

# Friends of Greenwich Point



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## First Sunday Bird Walks at Greenwich Point Park

April 7, June 2

9:00 – 11:30 am

May 5, May 12, May 19

8:00 – 11:00 am



Just bring binoculars and meet near the main concession stand at the south end of the beach.

First Sunday Bird Walks at Greenwich Point Park are a series of free, year-round, monthly bird walks providing friendly and informative birding. During the month of May we offer additional walks to experience the peak of spring migration. Guides are knowledgeable local naturalists and birders. Everyone - from beginner to expert, of all ages - is welcome. No fees or registration required for the walks.

For information, contact Cynthia Ehlinger at [cynthia.ehlinger@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.ehlinger@gmail.com) or 203-219-1963 or Meredith Sampson at 203-637-9822. Co-sponsored by Wild Wings and Friends of Greenwich Point.

## Gateway Garden Project



Friends of Greenwich Point (FoGP), in cooperation with Gro Pro and the Town of Greenwich, planted a new Gateway Garden at the main entrance on the right hand side.

Native plantings, including Pitch Pine, Bayberry, Goldenrod and Swamp Rose plants, were planted to attract wildlife. The Pines are favorites for sheltering wildlife and sustainable in a harsh sandy/salty environment and many have been destroyed by storms. The Bayberries serve as food for migrating and wintering birds. The Goldenrod is a favorite of the Monarchs in the summer and vital to their migration.



# Spring Calendar

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## Baby Farm Animals

Sunday, May 19, 1:00-3:00 pm

Live Animal Presentations at 1:00,

1:30, 2:00 & 2:30 pm

Innis Arden Cottage at Greenwich Point

Explore the natural wonders of spring on the farm with a naturalist from Heckscher Farm at the Stamford Museum and Nature Center. Meet a chick, duckling and goat kid, and discover more about them. For more information about this event, please email the Education Committee at [info@friendsofgreenwichpoint.org](mailto:info@friendsofgreenwichpoint.org).



## STAY IN TOUCH!

For updates and more, go to [friendsofgreenwichpoint.org](http://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](mailto:info@friendsofgreenwichpoint.org)

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## Dunes Day



Healthy dune plantings help to hold soil in place against erosion from winds and storm damage, ultimately serving to keep the sand and beach in place.

The beautiful and vital dunes at Greenwich Point need regular tending to weed out invasive species. When necessary, they are replanted. This initiative is sustained through cooperation with the FoGP, the Town of Greenwich and other community groups.

## A Natural Tribute



As a tribute to Ron and Janet Klingner, who passed 2018, friends and family donated funds to the FoGP winter bird feeding program. The generous gift was used to buy a new bird feeding station with two feeders and a stand. Volunteers fill the feeders daily throughout the winter months. It's a fitting way to honor the couple who loved Greenwich Point for 60 years.



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## It's St. Patrick's Day w/ Song! Saturday, March 16, 1:00-2:00 pm Innis Arden Cottage at Greenwich Point



Join Sean and Deidre Murtha an hour of traditional Irish folk music and dance using the fiddle, bouzouki, guitar, keyboard, harmonica, tin whistle and bodhran. This is a program that is sure to please (and involve!) the whole family.

For information: [info@greenwichpoint.com](mailto:info@greenwichpoint.com)

## Greenwich Point Clean Up Day



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Greenwich Point Clean-up was a huge success! Even with snow on the ground, more than 150 volunteers collected 1.5 lbs. of garbage. We are so proud to have been part of the effort.

## Buy an Idyllic Painting of Greenwich Point and Support FoGP



Two picturesque oil-on-canvas paintings of Greenwich Point by internationally renowned artist Len Mizerek are now available for purchase at the J. Russell Jinishian Gallery in Fairfield CT. As a special gift, gallery owner Russell Jinishian has generously offered to donate 15% of the sales proceeds to the FOGP, citing that Tod's Point has been a special place to his family for many years.

Painter Len Mizerek, who is internationally known for his colorful depictions of seaside villages, has brilliantly captured two iconic settings at the Point through his vivid style and his play on natural light: the historical Chimes building and its rich ochre hues, and the convivial warmth of the beach on a sunny afternoon. (See photo representations above)

Among his many honors and achievements, Mr. Mizerek is a longtime member of the American Society of Marine Artists and the National Arts Club, and he has been invited twice to be the Artist in Residence in the Village of Dinan in Brittany, France.

If you are interested in either of these paintings, please reach out to Russell Jinishian directly at [rjinishian@optonline.net](mailto:rjinishian@optonline.net).

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## Join the Friends of Greenwich Point!

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](http://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](http://www.friendsofgreenwichpoint.org) - membership section.

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