

Greening

Natural Connections

Growing Community

The 2nd annual festival of events designed to raise awareness about the natural treasures found in New Jersey's urban, suburban and rural areas – and the essential role that communities play in protecting them.

Featuring two performances of *Salmonpeople*, a delightfully disturbing and razor sharp one-man theatrical show about salmon runs and sustainable living in America. Robin Williams meets Garrison Keillor in this inquisitive and inventive show.

Presented by Passage Theatre

Our deepest appreciation to the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation for their generosity in underwriting this series.

Explore and enjoy the natural world around you by attending one or more of these special events. Space is limited, so please register today! A complete description of each event may be found on page two this brochure.

Shad and Salmon: Forces of Nature
Thursday, February 26 at 7:00 pm
Presented by D&R Greenway Land Trust

Reflections on Water: Poetry Reading and Reception
Friday, February 27 at 5:30 pm
Presented by D&R Greenway Land Trust

The Story Behind Salmonpeople
Saturday, February 28 at 6:30 pm
Presented by Passage Theatre and Bordentown City Environmental Commission

Salmonpeople
Thursday, March 5 & Friday March 6 at 8:00 pm
Presented by Passage Theatre

13th Annual New Jersey Land Conservation Rally
The Story Behind Salmonpeople
Saturday, March 7, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Presented by New Jersey Conservation Foundation

Voices of Vision: Mira Nakashima - Nature, Form and Spirit
Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 pm
Presented by D&R Greenway Land Trust

Vernal Pools of the Sourland Mountains
Saturday, April 4, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Presented by Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association
Co-sponsored by the Sourlands Planning Council

Early Spring Walk
Saturday, April 4, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
Presented by Isles, Inc.

A Hot and Hungry Planet
Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 pm
Presented by D&R Greenway Land Trust
Co-sponsored by Princeton Environmental Institute

Native American Archeology of Abbott Farm
Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 pm
Presented by Friends for the Marsh

Roebling Ramble
Saturday, May 23, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Presented by New Jersey Conservation Foundation

Great Watershed Stream Exploration
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Presented by Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association
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Why Salmonpeople?

Salmon have been on the scene here for 49 million years. People learned how to catch them 10,000 years ago. How to preserve them 5,000 years ago. We began seriously degrading their habitat about 150 years ago. We put them on the endangered species list 10 years ago.

This is not a story about salmon. It's about our own species. Salmon are the local teachers. Fifty years from now our grandchildren will chuckle to think how hard our generation struggled to remember that economies are constructs of society nested within the ecological principles that guide every choice we make. Every choice is a natural resource choice. It's all interdependent. And that's the beauty of it. By the year 2050, perhaps sooner than that, nature's bounty will bloom all over again, this time in full partnership with the most clever of her creations. We are the bioneers of this effort.

To move our species from industrial cleverness to sustainable wisdom, there is much to be done. I have made the choice to step into this current. I want to know my watershed address. I want to participate fully in the emerging narrative of our time. In the Pacific Northwest, we of Salmon Nation, live in the greenest region of the richest civilization in the history of humanity. We are in the process of creating a model for how to be stewards of the land we share with salmon, other species, and intimate, interconnected ecological systems. We are all interdependent. Salmonpeople. The world is watching us watch ourselves as we figure out sustainable solutions. Salmon adapted to ice ages, mountain building, floods and evolving predator-prey relationships. We can too. Salmonpeople.

In the history of our species, we have never before been confronted with a set of learning opportunities as exciting or as fateful as the choices that now confront us. It is a watershed moment for every living thing. And we're in charge of it. Swim...

– Peter Donaldson

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The Greening Coalition was established in 2008 to raise awareness about the natural treasures found in New Jersey's urban, suburban and rural areas – and the essential role that communities play in protecting them. By presenting this series of entertaining and educational events we hope to inspire individuals to take action to preserve our fragile environment.

2009 Greening Coalition collaborators include:

D&R Greenway Land Trust is celebrating our 20th anniversary as one of New Jersey's leading land preservation organizations. Our mission is to permanently preserve an interconnected network of natural lands, open spaces and farm fields through public/private funding partnerships. We work with local communities and organizations to care for these lands and to create trail systems on preserves. At the Johnson Education Center, our home in Princeton, we seek to inspire a conservation ethic among landowners, community leaders and those who live and work in the region. **For more information, please visit www.drgreenway.org or call 609-924-4646.**

