

Friends of



Greenwich Point

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Nocturnal Animals: Living the Nightlife

Sunday, October 29, 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Live Animal Presentation at 1:15 & 2 pm at Innis Arden Cottage



Discover the world of nature at night! We'll meet some local nocturnal animals, as well as some from around the world. Explore how animals use their senses to survive under the cover of darkness. Through live animals, mounts, artifacts, and activities, we'll investigate how animals like owls, opossums, and bats find their food at night, and see how some animals can be selectively nocturnal due to weather. For more information about this event, please email the FoGP Education Committee at info@friendsofgreenwichpoint.org

Film: A Plastic Ocean

Sunday, November 5: 2:00 pm. Doors open at 1:30 pm, at Innis Arden Cottage

This must-see documentary film follows scientists on a four-year global odyssey to explore the issue of plastics in our oceans and their effect on marine ecosystems and human health, including endocrine disruption. See how you can help. Film: 1hr, 42 min.

Event is co-sponsored by Friends of Greenwich Point and Bruce Museum.

Fred Elser First Sunday Science at the Seaside Center, First Sundays, 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

FREE: All ages welcome. Fun family activities and marine tank exploration all afternoon. Held at the Floren Family Environmental Center at Innis Arden Cottage. No reservation required.

Another Year of Accomplishment

With help from FoGP donors, volunteers and board members of Friends of Greenwich Point have worked diligently to improve the Point's natural beauty, protect nature's habitats and provide the many educational and recreational activities our community enjoys.



Photo by TyFoster

Many thanks go to all and the many town organizations who support our hands-on efforts every year.

In the past twelve months, the following projects were accomplished.

• Education and Recreational Programs

- Scales & Slime: Reptiles and Amphibians
- Invertebrates: No Backbone, No Problem!
- Wildlife in Winter
- St. Patrick's Day Concert with the Murthas
- Greenwich Point Art Show
- SafeRoads Sundays
- Sunday Concert Series in the Seaside Garden
- Annual Greenwich Park Employee Luncheon

• Habitat Maintenance and Restoration

- The entry dune and cove side of the entry road were cleaned of invasive plants, weeds and dead vegetation and additional beach grass was planted.
- The dune and the berm located in the front of the 2nd concession stand picnic area was cleared of summer growth, shrubs were planted, close to 14,000 plugs of beach grass were planted and protective fencing was installed.
- Two Holly Grove clean-up days saw the removal of dead limbs, debris and invasive vines that overflowed 10 dumpsters.
- A new entrance (entrance posts, header rail and sign) to the Holly Grove was installed.
- The newly planted Clambake meadow was cleared of weeds giving the grass an opportunity to thrive and spread.
- The bluff saw the removal of overgrowth pushing the surrounding border out by ten plus feet. In addition, several large evergreens were cleaned of their invasive vine covering.
- Daily winter bird-feeder maintenance.

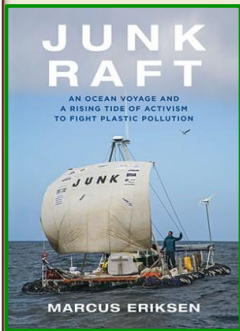


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**Special Author Presentation:
Junk Raft by Marcus Eriksen
Sunday, November 12, 2:00 pm.
Doors open at 1:30 pm, at Innis
Arden Cottage**

In 2008, Marcus Eriksen and a friend traveled 88 days and 2600 miles on a raft made from 15,000 plastic bottles to build awareness and spark a movement to save our seas from plastic pollution.



Hear from the co-founder of 5 Gyres and the author of *Junk Raft: An Ocean Voyage and a Rising Tide of Activism to Fight Plastic Pollution*.

Event is co-sponsored by Friends of Greenwich Point and Bruce Museum

**SAFE ROADS SUNDAYS
Nov. 19 – April
9:00 am – 12:30 pm**

In its 19th year, the ever popular Friends of Greenwich Point Safe Roads Sundays program kicks off on November 19.

