



## 2016 SCHEDULE of PRESENTATIONS

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**Friday March 18, 2016**

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| 8:00 - 9:00   | Registration / set up   |
| 9:00 - 9:10   | Welcoming Remarks   |
| 9:10 - 9:50   | The Southern Pine Beetle Infestation on Long Island: Status and Trends<br>John D. Wernet, Supervising Forester, Division of Lands and Forests,<br>NYSDEC– Region 1<br>John W. Pavacic, Executive Director, Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning<br>and Policy Commission |
| 9:50 - 10:30  | Overview and Status of the NYS DEC Colonial Water Bird Program:<br>Where it Has Been, Where it is and Where it is Headed.<br>Chip Hamilton, Senior Wildlife Biologist, NYSDEC Region One  |
| 10:30 - 10:50 | BREAK   |
| 10:50 - 11:30 | Hide and Seek in the Wilds of Long Island<br>Dave Taft, Jamaica Bay Coordinator, Gateway National Recreation Area   |
| 11:30 - 12:10 | American Chestnut: Leading the Way to a Healthier Forest<br>William Powell, SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry,<br>Syracuse, NY.  |
| 12:10 - 1:30  | LUNCH   |

- 1:30 - 2:10            Great Gull Island Terns: Here and There.  
Helen Hays, Director, Great Gull Island Project.
- 2:10 - 2:50            To Kill a Kudzu: The Status of Exotic Invasive Plants on Long Island  
Lara H. Pomi-Urbat, Project Manager/Environmental Scientist at Nelson,  
Pope & Voorhis, LLC
- 2:50 - 3:30            Update on The Nature Conservancy's Shellfish Restoration Efforts in  
Great South Bay  
Carl LoBue, Senior Marine Scientist The Nature Conservancy on Long  
Island  
Adam Starke Marine Scientist The Nature Conservancy on Long Island
- 3:30 - 4:10            Managing and Restoring Eelgrass  
Chris Pickerell, Cornell Cooperative Extension
- 4:10 - 4:30            Open Discussion / closing remarks

### **Saturday March 19, 2016**

- 8:00 - 9:00            Registration / set up
- 9:00 - 9:10            Welcoming Remarks
- 9:10 - 9:50            Barcode Long Island: Student-Centered Biodiversity Research  
Maria Brown, Science Research Teacher, Sayville High School  
Bruce Nash, Assistant Director for Science, Cold Spring Harbor Lab DNA  
Learning Center
- 9:50 - 10:30           Lizards Among Us: Italian Wall Lizards in Suburbia  
Russell L. Burke, Chair, Biology Department, Hofstra University
- 10:30 - 10:50           BREAK
- 10:50 - 11:30           Long Island's Climate: Past Present, and Future  
David Black, School of Marine & Atmospheric Sciences, SUNY Stony  
Brook
- 11:30 - 12:10           Beyond Words: What Animals Think and Feel  
Carl Safina, professor for Nature and Humanity at Stony Brook University,  
Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science at the University's School of  
Journalism, and founder of The Safina Center.
- 12:10 - 1:10            LUNCH
- 1:10 - 1:50            The Sharks in Our Near Shore Waters: Oh, Just How Little We Know  
Gregory M. Metzger, Marine Science Teacher, Southampton High School

CONCURRENT SESSION (80 minutes)

- 1:10 – 2:30      Science Illustration: Art as a Tool for Scientific Inquiry and Understanding.  
Jan Christopher Porinchak, M.F.A  
Amanda Levine, M.A. Marine Biology  
Amanda Furcall, B.A. Conservation Biology
- 1:50 - 2:30      Spreading Adders? Ecology and Natural History of the Eastern Hog-nosed  
Snake on Long Island  
John Vanek, PhD candidate, Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory at  
Southern Illinois University
- 2:30 - 2:50      BREAK
- 2:50 - 3:30      The Historical Ecology of the Great South Bay's Blue Point Oyster  
Jeffrey Kassner, Research Associate, Long Island Maritime Museum West  
Sayville, NY
- 3:30 - 4:10      Drifters: a guide to the stray tropical fishes of New York  
Todd Gardner, Suffolk Community College, Riverhead, NY
- 4:10 - 4:30      Open Discussion / closing remarks

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