
Snowy News from Schoodic Institute

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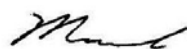
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Message from the President

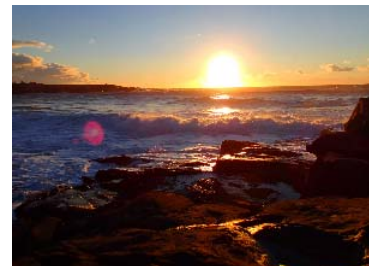
The New Year has started with many reminders of the year-round beauty of Acadia National Park - different every day in the winter, but easily more visually stunning than in summer. The pictures in this newsletter give just a hint of this variety.

At Schoodic Institute, we start the new year grateful to all of you for your support in 2014, and excited about the year ahead. Our public programs get started right away (see below) and we're particularly excited about the Winter Festival in February. We hope we'll see you here! Please help spread the word, and be sure to register in advance.

Thank you!



January 2015



Winter sunrise at Schoodic Point.

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Mount Desert Island from West Pond

Latest News

Students Monitoring Snowpack **Aiding Science, Connecting to Nature**

Over 300 high school students from around the State are getting out in the snow so that we can better understand Maine's snowpack.

Snowfall and snowpack are important not just to us, but also to animals like diadromous fish, who use the spring melt as a cue to migrate, and ruffed grouse, who need deep snow for winter shelter.

As the climate changes how will Maine's snowpack be affected, and will the effects be the same throughout the State? Through the Snowpack Project Schoodic Institute, with partners at the University of Maine, trains teachers who then work with their students, and research partners to collect snow data to help find out.

Other partners on this Acadia Learning project include: National Weather Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Maine Sea Grant, and the Climate Change Institute. This project is funded by a grant from the NOAA B-WET program. [READ MORE](#)


Annual Count Documents Winter Birds **Schoodic Christmas Bird Count**


The Schoodic Point CBC took place on January 1, 2015. This year, all-time high counts were made for several species, including long-tailed ducks and buffleheads. Perhaps the most surprising bird is a beautiful male Baltimore Oriole in Winter Harbor.

Overall, 51 species were identified and over 5400 individuals were counted. (Results courtesy of Bill Townsend, Schoodic Point CBC Compiler).

Register Now for AP Summer Institutes

Ten Advanced Placement Summer Institutes will be offered the first two weeks of August 2015. All of the Advanced Placement Summer Institutes are

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High school students at Cobscook Community Learning Center collect data about recent snowfall.



Baltimore Oriole, Schoodic Point Christmas Bird Count (photo by Mary Flaum)

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sanctioned by The College Board and are eligible for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and are eligible* for graduate credits from Endicott College through the auspices of the Maine Education Consortium (*European History eligibility is pending).

Be an Artist in Residence at Acadia! Application Deadline January 16!

The Artist-in-Residence Program at Acadia National Park offers professional writers, composers, and all visual and performing artists the opportunity to pursue their particular art form while surrounded by the inspiring landscape of the park. [Click here to learn more](#), including how to apply.

Welcome Tyler Piebes!

Last week Schoodic Institute welcomed a new bookkeeper to our staff! Tyler Piebes grew up on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. He received a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Business in 2008, from the University of Massachusetts Lowell where he studied classical and jazz trumpet. He spent the following 6 years working with various non-profit organizations including The Arts Foundation of Cape Cod, The Housing For All Corporation, and Wild Care, Inc. Tyler is also a freelance glassblowing artist whose work focuses on nautical and wildlife themes. He and his fiancé are very excited about their recent move to the beautiful coast of downeast Maine.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday Morning Birding: Jan. 13

Tuesday Morning Birding on Schoodic Peninsula provides an excellent opportunity to explore one of the most productive winter birding areas in New England.



Business Members:



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Winter Harbor Agency



Sea smoke and frozen spray
at Raven's Nest

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

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Brown-Bag Lunch January 28 **Ocean Garden: Sea Vegetables of Maine**

Bring your lunch and come learn about sea vegetables January 28 at noon in Moore Auditorium. Sarah Redmond is a seaweed-lover working in her home state of Maine as a Sea Grant Marine Extension Agent, providing education, outreach, and research for these valuable and amazing sea-plants. She works extensively with the wild harvest seaweed fishery in Maine and the newly developing seaweed aquaculture industry. She operates a seaweed research nursery at the University of Maine's Center for Cooperative Aquaculture Research in Franklin, where she is working with Dr. Susan Brawley of UMaine to develop culture techniques for native sea vegetables.

Winter Festival! Feb. 19-22 **Register Now - Lots of Exciting Options**

Don't miss Schoodic Institute's first Winter Festival! Lots of exciting options, with art workshops, naturalists, outdoor recreation, historic films, meals, lodging, and more! [Get the details and register now!](#)

Understanding Wood Workshop Feb 25 **Get the Inside Story on Wood!**

Hands-on workshop. Learn the properties of wood and how they are determined by growing conditions, and the basics of wood identification. [Advance registration is required.](#)

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

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](tel:207-288-1310), or email.



Morning light through surf mist at Schoodic Point



Sarah Redmond with dulse at Maine Coast Sea Vegetables

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