From 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, traffic will be restricted to the main parking lots. During this time, walkers, joggers, bicyclists, skaters and other outdoor enthusiasts can safely enjoy the open roads that circle the Point.



To make this program possible, funding for the Department of Parks & Recreation Safe Roads security attendant is provided by the Friends of Greenwich Point.

On the Ground, In the Sound A new FoGP initiative



Friends of Greenwich Point's new campaign *On the Ground, In the Sound* will focus on the problem of marine debris, the importance of a healthy Long Island Sound, and actions to protect our waters and marine life. Through educational programming, social action, and informational signage, we hope to raise awareness of this issue and improve the beauty and health of the Greenwich Point shoreline and its surrounding waterways.

The initiative kicked off this spring when we partnered with fifth graders and their families from Riverside School to collect debris at Greenwich Point. Our organization created and posted educational signage at the concession stands and Holly Grove to highlight facts about this issue and debris prevention. Our fall calendar includes two events *A Plastic Ocean* film on November 5, and a presentation by Marcus Eriksen, the author of *Junk Raft*, on November 12.

Did you know that 80% of trash in our waterways originates on land? Our land and our seas are intimately connected. Debris enters our waterways from the land intentionally or unintentionally through littering, storm water discharge, and natural disasters. Among the most frequently found items are cigarettes, food wrappers and containers, plastic beverage bottles and caps, and plastic bags - all of which are frequently found on the shores of Greenwich Point. Marine debris negatively affects the aesthetics of our environment, is a human health and safety hazard, threatens our wildlife, and comes at an economic cost. However, individual actions can make a big difference, and it is an issue we can solve together!

You can help:

- ! **Join** a local cleanup or pick up debris on your own as you walk along the paths and shorelines at Greenwich Point.
- ! **Dispose** of waste properly.
- ! **Reduce** the amount of waste you produce.
- ! **Reuse** items and choose reusable over single-use and disposal ones.
- ! **Recycle** as much as possible.





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Children's Arts & Music Celebration



On Sept. 16, FoGP hosted a Children's Arts and Music Celebration in the Seaside Garden. The festivities kicked off with a dynamic performance by local band Ray & Jay. The StoryFaces production amazed participants as faces were transformed with paint to illustrate traditional folktales and original stories. Bash the Trash, entertainers who build, perform and educate with musical instruments made from recycled and reused materials culminated the afternoon with a garden parade of children with horns and maracas they created themselves with water bottles and cardboard tubes. Throughout the event, families had a blast with incredible face painting, temporary tattoos and corn hole competitions. They also decorated a collaborative, large-scale painting. Many thanks to local partners, Greenwich Land Trust and Greenwich Recycling, Advisory Board, the families who joined us and the many volunteers who made the day a success!

Changing of the Guard

The Board of Directors of the Friends of Greenwich Point is an all volunteer board made up of multi-talented individuals that share a love of Greenwich Point.

2017-2018 Friends of Greenwich Point

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A heartfelt thank-you to our departing board members for their countless hours and endless support: out-going president, **Cathy Weisenburger, Katie Heimbold and Mona Tavss.**

2017 FoGP Holiday Ornament!



The Friends of Greenwich Point is taking orders for our ever popular annual holiday ornament.

Our 2017 edition features the beach and pavilions. They are available for \$20 each.

As in past years, there will be a limited number available, so get your orders in early before they sell out! Delivery is expected in November.

New this year: We will have a table set up at the Old Greenwich Farmers market starting Wednesday, October 25th. We will be selling the new ornament as well as a very limited number of ornaments from 2015 and 2016 (**these will only be available at the market while supplies last).

Pre-ordered ornaments will be available for pick up at the market starting November 1st.

To pre-order your hand-painted ornament, purchase online at www.friendsogreenwichpoint.org or email friendsogreenwichpoint@aol.com with your name, address, phone number, email, number of ornaments requested. Please follow with a check made out to FoGP and mail to: P.O. Box 711 Old Greenwich, CT 06870.

STAY IN TOUCH!

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

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and enhance the beauty
and enjoyment of
Greenwich Point!

You can also join on our website,
www.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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