

WERU Issues & Programs Q2 2023

Around Town 4/13/23: Legislative Public Hearings Today 8:30-8:35 am

Producer/Host: Amy Browne

This week:

Taking a look at what's happening in Augusta today, after this morning's session the legislature will return to committee work this afternoon. Several public hearings will be taking place at 1 and 2 pm, and if any of these interest you, you can watch from home or even sign up to speak at the public hearing via zoom. More about that at the end, here's what they're taking up today...

Let's Talk About It 4/14/23: When your abuser is famous 4-5pm

Producer/Host: Patrisha McLean

Production assistance: Tammy Oropesa

Music: Jackie McLean Strack

Let's Talk About It: Conversations with Survivors of Domestic Abuse

This month: Donna Kaz, activist and author of *Unmasked: Memoirs of a Guerilla Girl* on Tour

Relationship Rewind 4/18/23: Breaking Down Gilmore Girls 4:30-5pm

Host: Alli Williamson (she, hers) Youth Educator and Advocate at NextStep Domestic Violence Project

Helpline: 1(800) 315-5579

Music credit: Brandon Nelson (he, him) local musician donated theme music for the show.

Relationship Rewind: Rewinding relationships in popular media and breaking down behaviors based in power, control, and abuse.

This episode:

- Discussing unhealthy behaviors in relationships shown in Gilmore Girls.
- Discussing how media normalizes these behaviors.
- Discussing the impacts of these messages about relationships on young people.

Guest/s:

Ashley (she, her) 24 year old living in Maine and the Youth Development Coordinator at the Maine Seacoast Mission.

Around Town 4/20/23: Maine Jewish Film Festival 8:30-8:35 am

Producer/Host: Amy Browne

This week:

The Maine Jewish Film Festival is holding statewide showings of *FOUR WINTERS* this month to commemorate Yom HaShoah, the Day of Holocaust Remembrance. Carolyn Swartz, Executive Director of the Maine Jewish Film Festival joins us today with the details.

Justice Radio 4/20/23: From Our Perspective: Voices of the Directly Impacted 5-5:30pm

Hosts: Marion Anderson

Production Coordinator: Daria Cullen

Other credits: TECHNICAL SUPPORT – Emma Reynolds | MUSIC – Samuel James

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Justice Radio: Tackling the hard questions about our criminal legal system in Maine.

This week: Host Marion Anderson and special guest talk about their experiences of being incarcerated and the barriers in place when returning to their families and communities that begs the question, Have we lost our Humanity?

Guest/s:

Anonymous guest

Democracy Forum 4/21/23: Ballot Questions: Whose Initiatives Are They? 4-5pm

Host: Ann Luther, League of Women Voters of Maine

The mostly volunteer team at the League of Women Voters – Downeast who plan and coordinate this series includes: Martha Dickinson, Michael Fisher, Starr Gilmartin, Maggie Harling, Lisa Leaverton, Ann Luther, Rick Lyles, Judith Lyles, Wendilee O'Brien, Maryann Ogonowski, emerita, Lane Sturtevant, Leah Taylor, and Linda Washburn.

Democracy Forum: Participatory Democracy, encouraging citizens to take an active role in government and politics

This month:

Ballot Questions: Whose Initiatives Are They?

We'll talk about the citizen initiative process in Maine: the sheer number of them, the money behind them, their strengths and shortcomings, home-grown vs. "from away."

How does the initiative process work, and how is it working for Maine?

Can ordinary citizens can still run a ballot question?

Guest/s:

Shenna Bellows, Maine Secretary of State

Todd Donovan, Professor of Political Science, Western Washington University

The Nature of Phenology 4/22/23: Turkeys Mating 9-9:30am

Producers: Hazel Stark & Joe Horn

Host: Hazel Stark

This time of year, male turkey heads and necks transform into vivid shades of blue, red, and white. They puff up their feathers, lower their wing tips, fan their tails, and gobble in the early hours looking for mates.

The Essential Rhythm 4/23/23: Next Wave Species Introductions

Producer/Host: Sarah O'Malley

This episode summarizes a 2019 study on the interactions of European green crabs and Asian shore crabs. Researchers found that in rocky intertidal habitats on the southern New England, when shore crabs and green crabs overlap, green crab density goes down significantly. They identified key behavioral differences between juveniles of the two crab species that likely explain this observed effect.

