

## **SUMMER PROGRAMS 2015**

### **Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> SPRING BIRD MIGRATION ON MADELINE**

Annual bird hike with Victoria Erhart, MIWP board member, and Peter Hudleston, Professor of Geology at U of MN. Bring your binoculars; see warblers and other spring migrants.

Location: Meet at the new Pavilion at the Town Park

Time: 8:00 – 10:30AM

### **Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> MIWP 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING AND EVENING RECEPTION**

A Spring Phenology: Celebrating the Beauty, Science, and Spirit of the Northwoods

Speaker: John Bates, Wisconsin's Northwoods naturalist for 26 years. Author of seven books on natural history of the Northwoods.

Summary: There's no more exciting season in the Northwoods than spring. The snow and mud are gone (we hope!); the sun is finally warming; it's the "greening up" of millions of leaves; birds are mating/nesting/hatching or still migrating; wildflowers are blooming; mammals are birthing and growing; butterflies and dragonflies are hatching – it's all of life coming into full flower.

Location: Madeline Island Museum

Time: 7:00PM

Cost: \$30.00/person

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### **Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> Hike with John Bates, Northwoods Naturalist**

Summary: The Northwoods supports an amazing diversity of trees, shrubs, wildflowers, and other plants that help make any hike beautiful. Then there are frogs calling, the insects hatching, the mammals raising their young. This hike will be an opening to whatever offers itself that morning.

Location: Meet at Town Park Pavilion then on to the Big Bay Ridge Trail.

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 AM

### **Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> Hike the Bogs and Beaches of Madeline Island**

Guide: Dr. Dan Engstrom, environmental geologist/ecologist and MIWP board member

Summary: You will explore the ecology and unique plants of the bog lagoon and beach dunes and discuss the changing lake levels and the paleo shorelines of Madeline Island.

Location: Meet at the State Park entrance building

Time: 10:00AM – 1:00PM

**Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> Sigurd Olson and Why Wilderness Matters**

Speaker: Mark Peterson, Executive Director, Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute

Summary: Wisconsin Native Sigurd Olson (1899-1982) spent his lifetime exploring wilderness from the Boundary Waters Canoe Area to Hudson's Bay. From his experiences and philosophical reflections, Sig wrote nine books on wilderness and hundreds of articles. In our increasingly busy and urbanized lives his words are more meaningful today than ever. What does he have to say about the values of wilderness that the Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve has worked to protect? His words are a timely reminder of the critical importance wild places provide the human spirit.

Location: Madeline Island Museum

Time: 7:00 – 8:15PM

**Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> Mushrooms of Madeline Island**

Speaker: Tavis Lynch, mushroom farmer and commercial mushroom forager

Summary: Tavis will discuss the local mushrooms and their seasons, along with the specific trees that these mushrooms share; learn to identify 100 local edibles and about 300 local toxic species and learn a few hard and fast rules.

Location: Madeline Island Museum

Time: 7:00 – 8:15PM

**Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> Photo Treasure: The Emmanuel Luick Collection**

Speaker: Bob Mackreth, Past Historian Apostle Island National Lakeshore

Summary: Emmanuel Luick, Keeper at the Sand Island Lighthouse 1892-1920, was known as an enthusiastic amateur photographer, and for several years ran a portrait studio in his winter home at Iron River. Until recently, only a handful of his photographs were known to have survived, but in 2014, a Duluth antique dealer came across a large collection of Luick's negatives: a treasure trove of 246 photographs showing scenes around Bayfield and the Apostle Islands from 1900-1906. Historian Bob Mackreth will offer a glimpse of what has been called one of the most significant discoveries in local history for many years.

Location: Madeline Island Museum

Time: 7:00 – 8:15PM

**Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> C.lupus ex Fabula: The Wolf of Myth**

Speaker: Erik R. Olson, Assistant Professor of Natural Resources, Northland College

Summary: Erik will explore the misconceptions, misunderstandings and missing perspectives of wolves.

Location: Madeline Island Museum

Time: 7:00 – 8:15PM

**Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> Exploring the North End Trails**

Guide: Keith Sowl, local trail expert

Summary: Keith will guide us through old logging trails and 100-year-old stands of hemlocks.

Location: Meet at the Burroughs Trail Head, 2.5 miles north of Benjamin Blvd on the North Shore Road

Time: 9:00 – 11:00AM

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> Exploring the North End Trails**

Guide: Fred Koerschner, MIWP Board member

Summary: Fred will guide us through sections of old logging trails and 100-year-old stands of hemlocks. Great time for fall photography!

Location: Meet at the Burroughs Trail Head, 2.5 miles north of Benjamin Blvd on the North Shore Road

Time: 9:00 – 11:00AM

**Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> Hike: Forest Management Opportunities and Challenges**

Guide: Charly Ray, Northwoods expert in restoration ecology and forest management

Summary: Hike will include a discussion on forest management opportunities, ecological context of Madeline forests, opportunities for restoration, and challenges posed by invasive species and a changing climate.

Location: Meet at the Burroughs Trail Head, 2.5 miles north of Benjamin Blvd on the North Shore Road

Time: 10:00 – 12:00 Noon

**ALL PROGRAMS, EXCEPT THE SPRING RECEPTION, ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC.**



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