Isles, Inc. is a 27 year-old community development and environmental organization with the mission to foster more self-reliant families in healthy, sustainable communities. A nationally recognized community development group, Isles cleans up environmental hazards, grows food in community gardens and encourages a healthy lifestyle, builds "green" homes, educates and trains urban youth in construction, starts micro-businesses and offers other low-cost, effective self help strategies. **For more information, visit www.isles.org or call 609-341-4700.**

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation preserves land and natural resources for the benefit of all. Through acquisition and stewardship, NJCF protects strategic lands, promotes strong land use policies and forges partnerships to achieve conservation goals. Since 1960, NJCF has protected over 100,000 acres of open space - from the Highlands to the Pine Barrens to the Delaware Bayshore, from farms to forests to urban and suburban parks. **For more information, visit www.njconservation.org or call 1-888-LAND-SAVE.**

Passage Theatre is a professional theatre company that showcases many of today's most provocative playwrights, both emerging and established. Passage ensures the finest talent by employing members of the Actors Equity Association, and as a key participant in the revitalization of urban Trenton, we present outstanding plays that celebrate experiences common to all and transcend culture and race. The theatre supports education that enhances the lives and aspirations of Trenton's youth and families, and helps develop playwrights and other theatre artists through an extensive program of readings, workshops, and support groups. **For information, visit www.passagetheatre.org or call 609-392-0766.**

Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association is central New Jersey's first environmental group. Now celebrating our 60th anniversary, we have been making the "CASE" to protect clean water and the environment through conservation, advocacy, science and education for six decades. Serving the 265-square-mile region drained by the Stony Brook and Millstone River we provide more than 400 environmental education programs each year at our Nature Center in Hopewell NJ, monitor the health of our streams at close to 40 locations, advocate for state and local policies to protect the environment, and manage the 860-acre Watershed Reserve, which hosts more than 10 miles of hiking trails and the largest community-supported organic farm in the country. **For information, visit www.thewatershed.org or call (609) 737-3735.**

Shad and Salmon: Forces of Nature

What do west coast salmon and east coast shad have in common? Both strengthen and support the local communities they pass through. This program will explore the intricate connection that links healthy waterways, thriving fish populations and sustainable local lifestyle, history and economy. Participants include Maya van Rossum, of Delaware Riverkeeper; Peggy Savage, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association's Environmental Scientist; Peter Donaldson, Author and Performer of the play *Salmonpeople* and Steve Meserve, 4th-generation shad fisherman of Lambertville.

Thursday, February 26 at 7:00 pm
Presented by D&R Greenway Land Trust

Johnson Education Center, Princeton, NJ
To register for this event, call 609-924-4646.
For directions, please call 609-924-4646 or visit www.drgreenway.org.

Reflections on Water: Poetry Reading and Reception

Drawing inspiration from water, over 30 area poets will present a reading of works edited by Cool Women Poet Lois Marie Harrod and her husband, Lee, against the backdrop of D&R Greenway's current art exhibition *Just Below the Surface: Reflections on Water*. This show features the photography of Clem Fiori; Susan Hockaday; Mary Allesio Leck and Madelaine Shellaby and selections from *Voices for the Marsh*, their 4th Juried Photography Show. A reception will precede the reading.

Friday, February 27 at 5:30 pm
Presented by D&R Greenway Land Trust

Johnson Education Center, Princeton, NJ
To register for this event, call 609-924-4646.
For directions, please call 609-924-4646 or visit www.drgreenway.org.

The Story Behind *Salmonpeople*

Peter Donaldson, author, storyteller, community organizer, teacher and conservationist, will give audiences a sneak-peak of his one-man show *Salmonpeople*, which will be performed in full at Passage Theatre Company on 3/5 & 3/6. The preview will be followed by a discussion with the artist about his work as an actor and environmentalist.

Saturday, February 28 at 6:30 pm
Presented by Passage Theater

Carslake Community Center
209 Crosswicks St., Bordentown, NJ
For directions, please call 609-924-4646 or visit www.drgreenway.org.

13th Annual New Jersey Land Conservation Rally

The Story Behind Salmonpeople

Mr. Peter Donaldson will host an interactive session for over 300 nonprofit and government professionals, volunteers, students and advocates working to preserve open space and farmland in New Jersey. Mr. Donaldson's program will entertain, inspire and provoke discussion.

Saturday, March 7, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Presented by New Jersey Conservation Foundation

Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Brunswick, NJ
To register for the rally, please visit www.njconservation.org/rally.

Voices of Vision: Mira Nakashima - Nature, Form and Spirit

Mira Nakashima, architect, furniture designer and daughter of the late woodworker, George Nakashima, will speak about her father's legacy in her book titled: *Nature, Form and Spirit*. Examples of her work, inspired by the natural shape of the wood, will be on display for the presentation.

Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 pm
Presented by D&R Greenway Land Trust

Johnson Education Center, Princeton, NJ
To register for this event, call 609-924-4646.
For directions, please call 609-924-4646 or visit www.drgreenway.org.

Vernal Pools of the Sourland Mountains

Often overlooked, vernal pools are a unique feature in our landscapes, filling with rainwater during the spring breeding season and teeming with a variety of life. Naturalist Allison Jackson will lead this family hike exploring vernal pools, examining the lifecycles of the residents and the pools themselves.

Saturday, April 4, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Presented by Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association

Co-sponsored by the Sourlands Planning Council
To register, or for directions, please call 609-737-7592.

Early Spring Walk

Come join Isles for a walk through Trenton's Cadwalader Park – designed by the renowned Frederick Law Olmsted – along a portion of the D&R Canal that you may never have seen before. The walk will be led by Isles' environmental education staff and walkers will receive a spring nature brochure of the park. Meet at the Parkside entrance of Cadwalader Park – parking immediately to your right as you enter the park.

Saturday, April 4, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
Presented by Isles, Inc.

Cadwalader Park, Trenton
For more information, please call 609-341-4758 or visit www.isles.org.

A Hot and Hungry Planet

This Earth Day Presentation by Dr. Tim Searchinger, visiting Research Scholar and Lecturer in Public and International Affairs at Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University, will speak on agriculture, its contribution to Global Warming and what solutions can be explored.

Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 pm
Presented by D&R Greenway Land Trust
Co-sponsored by Princeton Environmental Institute

Johnson Education Center, Princeton, NJ
To register for this event, call 609-924-4646.
For directions, please call 609-924-4646 or visit www.drgreenway.org.

Native American Archeology of Abbott Farm

The noted archaeologist and naturalist Charles Conrad Abbot made his home at the edge of the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh from 1874-1914 and uncovered incredible amounts of Native American artifacts. State Archeologist Karen Flinn and Archeologist Richard Hunter and Dr. Michael Stewart will share their insights concerning this "buried treasure" which spawned a century-old dispute over the date when humans first occupied the new world.

Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 pm
Presented by Friends for the Marsh

Mercer County Parks Nature Center, Roebing Park, Hamilton, NJ
To register for this event, call 609-924-4646.
For directions, please call 609-924-4646 or visit www.marsh-friends.org.

Roebing Ramble

Hike through John A. Roebing Park in the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh and discover plants and animals in the midst of springtime activity. Learn about the rich variety of plants and animals that live in and migrate through our state's capital. Led by Emile DeVito, staff biologist for New Jersey Conservation Foundation.

Saturday, May 23, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Presented by New Jersey Conservation Foundation

John A. Roebing Park, Trenton, NJ
To register and for directions, please call 908-234-1225.

Great Watershed Stream Exploration

Part of an ongoing series of family programs focusing on the waterways that drain our watershed and join our communities. On this day, you will visit the Bedens Brook in Opossum Road Woods in Montgomery Township and explore the web of life that connects the aquatic environment of the stream and the surrounding terrestrial habitat using a variety of tools including seines and nets. Meet a variety of creatures including water pennies, caddisflies, tadpoles, pumpkinseeds and more while learning about our role in maintaining the health of streams.

Saturday, June 6, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Presented by Stony Brook - Millstone Watershed Association, Co-sponsored by Washington Crossing Audubon Society

Bedens Brook in Opossum Road Woods
To register and for directions, please call 609-737-7592.

SALMONPEOPLE

Peter Donaldson, the Johnny Appleseed of the Pacific Northwest, brings his exquisitely rendered, delightfully disturbing one-man show, *Salmonpeople*, to Passage Theatre. Part Robin Williams, part Garrison Keillor, Peter's work is funny, poignant and razor sharp. *Salmonpeople* follows one Cyrus Jackson, a Carhartt and hipboot-wearing everyman character who finds himself employed as a salmon taxi up at the local dam. With inquisitive charm and inventive theatricality, *Salmonpeople* is the story of one man's head-scratching, self-taught theories on the economics of Mother Nature and the universal question of sustainable living in America. This is sly storytelling at its best.

Thursday, March 5 & Friday March 6 at 8:00 pm
Presented by Passage Theatre, Trenton, NJ

Tickets are \$35* and include a pre-show catered reception and a post-show talkback with the artist. To purchase tickets or get directions please call 609-392-0766 or go online to www.passagetheatre.org.
* \$10 Student tickets and \$15 Passage Member tickets are available.

