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2020 Winter and Spring Speaker Series

Presented by

**The 300 Committee Land Trust
& Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries, Inc.**

at the Falmouth Museums on the Green Cultural Center
Thursdays at 7:00 PM



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The talks are free and open to the public. Please join us!

January 9



Exploring the Fascinating Realm of Fungi

Willie Crosby is the owner of Fungi Ally, a mushroom company in Montague, MA that focuses on mushroom research, education, and spawn production. Willie has received six research grants over the last five years to study and educate the public on mushrooms. In this talk, Willie will share the amazing ways fungi help create a world of balance and connection through their life cycle and ecological roles. Come explore the power of mushrooms and learn how we can ally with the fungal kingdom in our lives and gardens.

February 13



Coyotes on the Cape

Coyotes are one of the most adaptive mammals in North America. Their resilience has helped them establish their territory and increase their range across Cape Cod. This top predator is feared, misunderstood and sometimes abused. **Presenter Ian Ives is the Director at Mass Audubon's Long Pasture, Ashumet, Barnstable Great Marsh and Skunknett River Wildlife Sanctuaries on Cape Cod.** He has a strong background in wetland restoration and endangered species management, and has led environmental advocacy and conservation projects across Cape Cod to help protect wildlife and the threatened natural resources they depend on. In this talk, Ian will present insights into coyote ecology, dispel myths, and offer ways we can better co-exist with this wily canine.

March 12



Exotic Insects on the Cape: History & Control

Phillip Lewis, Ph.D., is a research scientist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. His work has focused on quantifying pesticides in plant tissues and on the development of chemical control methods of invasive, exotic insect pests of trees, including the Asian longhorned beetle, emerald ash borer and spotted lanternfly. In this talk, Phil will discuss some of the insects that have invaded our tree populations, looking at the effects of their infestations and what we can do to reduce their negative impacts.

April 2



The Cape Cod Osprey Project: Voyeuristic Citizen Science

The return of the osprey is one of the greatest conservation stories of the last 30 years. **Mark Faherty*, Science Coordinator at Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary,** will share insights on the resurgence of the osprey population on the Cape. His successful volunteer program, the Cape Cod Osprey Project, has helped support a robust population of osprey, while raising public awareness and understanding about these fish-eating birds of prey. (*Mark oversees a wide variety of research, from oyster reef restoration and turtle monitoring to bats and butterflies, however his primary focus is bird ecology. His *Bird Report* is a weekly program on Cape and Islands bird life that airs each Wednesday on WCAI, the Cape and Islands NPR station.)

The 300 Committee is a private, non-profit land trust dedicated to permanently preserving open space in Falmouth, Massachusetts for conservation, recreation and water protection.

Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries, Inc. is a member based, nonprofit Corporation founded in 1962 to preserve the natural resources of the town of Falmouth and to protect wildlife habitat, historic buildings and open space.