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### Message from the President

Schoodic Institute would not exist without the support of people like you who care about our youth, our communities, and the future of our National Park and region. As you'll see below, there is a lot of activity at the Institute. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you!

If you have not done so already, please join in our efforts! Contributions before year end will qualify you as inaugural members of Schoodic Institute. Please join me in generously supporting this important work – you make it possible. Be part of our investment in the future. Thank you!



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### Latest News


**Earthwatch and EMC at Schoodic**  
Partnering to Advance Citizen Science

December 2014

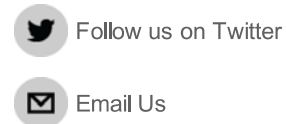


Schoodic Institute welcome sign in snow.

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"This week, data science will shine its magnifying glass on how the Earth's climate is changing, effecting the world around us. My name is Srivatsan Ramanujam, and I am a Senior Data Scientist with Pivotal. Our parent company, [EMC](#), partnered with [Earthwatch](#) to pool a group of employees from different walks of the EMC Federation and brought us together at [Schoodic Institute](#) to collect data and study the effect of climate change on phenology in Acadia National Park." - [READ MORE](#) of this Guest Blog by Srivatsan Ramunajam.



## Data Literacy Project in The Science Teacher Schoodic Institute - U. Maine Partnership

"Our world is awash in a sea of data.... As our ability to store and share data increases exponentially, our students must develop the skills and habits of mind necessary to analyze and interpret information." – **The Science Teacher, November 2014**

The November, 2014 issue of [The Science Teacher](#) features an article about the Graph Choice Chart developed in partnership between Schoodic Institute and the University of Maine that helps students "turn data into evidence". [READ MORE](#)

## Sea Watch featured on Cool Green Science

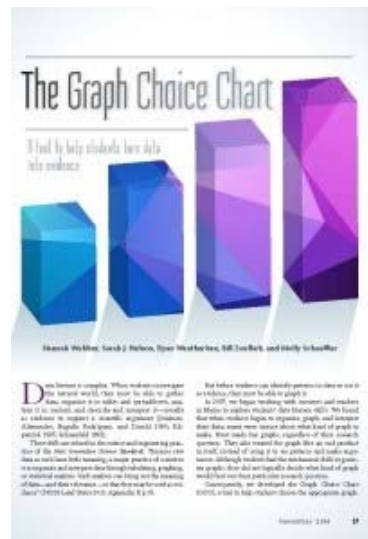
See the blog by Lisa Feldkamp, featuring Schoodic Institute's SeaWatch project led by Seth Benz, originally posted on The Nature Conservancy's "Cool Green Science" blog.

## Citizen Science Association Conference Registration Open

The agenda outline for the Citizen Science 2015 conference is now available, as is the slate of newly elected Board members for the new Citizen Science Association. Read about the important role of the



EMC Volunteers with Seth Benz at Schoodic Point



The Science Teacher, November 2014

Association and Conference in building global connections within the field of citizen science.

Schoodic Institute is helping to launch the new international Citizen Science Association and serving as the fiscal sponsor.

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## Upcoming Events

### **Tuesday Morning Winter Birding**

For beginners or birders of all skill levels

Schoodic Peninsula provides an excellent opportunity to explore one of the most productive winter birding areas in New England. The focus of these monthly field trips will be on surveying winter birds and using eBird, a global, scientific data set to record sightings. Field identification techniques, behavioral observations, and species conservation status will be discussed.

Pre-registration is strongly suggested. Cost: \$15 per field trip. 9:30 am - Noon, Tuesdays: Dec 9, 2014, Jan 13, 2015, Feb 24, 2015, Mar 24, 2015

### **Announcing Winter Carnival** Science, Art, and Winter Adventure!

Full details coming soon, but start planning now for the first Schoodic Institute Winter Carnival, February 18-22, 2015. This exciting event will offer science, art, and outdoor winter fun activities for families and adult participants. Meals will be included with registration, and lodging will be available at Schoodic Institute.

Featured presenters include Bernd Heinrich, Garrett Conover, Gail Moorhouse, Alexandra Conover Bennett, Blake Hendrickson, Chuck Whitney, and Breanna Pinkham Webb. Watch for the complete announcement soon!

### **Understanding Wood Workshop** Study wood ID and properties hands-on



EMC Volunteers participating in SeaWatch at Schoodic Point



Sunset, Mount Desert Island from Schoodic Point

### **Maine Destination:** Stay with Schoodic Institute in Acadia National Park!

Consider Schoodic Institute as a destination for your next trip, class, meeting, or conference. Hold your event amid the spectacular beauty of Acadia National Park on our attractive walking campus, with easy access to the trails and shores of

Join us February 25th at 6:30 pm for this free workshop, limited to 20 participants age 16 and up. [Pre-registration strongly encouraged.](#)

For most of us wood is the most useful biologically produced material in our lives: providing shelter, furniture, paper and even heat. Learn the properties of wood and how they are determined by growing conditions, and the basics of wood identification.

Instructor Richard Jagels is Emeritus Professor of Forest Biology, University of Maine and for 36 years he has written a continuous column on wood technology for WoodenBoat magazine, and has been a consultant on numerous wood related matters from identification of archeological or museum objects to providing expertise in murder cases. His interests range from tree biomechanics to sound properties in 17th century Italian violins.

## **Earthwatch Expeditions at Schoodic** [Register Now for 2015 Expeditions](#)

How is a national treasure being reshaped by the changing climate? Schoodic Institute is partnering with Acadia National Park and Earthwatch to bring citizen scientist volunteers to Acadia National Park.

Join a team of Earthwatch participants to work with Schoodic Institute staff, along with Acadia National Park and partner researchers, at the Schoodic Institute for a week-long expedition in 2015. [READ MORE](#)

## **AP Summer Institutes** [Professional Development at Schoodic](#)

Schoodic Institute offers Advanced Placement Summer Institutes on the Schoodic Education and Research Center campus in Acadia National Park. The park provides a unique setting for intense work with other teachers and institute instructors. There are accommodations for participating teachers on the

Schoodic Point. We offer an auditorium, meeting rooms, and classrooms, along with dining and lodging facilities for groups up to 125 people. To learn more: [Click here](#), call [207-288-1310](#), or email.



Sunrise over Little Moose Island from Schoodic Point



Schoodic Education Adventure students

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Schoodic Institute campus at Schoodic Point, surrounded by spruce and fir forests and the Atlantic Ocean. College credits provided by Endicott College through the Maine Educators' Consortium. [READ MORE](#)

## Art Workshops Coming

Register now for Carol Douglas' "Sea & Sky" Workshop in Aug. 2015. More art workshops are in the works for 2015 and beyond... stay tuned!

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