

2010 Adult Summer Programs at Taunton Bay Education Center

Seven programs will be presented on **Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** this summer.

Date	Speaker	Topic
June 25	Sue Schaller	Yardscaping: Better yards for people, pets, wildlife, and fisheries of Taunton Bay using native plants
July 09	Steve Perrin	Taunton Bay in a Clam Shell: The big picture of the bay in a small presentation.
July 16	Mark Herrington	Sculpture in This Place: History, geology, and nature as my master teachers
July 23	Helen Gordon	Lobstering in Taunton Bay by a woman who has lived the life for forty years
July 30	Robin Hadlock Seeley	Periwinkle Snails and Rockweed in Maine: An intimate relationship
August 06	Sue Schaller	Ten Years of Tagging Horseshoe Crabs in Taunton Bay: What we have learned from 15,000 observations
August 13	Steve Perrin	Skill & Dignity: Granite quarrying and stonework around Taunton Bay, 1830 to 2010

About the Speakers

Helen Gordon, a long-term resident of the Taunton Bay area, is Harbormaster for the Town of Sullivan. Her late husband, Howard F. “Tomcat” Gordon Sr., fished for lobsters in Taunton Bay from 1968 to 2008, work that he loved. Helen’s grandson continues the family tradition.

Mark Herrington is a sculptor living in Franklin. Participant artist in the 2009 Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium, his primary medium is stone. He often works with boulders he finds in gravel pits or granite from the old quarry at his studio.

Steve Perrin has spent twenty-five years studying Taunton Bay to describe the factors and conditions affecting this productive estuary and the species that depend on it. He gives talks on horseshoe crabs, harbor seals, eagles, great blue herons, eelgrass, and the seasons of Taunton Bay, among other topics. This is his fourth year presenting programs at TBEC.

Sue Schaller heads the horseshoe crab tagging project that has recorded data on over 15,000 members of the breeding population in Hog Bay since 2001. This long-term study of horseshoe crabs at the northern edge of their range is unique in the world. Sue is also an ardent ecological landscaper of properties in coastal watersheds and along the shores of Maine.

Robin Hadlock Seeley attended Bowdoin College and Yale University, where she received a Ph.D. in Biology, with a specialty in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. She has been studying Maine periwinkles since 1977 at Bowdoin, and since 1984 in Cobscook Bay. She is a researcher and teacher at the Shoals Marine Lab on Appledore Island, Maine, for Cornell University, and at the Suffolk University Friedman Field Station in Cobscook Bay each summer.

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The Center is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays in July and August

2010 Summer Programs for Families and Children at Taunton Bay Education Center

Date	Activity	Topic
Saturday July 10	Family Day 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Touch tank, boats, knot-tying, art projects, native tribes of coastal Maine, local snacks.
Tuesday July 13 - Thursday July 15	Kindergarten –Grade2 Day Camp 9:30 a.m. – noon	Native tribes of coastal Maine theme, arts and crafts, shoreline exploration. On July 15, the Abbe Museum will present an archeological dig at TBEC.
Tuesday July 20 – Thursday July 22	Grade 3 – Grade 5 Day Camp 9:30 a.m. – noon	Local snacks, arts and crafts, shoreline exploration. MERI will present a program on native tribes in the Taunton Bay Watershed on July 21.
Saturday July 31	Family Day 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Touch tank, boats, knot-tying, lizard arts and crafts. Bug Zoo: 10:30–11:30, Leaping Lizards: noon–1:00 p.m.; Presentations by Tony Sohns 11:00 – 1:00 Annual Woman’s Club Chicken Barbecue
Saturday August 21	Family Activities at Tidal Falls 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Touch tank, exhibits and Abbe Museum activities. 5:00 Woman’s Club Lobster Dinner at Tidal Falls (Children’s menu available)

About the Programs

Except for August 21, all activities will begin at the **Taunton Bay Education Center**. The August 21 program will be at the Frenchman Bay Conservancy facility at Tidal Falls on the East Side Road on Hancock Point.

The **Abbe Museum** in Bar Harbor offers innovative exhibitions and programs on Maine’s Native American heritage. In recent years, the Abbe has grown from a small but lovely trailside museum, privately operated within Acadia National Park, to an exciting contemporary museum in the heart of downtown Bar Harbor. www.abbemuseum.org

Tony Sohns, a natural history educator and proprietor of the Rock & Art Shop, is well-known in the Downeast region for presenting a remarkable understanding of the natural world to groups of all ages at schools, libraries, universities and civic organizations. www.therockandartshop.com

MERI - Marine Environmental Research Institute a non-profit organization dedicated to “protecting the marine environment and human health through research and education” offers an exciting and diverse range of education programs throughout the year to keep the local community informed of current ocean issues and to educate the public about the local and global marine environment. info@meriresearch.org

Registration for day camps is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration form at <http://grou.ps/tauntonbay>

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