Wabanaki Windows 4/25/23: ICE 2 MacDonald Transcript 4-5pm

Producer/Host: Donna Loring

Other credits: Technical assistance for the show was provided by Joel Mann WERU Orland Maine.

Music for the show was from the CD Dream Walk by Rolfe Richter

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This month: This episode reveals the first of three uncovered Indian transcripts. They are from the 1942 Maine Legislative Research Committee. Much like the Nixon tapes these transcripts are a smoking gun that reveal in the Legislators own words a long-range plan to eliminate the Maine Tribes.

Guest/s:

Eric Mehnert, Chief Judge of the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court.

Attorney Joseph Gousse, Legal researcher and writing specialist has worked with the Maine Wabanaki Truth and reconciliation Commission is a Professor of Business Law in the Maine Community College System.

Professors Harald Prins is a Native of the Netherlands. He is a Distinguished Professor of Anthropology and an Emertus at Kansas State University.

Darren Ranco, Member of the Penobscot Nation. He is Professor of Anthropology and Chair of the Native American Studies at the University of Maine.

Power for the People 4/26/23: Passive House Maine Organization Goals and Mission 4-5pm

Producer/Host: Steve Kahl

Power for the People: Energy education and solutions for Mainers and Maine communities

This month:

- Techniques for low energy building design
- Overview of types of insulation
- Energy-efficient heating and cooling options
- Net zero energy buildings.
- Techniques for limited carbon emissions

Guest/s:

Naomi Beal, Executive Director

Randy Rand, Training Manager

Justice Radio 4/27/23: Career and Work Opportunities 5-5:30pm

Hosts: Linda Small and Mackenzie Kelley

Production Coordinator: Daria Cullen

Other credits: TECHNICAL SUPPORT – Emma Reynolds | MUSIC – Samuel James

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This week: Hosts Linda Small and Mackenzie Kelley talk with special guest Dan Kelley of Eastern Maine Development Corporation about the challenges and opportunities for work & career for justice impacted people after they've returned to their home communities.

Guest/s:

Dan Kelley of Eastern Maine Development Corporation

The Nature of Phenology 4/29/23: Red Maple Blossoms 9-9:30am

Producers: Hazel Stark & Joe Horn

Host: Hazel Stark

Red maples are the most common broad-leaved tree in New England and are responsible in large part for why our corner of the country is known for its leaf-peeping season. But each

spring, they put on a different display of colorful beauty in the form of their blossoms which now are popping across the region.

Photos, a full transcript, references, contact information, and more available at thenatureofphenology.wordpress.com

The Essential Rhythm 4/30/23: Crab vs. Crab 9-9:30am

Producer/Host: Sarah O'Malley

This episode describes the concept of life history strategy, and highlights findings from a paper that investigated the impact of introduced intertidal crabs (*Carcinus maenas*, European green crabs and *Hemigrapsus sanguineus*, Asian shore crabs) on Atlantic rock crabs (*Cancer irroratus*). The study demonstrated that the rock crab life history strategy of living in the intertidal zone for the first two years of its life is no longer adaptive in areas with introduced crabs, as green crabs and shore crab readily prey on young rock crabs.

Griffen, B. Riley, M. 2015 Potential impacts of invasive crabs on one life history strategy of native rock crabs in the gulf of maine Biol invasions 17: 2533-2544

Healthy Options 5/3/23: Lyme disease & tick-borne illness, and how to be tick-conscious, to protect ourselves 4-5pm

Host/Producer: Rhonda Feiman

Co-Producer: Petra Hall

Healthy Options: For Well-being & Being Well

This month:

Where are ticks found & how can we identify the ticks we may find, in their different life cycles? What size are they right now?

What is Lyme disease and why is it often difficult to diagnose- and treat?

What are co-infections? What are the different illnesses which are showing up now? What is Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis, Borrelia, Alpha-gal, & Powassan Virus?

What are the ways that we do treat tick diseases? Is there an effective way to prevent Lyme after a tick bite? Is using a single dose of antibiotics a valid and effective strategy to use right after a tick bite?

Why should we not wait if we have symptoms after a tick bite? What are symptoms we might experience?

What does clinical diagnosis mean?

What are some preventative techniques we can use to minimize our risk of getting a tick-borne illness?

What kinds of clothing, and repellent, are effective to try to prevent tick bites?

What is permethrin and what are the benefits to using it on our clothes, socks and shoes?

