

Upcoming

Mintos to give Watson Farm walking tour

On Sunday, Sept. 24, Historic New England will host a guided tour of the Watson Farm.

Don and Heather Minto, farm managers for 26 years, will lead the walk and share their research, experiences, and stories as they take participants on the 2-mile scenic hike through this extensive seaside agrarian landscape. The tour will begin promptly at 2 p.m. in the Watson Farm barnyard. The pastoral setting of this farm, on the west passage of Narragansett Bay provides a rare opportunity for the interpretation of the agricultural history of the region.

Participants will have the opportunity to pass through farm fields, pastures, and rocky shoreline. This tour will focus on the land, people, and natural resources of Narragansett Bay as well as the continuum of agriculture through the past, present and future. The evolution of the Watson Farm itself will be placed in the larger context of Jamestown and Rhode Island history.

Featured also in this walk will be ongoing efforts to promote heritage breeds of livestock. Watson Farm is working to preserve the Red Devon breed of cattle selected specifically for grass-based agriculture.

The tour costs \$8 for the general public, \$3 for Historic New England members.

The Watson Farm is a 280-acre working seaside farm owned by Historic New England. Historic New England is the oldest, largest, and most comprehensive

regional preservation organization in the country. It offers a unique opportunity to experience the lives and stories of New Englanders through their homes and possessions. For more information, visit online at www.HistoricNewEngland.org.

Tree climbing lessons offered

The Norman Bird Sanctuary in Middletown will offer a class on how to climb trees Sunday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the sanctuary.

Learn to climb into the tree canopy to gain a new perspective on nature, using the rope and harness technique. Climbers are asked to wear long pants, loose-fitting clothing, light hiking shoes or sneakers. Pack a lunch and energy snacks. The cost of the class is \$50 for members, \$75 for non-members. Call 846-2577 for more information.

Civil War weekend coming to Ft. Adams

Civil War buffs are in for a treat as Ft. Adams hosts a Living History Weekend on Sept. 9 and 10.

During the two-day event, soldiers and civilians in authentic 19th-century uniforms and dress will invite the public to spend a day in their lives, learning about everything from military tactics to cooking.

The cost of admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 6 to 17. Families with up to four children get in for the flat rate of \$25.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Go to www.fortadams.org for more information.

Tall ships are coming

Tall Ships Rhode Island 2007 announced last week that it has received commitments from several tall ships that plan to attend next summer's event.

Among the ships that have already registered are the Bluenose II from Canada, Capitan Miranda from Uruguay, Cisne Branco from Brazil, Gorch Fock II from Germany, Shabab Oman from Oman, Tarangini from India, and an as yet unnamed ship from Norway's fleet.

In all, some 20 to 30 tall ships are expected to attend the event.

Wild plant group starts fall series

The Rhode Island Wild Plant Society is offering a series of fall walks and tours beginning this month.

Among the offerings is a wild mushroom walk Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Alton Jones Campus, and a tour to Block Island Friday, Sept. 15, in conjunction with the Nature Conservancy.

The full list of tours is on the Web site at www.riwps.org or call 453-3777.



Evelyn Rhodes and Carol Shelton captured the scene at Great Creek last week. The two will exhibit at Spring Bull Gallery in November.

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Prout to celebrate 40th anniversary

The Prout School will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a Gala and Annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

The Hall of Fame seeks to honor those individuals, students or employees, who have contributed to the success of the Prout School.

Six people will be inducted into the Hall Of Fame at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21 at the Quidnessett Country Club. They are Timothy Cook, Ph.D., Sandra Schenck Coletta, Justin Gainor, Carol Wilson, and Paul and Angela Stupinski. In addition, Laura Calvo will receive the 2006-2007 Hall of Fame Scholarship.

Tickets cost \$50 per person. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Karissa Bollengier at 789-9262, ext. 14.

2006 Jimmy Doorley - Franny Reardon Memorial Golf Tournament
Saturday, September 30, 2006
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