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Message from the President

Hello friends,

First, I want to thank you. Because many of you choose to support Schoodic Institute, we've been having an exciting and productive year.

We are now right in the middle of the fall Schoodic Education Adventure season, and nearing the end of one of the busiest months on our campus.

I spent two days earlier this month with Acadia's entire management team focused on what climate change may mean for the Park and region (see below). It was both a milestone for engaging Park resource managers in learning from science, and an emphatic demonstration of the importance of our work.

The climate changes we face over the next 25 years are already largely inevitable as a result of our past and current global emissions. As a society, we need more information about the effects of those changes - and we

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Birding & Science: Help by Observing

Seawatch at Schoodic

Every Tuesday and
Thursday morning following
sunrise for a minimum of two

have an urgent need to engage the public in understanding the science so that we have the resources and will to respond in informed, reasonable ways.

Supporting Schoodic Institute is a great way to help connect science, education, and conservation for our future. If you haven't made a contribution this year, [please join us now!](#)

Thank you,



Latest News

October 2015

Acadia Science Symposium and DEREN Convergence 2015 Imagining and planning for the future

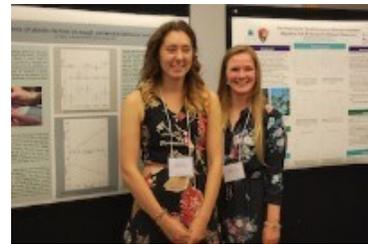


Schoodic Institute hosted four days of workshops and conferences. The theme of understanding and preparing for the future through scenario planning ran throughout the four days. The symposium and convergence, open to the public, provided a forum to learn about contemporary and regional science initiatives and offered interaction with scientists, park staff, students and others working in a range of fields. Discussions included collaborative efforts within Acadia

hours from September through November. We are looking for volunteers to expand coverage to more than two days per week.

Morning Flight at Frazer

The public is invited to join the observation on Wednesday, October 28 from 7 to 8:30 a.m.



Schoodic Institute phenology interns discuss their research during the poster presentation session at the Acadia Science Symposium.



Researchers, Schoodic Institute, and NPS staff engaged in Acadia Scenario Planning Workshop.



Plein Air at Schoodic

Discussions included collaborative efforts within Acadia and across the region to anticipate and respond to rapid climate changes in the future. Read more [here](#).



Down East Research and Education Network



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Special Recognition

Expanding the reach of environmental research with citizen science

A publication released this month by the [Ecological Society of America](#) demonstrated that citizen science has the tools to produce high quality data. The report's coauthors include Abe Miller-Rushing, science coordinator for [Acadia National Park](#), and Mike Soukup of Schoodic Institute. This publication is the result of sessions convened at Schoodic Institute and is included as a resource in a Federal Science and Crowdsourcing Toolkit released with a Citizen Science webcast aired live from the White House.

Maine Partnership receives \$2M

Advancing STEM Education

Congratulations to the [University of Maine](#), RiSE Center, and [Schoodic Institute's](#) Director of Education Research, Bill Zoellick, for his contribution to the Maine Physical Sciences Partnership, a significant collaboration to improve science education in Maine. Schoodic Institute has participated in this project from its outset, assisting in writing the proposal and as part of the program's leadership. The [National Science Foundation](#) funded MainePSP in 2010 to bring together grade 6 to 9 science teachers, from many rural districts in order to improve science teaching and learning. Schoodic Institute's role in the \$2 Million supplemental project will be to study the challenges that educators face and the supports that they depend on as they make the transition from pre-service teaching to working as new teachers. To learn

Spectacular Autumn color Inspires Artists

PleinAir Magazine's "Fall Color Week Invitational: Acadia National Park", was held at Schoodic Institute with over 90 artists from around the country painting and exploring the Acadia coastline. To read more about their experience [click here](#).



Media attention to Schoodic

[See More Recent Coverage](#)

[It's Worth the Trip: New campground in Acadia offers great biking.](#) October 4, 2015. [Portland Press Herald](#).

[White House Explores How 'Citizen Science' Can Help Society.](#) September 30, 2015. [In Huffington Post](#).

[White House Hosting Forum on Citizen Science and Crowdsourcing: Announcing Guiding Policies, Launching Toolkit.](#) September 30, 2015. [In Popular Science](#).

[Pair to talk up citizen](#)

more about the success of this partnership [click here](#).

science. September 17,
2015. Mount Desert Islander

Upcoming Events

EeK of Ecology!

Halloween - Environment, Education, Kids!

Saturday, Oct. 24, 1-5 p.m.

Visit the Institute for art, games and more! Costume contest at 4:30 p.m. For children 12 and under accompanied by an adult. Open and free to the public. For more information [click here](#).

Atlantic Salmon Recovery Plan Informational Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2-4:30 p.m. in Moore Auditorium

Organized by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

[More Events at SchoodicInstitute.org!](http://SchoodicInstitute.org)



Eek of Ecology kids

Artist-in-residence Jennifer Booher presented her current project "Coast Walk" at Moore Auditorium. Her work is an effort to gain a deeper understanding of human uses and the natural processes at work on the shore. Booher is walking the entire coastline of Mount Desert Island, creating still life photographs of her finds. Watch her presentation [here](#).



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