How do we check for ticks? Why do a tick check and why is it a good idea to shower after

we've been outside?

Why should we check our pets for ticks? What about people who come visit and may bring ticks?

If you get a tick bite, how do you remove the tick safely? What might we do next? How long does a tick have to be imbedded for it to be able to transmit disease?

Should you send a tick to a lab for analysis?

Do we have decisive testing for tick diseases? Are there any vaccines yet?

Guest/s:

Dr. Beatrice Szantyr, Internist and Pediatrician who lectures on Lyme disease and related tick-borne disorders in Maine and nationally, to both professional and community groups. She is an active member of the Maine CDC Vector Borne Disease Work Group, and a member of the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society. Dr. Szantyr also had served on the 2022 Federal Tick-Borne Disease Working Group, Access to Care and Education Subcommittee.

Justice Radio 5/4/23: Ending the War on Drugs In Maine 5-5:30pm

Hosts: Charlotte Warren and Zoe Brokos

Production Coordinator: Daria Cullen

Other credits: TECHNICAL SUPPORT – Emma Reynolds | MUSIC – Samuel James

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Justice Radio: Tackling the hard questions about our criminal legal system in Maine.

This week: Hosts Charlotte Warren and Zoe Brokos and special guest Winifred Tate, Professor of Anthropology at Colby College and the Director of the Maine Drug Policy Lab, as they explore the need to decriminalize the possession and use of drugs as a public health approach.

Guest/s:

Dr. Winifred Tate, Professor of Anthropology at Colby College and the Director of the Maine Drug Policy Lab

The Nature of Phenology 5/6/23: Broad-Winged Hawks 9-9:05a.

Producers: Hazel Stark & Joe Horn

Host: Hazel Stark

Our smallest, most common hawk, the broad-winged hawk, has returned from its winter haunts as far away as Central or South America.

BoatTalk 5/9/23: Giffy is back, along with Maritime Pets 4-5pm

Producers/Hosts: Jon Johansen and Alan Sprague

Engineers: John Greenman, Pepin Mittelhauser, Amy Browne

BoatTalk is the call-in show for people contemplating all things naval

This month:

Busy boatyards. Kirsten Neuschafer wins Golden Globe 2022 round the world race beating 15 men. Giffy Full, frequent past BoatTalk guest returns with more stories. We talk with Pat Sullivan of the Museum Maritime Pets in Rockland.

Guest/s:

Giffy Full

Pat Sullivan, The Museum of Maritime Pets, Sharpes Wharf, Rockland, ME

Talk of the Towns 5/10/23: Take it Outside: Maine educators teaching out of doors 4-5pm

Producer/Hosts: Ron Beard

Theme music for Talk of the Towns Theme music for Talk of the Towns is a medley from Coronach, on a Balnain House Highland Music recording.

Talk of the Towns: Local Community concerns and opportunities

This month:

- What happens to students when they are engaged to learn out of doors? (Tell some stories!)
- Do you incorporate learning beyond “science”? (literature, history, art?)
- What have been the responses to bringing education out of doors—from students, from other teachers, from parents?
- What are the challenges you face in offering/promoting education outdoors? (e.g. costs, transportation, insurance, resistance, hesitation from teachers who feel they do not have adequate experience or skills? Note 2022 Census of Community-Based Outdoor and Environmental Learning?)
- Where do you get support for teaching out of doors? Teach ME Outside and other educational resources and networks, philanthropy, etc.
- What else would you advise for teachers, school leaders and parents about making the most of educating out of doors?

Guest/s:

Hazel Stark, Maine Outdoor School, Milbridge (and producer of The Nature of Phenology on WERU)

Tiara Woods, Middle Level Classroom Teacher, Lamoine Consolidated School

Landere Naisbitt, Education Coordinator, Blue Hill Heritage Trust

Around Town 5/11/23: Bill Nemitz on the Maine Journalism Foundation 8:30-8:35 am

Producer/Host: Amy Browne

This week we're talking with award-winning long time Maine journalist Bill Nemitz. He's been a reporter, editor and columnist for newspapers in Maine since 1977, and now he's embarking on a new project with a goal of keeping media independent – but he and his partners will need public support to make it happen.

FMI: Maine Journalism Foundation

Common Ground Radio 5/11/23: A Conversation About Herbalism with Emily Springer of Meeting House Farm 4-5pm

Producers/Hosts: Caitlyn Barker

Editor: Clare Boland

Common Ground Radio is an hour-long discussion of local food and organic agriculture with people here in the state of Maine and beyond.

