Friends *of* Greenwich Point

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Scales & Slime: Reptiles and Amphibians
Sunday, Nov 18, 1:00-2:30
Live-animal presentations at 1:00, 1:30 and 2:00 pm
Innis Arden Cottage *Photo: Ty Foster*

Join us as we explore the incredible diversity of reptiles and amphibians that inhabit vernal pools and the woods in our own neighborhoods. From the snakes in woodpiles to the annual march of salamanders to vernal pools, this group of creatures is fascinating to discover and observe.

Wildlife in Winter
Sunday, January 13
1:00 - 3:00 pm; Live animal presentations at 1:15 and 2:00 pm
Innis Arden Cottage
Discover how different types of animals, such as reptiles, birds and mammals, survive the winter freeze. Meet a live chinchilla, turtle, owl and other animals during this exciting program!

These free programs are presented by The Stamford Nature Center and funded by FoGP. For more information contact the Education Committee at info@friendsofgreenwichpoint.org

And the Winner is …

The winners of the first FoGP Holiday Ornament design contest is a mother-son team of artists, Beth Eaton and Teek Eaton-Koch.

"Greenwich Point has been the center of our lives, " said Eaton, who learned to swim and sail as a girl in Greenwich Cove. She continues to race with the Old Greenwich Yacht Club. Highlights of Eaton-Koch's own summers at the Point include swimming, learning to sail, and building sandcastles.

The ornament features a hand-painted scene based on the image submitted by the artists. They chose Eagle Pond with the Eagle Statue and its Osprey nest as their subject because they knew it would be recognizable to many families.

The limited edition ornaments come in a festive silk box and cost $20 each. They may be purchased online at www.friendsofgreenwichpoint.org or at the Old Greenwich Farmer's Market on Wednesdays from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. The 2018 ornament is the sixth in the FoGP annual ornament series.

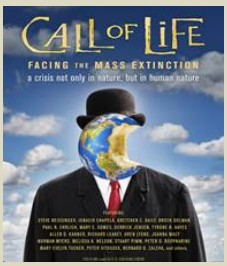
Winter Calendar

Photos from Paige Davis, Old Greenwich Photographer

Fred Elser First Sunday Science Series at the Bruce Museum Seaside Center
1:30 – 4:00 pm
Sponsored by the Bruce Museum Seaside Center

December 2
A Century of Tallying Birds for the Annual Christmas Bird Count.

At **2:00 pm**, Bruce Museum Seaside Manager and Audubon Christmas Bird Count compiler Cynthia Ehlinger will discuss the history, current methods, and impact of this long-running citizen science project. Find out how you can join in the field or at home on Count Day (December 16). Bird activities and marine tank all afternoon.



January 6
Call of Life: Facing The Mass Extinction
Documentary film (1-hour) at **2:00 pm** investigates the threat to Earth's life support systems. Through interviews with leading biologists, ecologists, social scientists, indigenous leaders, and others, the film explores the causes, the scope, and the potential effects of the mass extinction. Paleontologist and Bruce Museum Paul Griswold Howes Fellow Kate Dzikiewicz will lead a discussion following the film. Related family activities all afternoon.

Another Great Year of Accomplishments

FoGP board members and volunteers have had another successful and busy year. We have worked diligently to improve the Point's natural beauty, protect nature's habitats and provide the many educational and recreational activities that help make Greenwich Point such a special place for the entire community.

Thank you to all our donors, members and the many town organizations that support our hands on efforts every year.

In the past twelve months the following projects and events were accomplished.

Education and Recreational Programs:
- Screening of "A Plastic Ocean"
- St Patrick's Day Concert with the Murthas
- Spring at the Farm
- Wildlife in Winter
- Scales and Slime: reptiles and amphibians
- Nocturnal Animals: Living the Nightlife
- Summer Sunday concert series in Seaside Garden
- Greenwich Point Art Show
- Safe Roads Sundays
- Annual holiday park employee luncheon

Habitat Maintenance and Restoration:
- Hollies planted last December in the Holly Grove with more being planted this fall
- Developed an Entry Garden planting plan by west entrance pillar just past the gate house
- Installed fence around planted dune
- Removed Japanese Knotweed from dune
- In process of removing Bittersweet and Mugwort from planted dune bordering the gate house

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Changing of the Guard

The Board of Directors of the Friends of Greenwich Point is an all volunteer board. We would like to thank our departing board members for all of their hard work and countless hours of dedication. Thanks to our outgoing President Peter Linderoth, as well as Courtney Murphy, Erik Norrgard, Zach Redler, Nicole Spayde and Linnea Stenberg.

We would also like to welcome our newest board members: Bill Harnett, Karla Kirtland, Diana Klingner, Shelly Cryer and Jessica Reid.

2018-2019 Friends of Greenwich Point Board of Directors

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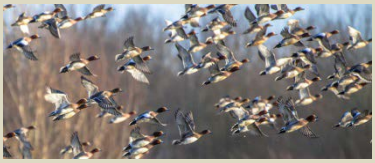
SKIP THE STRAW!

As part of its "On the Ground, In the Sound" initiative, Friends of Greenwich Point has partnered with Skip the Straw Greenwich, a new campaign to raise awareness through education and community outreach about plastic waste and its impact on the local economy, ecology and environment. It is estimated that over 4.5 million unrecyclable plastic straws are used in Greenwich each year. These single-use disposables are among the top five items picked up by volunteers at Greenwich Point beach cleanups. Learn how you can help at skipthestrawgreenwich@gmail.com.

Safe Roads Sundays are Back!

For the 18th year, FoGP is sponsoring Safe Roads Sundays from November 18, 2018 through April 7, 2019. Traffic is curtailed between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 pm to allow you to enjoy a safe and picturesque route to walk and ride your bikes or take your baby for a stroll. We hope to see you soon.

SEE THE BIRDS!



Starting in mid-November FoGP will have bird feeders ready to feed the estimated 260 plus species of birds that migrate through the Point. The best viewing to the right side of the Holly Grove. It has an Important Bird Area Designation by the Greenwich Audubon. Please stop by!

Did you know FoGP purchases and maintains the concession stand umbrellas?

STAY IN TOUCH!

For updates and more, go to **friendsofgreenwichpoint.org** and join our Constant Contact list for up-to-date information on events by sending a message to FoGP at **info@friendsofgreenwichpoint.org**

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Your contributions support:

- Habitat Restoration
- Invasive Plant Removal
- Traffic-free Sundays
- Nature Education
- Summer Concert Series
- Winter Bird Feeding
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Signage Enhancement
- Bench Replacement
- Umbrella Replacement

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Please help preserve and enhance the beauty and enjoyment of Greenwich Point!

You can also join on our website, friendsofgreenwichpoint.org

Membership Form

Become a member of The Friends of Greenwich Point and join us in preserving and protecting Greenwich Point and promoting safe recreation. Please make your tax-deductible check payable to: Friends of Greenwich Point and mail to P.O. Box 711, Old Greenwich, CT 06870. Or you can use PayPal – www.friendsofgreenwichpoint.org - membership section.

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