

Calendar of Events

Sept. 20 – Nov. 16. Exhibit: The Abbott Marshlands – More than Meets the Eye. Art, artifacts, and nature displays celebrating the rich legacy of the Abbott Marshlands. Contact info: 609-989-1191 or 609-989-3632. The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie* in Cadwalader Park.

Sat., Sept. 20. Exhibit opening reception. 6-9 PM. *Voices Photo Show awards at 6:30 PM.* Explore the intersection of art, archaeology, and nature, featuring this year's entries for the *Voices for the Abbott Marshlands* photo contest. Info: 609-989-1191. Ellarslie*.

Sun., Sept. 21. Meet the Marsh. 2-4 PM. Descend the bluff into the Abbott Marshlands for nature exploration on this guided walk led by naturalist & Nature Center Manager Kelly Rypkema. Info: 609-303-0704. TNC**. (*Optional caravan from Ellarslie* leaves at 1:30 PM.*)

Sat., Sept. 27. Historical tours of the Watson House. 1-3:30 PM. Visit the oldest house in Mercer Co., built in 1708, and located at the edge of the Abbott Marshlands. Guided by Rita Kline and other members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. *Children must be accompanied by an adult.* Info: 732-842-8632. Watson House, 151 Westcott Ave., Hamilton, NJ.

Sun., Sept. 28. World Rivers Day at Crosswicks Creek and the Delaware River at Bordentown. 10 AM-noon A walk focusing on these important waterways. See: D&R Canal Lock 1, RR bridge, and time permitting, a Bald Eagle’s nest. Guides: Kim Beidler, Project Coordinator, Coalition for the Delaware River Basin & Michael Skelly, Executive Director, Bordentown Heritage. Info: 732-821-8310. Meet at I-295 north-bound scenic overlook, north of Bordentown.

Sun., Sept. 28. World Rivers Day| The Delaware River – People and Places. 2 PM. Lecture by Bruce Stutz, author of *Natural Lives Modern Times: People and Places of the Delaware River*. Contact/ info: 609-989-1191. Admission \$10; children 12 and under free. Ellarslie*.

Sun., Oct 5. Canoe/Kayak the Abbott Marshlands. 10:00 AM. See migrating red-winged blackbirds & wild rice; 8-mile tidal trip; Bordentown to Watson Woods and back. Optional walk to Spring Lake. *Rentals **not** available; participants must have their own boats. Bring lunch & beverage. RSVP required* George & Leona Fluck, 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com. Meet at Bordentown Beach; take Park St. down the hill, past the light rail parking lot.

Oct. 11 – Nov. 17. Photography exhibit – Best of Voices for the Abbott Marshlands. Stunning images of nature captured at this world-class marsh just 3 miles outside Trenton, NJ. Info: 609-303-0704. TNC** during center hours.

Sat., Oct. 11. Family Fun Day at the Nature Center. 10 AM – 4 PM. Celebrate the grand opening of Mercer County’s new nature center with family activities, tours, and giveaways. Test your skills against beavers, see live marsh animals, and more. Contact/info: 609-303-0704. TNC**.

Sun., Oct. 12. Kayaking Spring Lake. 1 & 3 PM. Get a lake’s eye perspective on the plants and wildlife of Spring Lake. Guided by Jenn Rogers, Mercer County Naturalist. Kayaks provided by Mercer County Park Commission. *Ages 14 and above with adult supervision. RSVP required.* \$10 per person. Contact/info: 609-303-0704. Meet at Spring Lake***

Fri. Oct. 24. River Songs concert. Trenton, native - Kelly Fragale. 7 PM. Info: 609-989-1191. Admission \$15 Ellarslie*.

Sun, Oct. 26. en Plein Air Painting with Gail Bracegirdle. 2 PM. *RSVP required.* Contact/info: 609-989-1191. Meet at TNC**.

Sat., Nov. 1. Autumn at the Abbott Marshlands. 9:30-11:30 AM. Experience the colors of autumn and look for the transition of the seasons as the plants and animals of the marsh prepare for winter. The pace of the walk will accommodate photography. Guide: Mary Anne Borge, naturalist and photographer. (*Optional visit to nature center follows.*) Contact/info: 732-821-8310. Meet at Spring Lake***.

Sun., Nov. 2. Indian Life at the Abbott Marshlands: The New Jersey Lenape. 2 PM. Lecture with demonstrations by Bill Guthrie, Lenape expert. Contact/info: 609-989-1191. Admission \$10; children 12 and under free. Ellarslie*.

Fri., Nov. 7. Beaver/Night Hike. 6:30-8 PM. Joseph Schmeltz, Naturalist Emeritus of Mercer County Parks, takes you on a search for beavers and other wildlife that come out only at night. The beavers have been busy in this neck of the woods! *Bring a flashlight.* Contact/ info: 732-821-8310. Meet at Spring Lake***.

Sat. Nov. 8. Marsh cleanup, 9 AM – noon. Spring Lake area. Bring gloves if you have them, water to drink; wear long sleeves, long pants. Contact: 732-821-8310. Meet at Spring Lake***.