This month:

Topics this episode include:

– Herbalism, including herb growing techniques, harvesting and processing methods and uses.

Guest/s:

Emily Springer, Meeting House Farm, Scarborough, Maine.

Justice Radio 5/11/23: Are Prisons the Answer? – The Quiet Revolution 5-5:30pm

Hosts: Leo Hylton and Catherine Besteman

Production Coordinator: Daria Cullen

Other credits: TECHNICAL SUPPORT – Lucas Brown | MUSIC – Samuel James

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Justice Radio: Tackling the hard questions about our criminal legal system in Maine.

This week: How do we effect actual transformative change in the criminal legal system? Find out with Hosts Leo Hylton and Catherine Besteman and special guests, Marion Anderson, Campaign Organizer and Justice Radio show host, and Jeff Evangelos, former Maine State House Legislator and fierce advocate for a fair legal system.

Guest/s:

Marion Anderson, Campaign Organizer and Justice Radio show host

Jeff Evangelos, Former Maine State House Legislator

Let's Talk About It 5/12/23: Narcisstic Abuse 4-5pm

Producer/Host: Patrisha McLean

Production assistance: Tammy Oropesa

Music: Jackie McLean Strack

Let's Talk About It: Conversations with Survivors of Domestic Abuse

Topics include:

Using your love of pets to terrorize you, no justice for domestic violence victims and no accountability for domestic violence perpetrators.

Guest(s):

Aimee, author of the blog [Biddeford Bachelorette](#)

Mandy

The Nature of Phenology 5/13/23: Red Trillium 9-9:30am

Producers: Hazel Stark & Joe Horn

Host: Hazel Stark

Red trillium has an unpleasant, sickly smell that attracts carrion flies as pollinators, pointing to its other common name of "stinking Benjamin."

Photos, a full transcript, references, contact information, and more available at thenatureofphenology.wordpress.com.

The Essential Rhythm 5/14/23: The Perils and Promise of eDNA 9-9:30am

Producer/Host: Sarah O'Malley

This episode describes the process of using environmental DNA (eDNA) to investigate the presence or absence of organisms in the environment.

Relationship Rewind 5/16/23: Breaking Down Breaking Bad 4:30-5pm

Host: Alli Williamson (she, hers) Youth Educator and Advocate at NextStep Domestic Violence Project. **NextStep 24/7 Helpline: 1(800) 315-5579**

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Guest/s:

Olivia (she, her pronouns) a local college student and host of a podcast called Sisters and the Stars which focuses on film analysis.

Around Town 5/18/23: Downeast Community Partners' "Top to Bottom" drive 8:30-8:35 am

Producer/Host: Amy Browne

Sharon Catus from Downeast Community Partners joins us this week to talk about their upcoming "Top to Bottom" drive on Friday the 26th.

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Guest/s:

Rep. Cherie Cruz of Rhode Island

Democracy Forum 5/19/23: Young Change Makers: Owning the Future 4-5pm

Host: Ann Luther, League of Women Voters of Maine

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Democracy Forum: Participatory Democracy, encouraging citizens to take an active role in government and politics

This month:

We'll talk about how young people are engaging politically nationwide and here in Maine. What motivates them? What challenges do they face? What can the larger community do to support their efforts? Why is it important to the future of democracy?

Guest/s:

Cole Cochrane, Co-founder, Maine Youth Action

Mahnoor Hussain, Program Director, CIRCLE

Anna Siegel, founding member of Maine Youth Climate Justice and co founder of Maine Youth Action

The Nature of Phenology 5/20/23: Bobolinks 9-9:30am

Producers: Hazel Stark & Joe Horn

Host: Hazel Stark

Want another excuse to not mow your field? Look no further than the bobolink.

Photos, a full transcript, references, contact information, and more

The Essential Rhythm 5/21/23: Does rockweed harvest damage intertidal ecosystems? 9-9:30am

Producer/Host: Sarah O'Malley

This episode summarizes the findings of Johnston et al (2023) showing that commercial rockweed harvest as practiced in Maine results in on average reduced height but pre harvest levels of biomass one year post harvest. Different implications based on management perspectives are noted.

