talks are free (donations are gratefully accepted) and open to the public. Talks begin at 7pm 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 (786-2553, bjtaffe@gmail.com).

June 8

CROSSCUT: A SPOKEN DOCUMENTARY

Rebecca Rule

Sponsored by the NH Humanities Council.

Using oral histories, **Rebecca Rule** recreates the voices of North Country people and uses new and vintage photos to tell the story of logging, the Berlin Mills, and life in the Androscoggin Valley, from the beginnings of the logging industry in the 1800s, through the boom years, and on to the demolition of the stacks in 2007, marking the end of an era. Through the stories of individuals, a picture of a rich culture emerges. Audience members will be invited to share their own stories and discuss the logging and paper industries and the special place north of the notches.



June 22

WILD ORCHIDS OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

Chris Mattrick

Orchids are often put on a pedestal. Beautiful and seemingly mysterious orchids grow in a variety of habitats and conditions. Nearly every walk or hike in the White Mountain National Forest will bring you into contact with an orchid. Some are gregarious and outgoing, occurring in a variety of habitats and locations. They scream “look at me” when in bloom...think pink lady’s slipper. Others are shy and reclusive, and require a keen eye to find them even when you know they are there....think heart-leaved twayblade. Regardless of their personality, it’s always wonderful to encounter an orchid in the wild. **Chris Mattrick** will highlight in pictures and stories some of the common and uncommon orchids on the White Mountain National Forest, where they like to grow and where you might go to find them.

July 13

NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY OF THE PEMIGEWASSET VALLEY with a FOCUS on the BAKER RIVER/RUMNEY AREA

Donna & John Moody

Sponsored by the NH Humanities Council

Every town and watershed in New Hampshire has ancient and continuing Native American history. From the recent, late 20th century explosion of local Native population in New Hampshire back to the era of early settlement and the colonial wars, **Donna and John Moody** will explore the history of New Hampshire’s Abenaki and Penacook peoples with a local focus on the Baker River and upper Pemigewasett River Valleys.



July 27

MAINTAINING WILDLIFE DIVERSITY IN FORESTED HABITATS

Matt Tarr

New England forests have the capacity to support an amazing diversity of wildlife species. Factors such as plant composition, tree age and size, and the juxtaposition of non-forest habitats such as wetlands, combine to determine what wildlife species can be attracted and supported within any forest area. Wildlife Specialist **Matt Tarr** will explain how birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and insects select the specific habitats they use within our forests. You will learn about how natural processes such as wind, ice storms, fire, and beavers have played important roles in shaping New England forest habitats and wildlife communities. You will learn how these roles have changed over time and how those changes are influencing the number and types of wildlife you can expect to see today. Finally, you will learn how wildlife biologists and foresters work together with landowners to actively manage our forests to provide a variety of simultaneous benefits including productive timber resources, recreation and aesthetics, nutrient cycling, and diverse wildlife habitat.

August 10

STATE OF THE LOON – THE NATURAL HISTORY, CHALLENGES AND SUCCESSES OF LOONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Harry Vogel

Have you ever wondered why a loon’s eyes are red? Why loon chicks ride on their parents’ backs? What loons are saying with those eerie calls in the night? Join biologist **Harry Vogel** as he talks about this unique symbol of New Hampshire’s wild lakes and its special place in the hearts of New Hampshire residents. Harry will talk about loons, challenges facing loons, and the Loon Preservation Committee’s work to safeguard New Hampshire’s threatened loon population.

August 24

THE SOCIAL BLACK BEAR: WHAT BEAR HAVE TAUGHT ME ABOUT BEING HUMAN

Ben Kilham

Ben Kilham, due to dyslexia, created his own scientific method for studying New Hampshire’s black bears. Don’t miss this talk and slide show about the social behavior, social organization and communication used by a fascinating group of bruins Ben has studied.