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## Schoodic News, October 2014

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INSTITUTE  
AT ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

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## Message from the President

### Inspiration from People and Place

At Schoodic Institute I'm fortunate to be continually inspired by the people that are drawn to this amazing junction between the land and sea. This month the Schoodic Education Adventure (see below) and field trips are bringing lots of Maine students here. Their bright-eyed enthusiasm and curiosity help provide optimism as we face potentially overwhelming changes in our environment, many of which we focused on during the recent "Science-Art-Conservation" conferences at Schoodic Institute.

This [short film](#) produced by Regan Alsup highlights Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park and our partnership with the National Park Service. I hope you enjoy it. If you know anyone interested in learning more about what we do, please forward this email to them. Thank you for your support.

October 2014



Schoodic Institute aerial view; Photo: Michael Kagdis

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## Latest News

### Employment Opportunities! Director of Programs and Bookkeeper

Schoodic Institute is excited to announce two new employment opportunities. We are seeking a Director of Programs to lead our science, education, and art program team and a bookkeeper to join our financial team. Please share this news if you know someone with the skills to contribute to Schoodic Institute who would love a chance to work in Acadia National Park!

### Building Citizen Science Journal and Conference Announced

Schoodic Institute is helping to launch the new international Citizen Science Association and serving as the fiscal sponsor. The Association will foster communication, collaboration, and professional development in citizen science. The Citizen Science 2015 conference (CitScit2015) will be held in San Jose, California Feb 11 - 12, and has attracted over 400 presentation proposals. This week, the Association announced the launch of a new open-access journal: *Citizen Science: Theory and Practice*. The first issue will be published by spring, 2015, and will include papers on citizen science project development, implementation, sustainability, evaluation, and outcomes. [Read More...](#)

### 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 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.



Moore Auditorium atrium

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## Science - Art - Conservation Conferences

### Trio of Events Build Connections

Schoodic Institute hosted a three day series of events Sep 30 to Oct 2, that brought together over 220 scientists, artists, educators, and conservationists to share research and inspiration while making new connections. The first ever Schoodic Art & Environmental Science Collaborations event opened the week, followed by the Acadia Science Symposium and the Downeast Research and Education Network Convergence Conference. The very real and immediate threats from rapid environmental change - including climate change, ocean acidification, and coastal flooding - were common themes. Our hope is that participants left better informed and inspired to take on the challenges.

## Schoodic Education Adventure Underway

### Students enjoying Science at Schoodic

Middle schools, from Easton and Fort Fairfield in the north, to Isle au Haut on the coast, and many others, have brought their students to attend the acclaimed multi-day, residential outdoor Schoodic Education Adventure programs led on campus by Acadia National Park educators. Curriculum-based classroom activities and hands-on field experience on the rugged coast of Maine offer unparalleled experience for young students and an exciting way to build science literacy and enthusiasm.

## Environmental Change Science in the News

### Recently featured media attention:

These stories were recently featured on our Facebook page.

**News Leader:** "Residents help in Shenandoah Park mercury study" (features an Acadia Learning Schoodic Institute and University of Maine partnership now reaching students across the nation)

Schoodic Institute depends on philanthropic support to bring school children to experience Acadia National Park and connect people to nature. We're inspiring children, scientists, resource managers, and informed citizens with opportunities to contribute to important research that will help keep Acadia resilient for generations to come. [Click here](#), call [207-288-1310](tel:207-288-1310), or email.



Impressions of Little Moose  
Gary Hoyle

## Reflections

From Artist in Residence  
Gary Hoyle

A bank of fog hung just offshore when I arrived for my two week AIR at Schoodic, so I had a limited view of the wilder part of Acadia National Park. When fog started rolling onto the shore the following day, I was ready to change from my original intent of doing plein air painting. I headed to the shore to take mental notes. By the time the fog died away, I had gained a

**Boston Globe:** "In Maine, scientists see signs of climate change" (featuring Acadia National Park)

**Portland Press Herald:** "Gulf of Maine warming faster than most bodies of salt water, research finds"

**Mount Desert Islander:** "Massive hanging coral gardens found off Mount Desert Island" (exciting finding from new research at Schoodic Ridge)

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## Upcoming Events

### **Citizen Science Opportunities Continue**

Schoodic Institute's Bird Ecology citizen science opportunities continue in October: HawkWatch daily on Cadillac Mountain, SeaWatch Tuesdays and Thursdays at Schoodic Point, and Early Bird Watch at Frazer Point on Wednesdays. Get the details at [www.schoodicinstitute.org/events](http://www.schoodicinstitute.org/events), and stop in to help and learn!

### **Photography book-signing and talk**

Oct. 4, 3:30 - 5 pm

Join returning Artist-in-Residence Colleen Miniuk-Sperry for a talk about her work and a book signing of her new book, Photographing Acadia National Park.

### **Artist Retreat and Workshops**

October 6 - October 12

Come join the retreat, register for individual workshops, such as Poetry with Mimi White on Oct. 7th, Wildlife Sketching & Painting with Michael Boardman Oct. 8th, or modeling plants and flowers with Gary Hoyle Oct. 10th. Retreat also includes Jana Matusz, Colleen Miniuk-Sperry, and Ard Berge. Details at [www.schoodicinstitute.org/events](http://www.schoodicinstitute.org/events).

### **Maine Inspired: A Literary Reading**

great deal of confidence in my observational skills, plus I had photographically documented areas for later work.

Before the weather cleared, I had selected a number of shoreline locations for painting. Visiting each location in clear weather revealed stunning vistas of islands, blue sky and, at times, raging surf. The experience was breathtaking as I tried to capture the changing light across the rocks and water.

Later in the year I selected several photographs of my AIR experience to do my assignment painting for the Park. As I worked methodically in my home studio, I thought back to the enriching experience I had at Schoodic Point. My observational skills had been sharpened by fog, I could work in a studio for hours without distractions, and I had become enchanted by a wild rugged coastline. Thank you Kate Petrie and everyone involved with Acadia's AIR Program for allowing me to experience the bold beauty of Schoodic, which has nurtured my art in so many ways.



October 17, 7 - 8:30 pm.

Paul Doiron, author of the Mike Bowditch series of crime novels and Editor Emeritus of Down East: The Magazine of Maine and Kristen Lindquist, accomplished poet, avid birder, and current Schoodic Scholar will share complementary work that has been inspired by the natural landscape of Maine.



Plein Air Painting  
Gary Hoyle

## Atlantic Salmon Recovery Meeting

October 21, 9:30 am - 5 pm.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be hosting a public meeting to present and discuss updates on efforts to recover Atlantic salmon in the Gulf of Maine.



Schoodic Point, in oils  
Gary Hoyle

## Eeek in Ecology!

Oct. 25, 1 - 4:30 pm.

Celebrate Halloween,  
Schoodic style!



Bats, spiders, creepy-crawlies, a tour of the Deep BOO Sea, and Franken-Forest activity stations. Art, games, and more! For children ages 12 and under, accompanied by an adult, costume contest at 4 pm.



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