Johnston, Elliot et al 2023 Bed-scale impact and recovery of a commercially important intertidal seaweed, Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology 561:151869

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way to save money for the State since we were in a World War. They discuss ways to do this in these committee meetings. Much like the Nixon tapes these transcripts are a smoking gun that reveal in the Legislators own words a long-range plan to eliminate the Maine Tribes. MacDonald was the Director of Health and Welfare this was the department the Maine Tribes were placed into for oversight from their previous placement under the Maine Fish and Wildlife Department.

Guest/s:

Eric Mehnert, Chief Judge of the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court.

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Professors Harald Prins is a Native of the Netherlands. He is a Distinguished Professor of Anthropology and an Emertus at Kansas State University.

Darren Ranco, Member of the Penobscot Nation. He is Professor of Anthropology and Chair of the Native American Studies at the University of Maine.

Power for the People 5/24/23: Advice and Information for Heat Pumps 4-5pm

Producer/Host: Steve Kahl

Power for the People: Energy education and solutions for Mainers and Maine communities

This month:

- How heat pumps work
- Cooling AND heating
- Hints for location decisions
- Maintenance recommendations

Guest/s:

Matt Scott, co-owner, Dave's World (Ellsworth and 4 other locations in Maine)

Notes from the Electronic Cottage 5/25/23: AI Snake Oil 7:30-7:40am

Producer/Host: Jim Campbell

AI is part of our world now/ As with many new technologies, it is wise to pay attention to claims of new wonders since some may turn out to be little more than "snake oil", even when they come from usually reliable sources. Here are a few examples.

Around Town 5/25/23: Sustainable Communities Day 8:30-8:35 am

Producer/Host: Amy Browne

Today we're talking with Gregory Biddinger, one of the organizers of a Sustainable Communities Day coming up in on 6/1/23 from 1-4:30pm at the Belfast Boathouse. FMI: Contact Gregory Biddinger at (713) 203-0066 or email gbiddi@gmail.com

NextWave Radio Hour 5/25/23: Figuring Out Who You Are 4-5pm

Producer/Host: Pepin Mittelhauser

Theme music by Zeke Sacaridiz. All other music is royalty free. This project was made possible by the generous support of the Maine Community Foundation.

NextWave Radio Hour is a new program featuring folks around their 20s and 30s, often referred to as Millennials, from all across Maine. In this program, host Pepin Mittelhauser will be discussing issues, news, and current events both locally and nationally, and featuring young creators who trailblaze their own paths in our modern political, economic, and social climate. We hope to provide unique perspectives of life from the next generation working to create the future they hope to lead.

Guest/s:

Jordan Chalfant, artist, naturalist, manager at The Naturalist's Notebook, and collaborator on the Seaweeds of Maine project.

Justice Radio 5/25/23: Creating Windows Not Bars – Prison Education, Part I 5-5:30pm

Host/s: Linda Small and Mackenzie Kelley

Production Coordinator: Daria Cullen

Other credits: TECHNICAL SUPPORT – Lucas Brown | MUSIC – Samuel James

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Justice Radio: Tackling the hard questions about our criminal legal system in Maine.

This week: Hosts Linda Small and Mackenzie Kelley, along with special guests Rebecca Bahr and Colleen Coffey, discuss the challenges and opportunities for higher education while incarcerated or returning home.

Guest/s:

Rebecca Bahr, a Teacher at Horace Mann in New York

Colleen Coffey, Education Equity and Advancement Coordinator with the Washington County Community College

The Nature of Phenology 5/27/23: Blue-Eyed Grass 9-9:30am

Producers: Hazel Stark & Joe Horn

Host: Hazel Stark

Contrary to the plant's common name, blue-eyed grass is not a grass at all, but rather a member of the *Iridaceae*, or iris family.

Photos, a full transcript, references, contact information, and more available at thenatureofphenology.wordpress.com.

Justice Radio 6/1/23: Ending the War on Drugs in Maine – Harm Reduction is Love and Other Truths 5-5:30pm

Host/s: Charlotte Warren and Zoe Brokos

Production Coordinator: Daria Cullen

Other credits: TECHNICAL SUPPORT – Lucas Brown | MUSIC – Samuel James

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This week: Harm Reduction is Love and Other Truths with your hosts Charlotte Warren and Zoe Brokos and special guest Chasity Tuell of Maine Access Points as they talk about the pathway to ending the war on drugs in Maine.

Guest/s:

Chasity Tuell of Maine Access Points.