Sat., Nov. 15. Indians of the Abbott Marshlands. 1-3 PM. Tour the Marsh with archaeologists Michael Stewart (Temple University) and Greg Lattanzi (NJ State Museum) for a perspective on 13000 years of human history at the Abbott Marshlands. *RSVP required.* Contact/info: 609-303-0704. Meet at TNC**.

Thurs., Nov. 20 – Apr. 1. Voices for the Abbott Marshlands 2014. The juried photography show moves to the nature center on the edge of the Abbott Marshlands itself. Contact/info: 609-303-0704. TNC**.

Sat. Dec. 6. In the Footsteps of the Lenape. Bordentown Bluffs, D&R Canal State Park. 1-3 PM. Leaders: Stephanie Fox, Naturalist, and Vicki Chirco, Historian. Info: 609-924-5705. Meet at end of Stanton Ave., Bordentown Twp. (Take US-206 south of I-195; take 1st right after Pointe Breeze apartments. Stanton St. sign may be missing).

Coming in 2015

Sun. Jan. 25, 2015. Meet CC Abbott. 2 PM. Lecture by Ned Gilmore, Academy of Natural Sciences. TNC**.

Apr. 11 or 12, 2015. TBA. Joseph Bonaparte at Pointe Breeze a lecture by Richard Veit, Monmouth University. TNC**.

Locations (unless otherwise noted)

Ellarslie* – The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie in Cadwalader Park. Museum hours: Tues.- Sat. 11-3; Sun. 1-4 (closed Mondays and holidays). 609-989-1191 or 609-989-3632. www.ellarslie.org

TNC** - Tulpehaking Nature Center, 157 Westcott Ave., Hamilton, NJ 609-303-0704

Spring Lake*** - Roebling Park, Hamilton, NJ. Take US-206 (S.Broad St.) to Sewell Ave., at traffic light turn onto Sewell Ave.; at the end of Sewell, turn left and drive down hill to parking lot.

For more information about the Abbott Marshlands, directions and maps see: www.marsh-friends.org

The Abbott Marshlands

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Central New Jersey’s Premier Destination – for 13,000 years!

The Abbott Marshlands - 3000 acres of meandering tidal streams, rivers, marshes, and swamps, and upland forests. The diverse landscape provides homes for numerous plants and animals -- wild rice and cattails - red-winged blackbirds and eagles - river otters and beaver.

Come walk - where Indians walked 13,000 years ago, - where Charles Conrad Abbott and Dorothy Cross discovered clues to the Indian past, and where other historical figures inspired a new nation. Here is a place to wander slowly, taking time to pick out the nearly hidden forms of birds nests or to graze at the subtle colors of fallen leaves. Here is a place to be inspired! Here is a place well known to archaeologists and by wetland ecologists from around the world.

Come discover why it is so special that part has been named the Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark, and why it is considered one of the most significant wildlife habitats in NJ and birding places along the east coast!

The exhibit - ‘The Abbott Marshlands – More than Meets the Eye’, at The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie in Cadwalader Park gives the visitor varied views of the cultural and natural legacy provided by the 3000 acre Abbott Marshlands, located less than three miles from the state capitol. The exhibit features a juried photography show, art works in other media by regional artists, artifacts from the Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark, and nature displays.

The exhibit, which runs from Sept. 20 – Nov. 16, will be complemented by a variety of field trips and lectures. In addition to the Abbott Marshlands exhibit at Ellarslie, programs are planned that feature World Rivers Day on September 28th, and the opening of the Tulpehaking Nature Center this fall. The center is located at 157 Westcott Ave. at the edge of Mercer County’s Roebling Park.



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Voices for the Abbott Marshlands and Best of the Abbott Marshlands Photography shows – Mary Anne Borge, Pat Flores, Mary Leck, and Marian Young.

Jack Koepfel is exhibit curator.

Exhibits at Ellarslie are provided by the Tulpehaking Nature Center (Kelly Rypkema), Mercer County; NJ State Museum (Jessie Cohen, Greg Lattanzi, David Parris); and contributing artists. They are sponsored by: Trenton Museum Society, Mercer County Park Commission, D&R Greenway Land Trust, and Friends for the Abbott Marshlands.

Friends for the Abbott Marshlands present the 7th *Voices for the Abbott Marshlands* Photography Show. Jurors are Aubrey Kaufman and Jeff Worthington. Photo show prizes are provided by: D&R Greenway Land Trust, the Princeton Photography Club, Sierra Club-Central Jersey Chapter, and Washington Crossing Audubon Society.

Field and lecture programs are co-sponsored by: Mercer County Park Commission; The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie; New Jersey State Museum; D&R Canal State Park; Environmental Commissions of Bordentown City, Bordentown Township, and Hamilton Township; D&R Greenway Land Trust; Friends for the Abbott Marshlands; and Washington Crossing Audubon Society.

Volunteers helped in myriad ways, and are recognized for their significant contributions to the success of this Abbott Marshlands Celebration.

Please inquire about volunteer opportunities.

Ellarslie Mansion is owned and maintained by the City of Trenton. Funding support for the Trenton City Museum operations is provided by members and patrons of the Trenton Museum Society and, in part, by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the I Am Trenton Foundation, the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State, the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission through funding from the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the New Jersey State Council of the Arts/ Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment of the Arts. All programs and additional support provided by the Trenton Museum Society.



Fall Programs for the Abbott Marshlands

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