



HARWICH CONSERVATION TRUST (HCT)

Winter Talk Series 2012

Suggested donation for each talk is \$2.00 per person. Open to the public.

For the Eyes on Owls – Live Owl Program on March 3rd, see below for pricing details.

All programs take place at the Harwich Community Center, #100 Oak Street.

Saturday, January 7th, 2pm – Identifying Winter Ducks

Peter Trull, Naturalist & Science Teacher

"Identifying Winter Ducks" with Peter Trull is a colorful photographic presentation about the different waterfowl species that over winter on Cape waters. No doubt spiced up with classic Peter Trull stories, he will describe identifying characteristics, behavior, and over wintering spots for a variety of waterfowl including Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Ruddy Duck, American Widgeon, three species of Merganser, and Common Eider. Loons, Grebes and American Coot will be included. Many of Peter's images will show close-up aspects of these hardy birds. Peter will also be selling and signing An Illustrated Guide to the Common Birds of Cape Cod.

Saturday, January 14th, 2pm – Nature's Migrations

David Clapp, Naturalist & Eco-Travel Leader

Animal migrations defy the imagination. Migration is a phenomenon that scientists continue to research, making new discoveries about timing, distance, daylight, magnetic fields, instinct and sheer determination. Join David Clapp as he talks about the migration patterns of birds, seals, tuna, bluefish, ladybird beetles and more. David Clapp is the former Director of the Massachusetts Audubon Society's South Shore Sanctuaries. He is a respected naturalist, scientist, and teacher who has worked extensively in wildlife habitat conservation. He now leads guided trips to amazing locations around the world for *Smithsonian Journeys*.

Saturday, January 28th, 2pm - Hurricane Under a Microscope: Microclimatology Reveals Major Storms

Andrea Hawkes, Postdoctoral Investigator, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Can you put a hurricane under a microscope? Yes, sort of. During her climate research, Andrea studies the sediments kicked up by major natural disasters. These very fine particles can provide clues about the intensity and timing of past storms, which then sharpens our understanding of the potential intensity and timing of future natural disasters. Join her as she travels the globe in search of hurricanes, earthquakes and tsunamis.

Saturday, February 4th, 2pm – Honeybee Habits & Challenges

Kevin Minnigerode, Barnstable County Beekeepers Association

Honeybees are disappearing at an alarming rate. Collectively, we depend on honeybees to pollinate many agricultural crops. Join Harwich Conservation Trust (HCT) volunteer beekeeper Kevin Minnigerode during his talk about the fascinating lives of honeybees. Learn about beekeeping history, honeybee social behavior, biology and the challenges facing this critical pollinator.

Saturday, February 11th, 2pm – The Art of Recognizing Animal Track & Sign

Todd Kelley, State Park Interpreter & Wildlife Tracker

Join native Cape Codder, walk leader, and Nickerson State Park interpreter Todd Kelley as he explores the art of recognizing animal track and sign. He will discuss the basics of the science of interpreting tracks followed with a slide show of actual examples of sign left behind by different animals including fox, coyote, otter, deer, skunk, raccoon, opossum, rabbit, squirrel, chipmunk, woodchuck, flying squirrel, and even bobcat.

Saturday, February 25th, 2pm – Changing (Shipping) Lanes for the North Atlantic Right Whale

David Wiley, PhD, Research Coordinator, Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, NOAA

The North Atlantic Right Whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*) is the most endangered whale in the world and inhabits the waters off Cape Cod during our spring and summer. Those same waters are a super highway for mega cargo ships. David's research led to the shifting of shipping lanes into the port of Boston, MA, an international effort to reduce risks of ship strikes to endangered whales.

Saturday March 3rd, three (10, 1 & 3) shows - Eyes On Owls – Live Owl Program - BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

In 2010, three shows were filled to capacity a week in advance! Marcia and Mark Wilson are returning to the Harwich Community Center with their owls to amaze us once again. See great-horned, snowy, barred, screech and saw-whet owls as well as the spectacled owl from South America and the Eurasian eagle owl. Reserve early for this inspiring and intriguing live owl show. Tickets are \$5 for ages 5 to 11, \$10 for ages 12 to adult. Reserve online at www.HarwichConservationTrust.org.

Saturday, March 10th (2-4) – 3rd Annual Meet Your Local Farmers Event (Details: www.HarwichConservationTrust.org)

Kick-off the 2012 growing season, meet local farmers from around Cape Cod and learn more about locally grown products as well as farm-related activities for all ages. Sponsored by HCT and the Cape & Islands Farm Bureau.