Around Town 6/1/23: MDI YWCA Takes Step to Address Affordable Housing Shortage 8:30-8:35 am

Producer/Host: Amy Browne

Jackie Davidson, Executive Director of the YWCA of MDI fills us in on the details. FMI: www.ywcamdi.org/ or (207)288-5008

Conversations from the Pointed Firs 6/2/23: Julia Bouwsma 4-5pm

Host: Peter Neill

Producer: Trisha Badger

Music by Casey Neill

Conversations from the Pointed Firs is a monthly audio series with Maine-connected authors and artists discussing new books and creative projects that invoke the spirit of Maine, its history, its ecology, its culture, and its contribution to community and quality of life.

This month:

The guest for this month is Julia Bouwsma, poet laureate of Maine and author of “Midden”, an award-winning collection of poems published by Fordham University Press in 2018, an

intimate and raw set of poems addressing a dark and important piece of Maine history that transpired on Malaga Island in Casco Bay in 1912.

The Nature of Phenology 6/3/23: Lamoine Ospreys 9-9:05am

Producers: Hazel Stark & Joe Horn

Host: Hazel Stark

Learn about ospreys, written and performed by Lamoine Consolidated School 6th-grade students, thanks to partnerships with teacher Tiara Woods, Frenchman Bay Conservancy, and Maine Outdoor School.

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The Essential Rhythm 6/4/23: Horseshoe crabs in Maine 9-9:05am

Producer/Host: Sarah O'Malley

This episode describes some key anatomical features of *Limulus polyphemus*, American horseshoe crabs and explains the mating behaviors that can be seen when the animals visit the intertidal zone.

Around Town 6/6/23: Community Festival and Fun Run at Coe Park June 10th 8:30-8:35 am

Producer/Host: Amy Browne

Jack McKay, Executive Director of Food AND Medicine is here with all the details

Common Ground Radio 6/7/23: Plastic and the Environment 4-5pm

Host: Holli Cederholm

Editor: Clare Boland

Common Ground Radio is an hour-long discussion of local food and organic agriculture with people here in the state of Maine and beyond.

This month:

In the June 2023 episode of MOFGA's Common Ground Radio dives into plastic. A conversation with Erica Cirino, the author of "Thicker Than Water: The Quest for Solutions to the Plastic Crisis" and communications manager for the Plastic Pollution Coalition, explores the impact of plastic on the environment, agriculture and rural communities. The

show also touches upon plastic use in agriculture with Caleb Goossen, crop and conservation specialist with the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA), including alternatives to plastic, recycling for greenhouse plastic, and the need for more research.

Guest/s:

Erica Cirino

Caleb Goossen

Around Town 6/8/23: Local PRIDE 2023 Events 8:30-8:35 am

Producer/Host: Amy Browne

Maggie Hirshland from OUT Maine joins us with the details

The Nature of Phenology 6/10/23: Lamoine Atlantic Salmon 9-9:30am

Producers: Hazel Stark & Joe Horn

Host: Hazel Stark

Learn about Atlantic salmon, written and performed by Lamoine Consolidated School 6th-grade students, thanks to partnerships with teacher Tiara Woods, Frenchman Bay Conservancy, the Fish Friends program, and Maine Outdoor School.

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Around Town 6/13/23: Sea Shanties by the Seashore with Rockland Folks Arts 8:30-8:35 am

Producer/Host: Amy Browne

Kathy Westra Stevens of Rockland Folk Arts joins us to talk about their upcoming event featuring 40 Degrees South – Sea Shanties & Sea Songs from Australia, on Friday, 6/16 at the Sail Power and Steam Museum in Rockland.

Around Town 6/15/23: Summer Solstice on Sears Island 8:30-8:35 am

Producer/Host: Amy Browne

Rolf Olsen, Friends of Sears Island invites the community to a summer solstice celebration on Sears Island (off Rt 1 in Searsport) next Wednesday, 6/21, 5-8 pm

Democracy Forum 6/16/23: Public Opinion Polling: Is It Good for Democracy 4-5pm

Host: Ann Luther, League of Women Voters of Maine

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Democracy Forum: Participatory Democracy, encouraging citizens to take an active role in government and politics

This month:

We'll talk about whether modern polling techniques have been good for democracy. Is polling a reflection of public opinion; is it shaping public opinion; or is it distorting public opinion? Who is it helping? And how can we be responsible consumers of polling information?

Guest/s:

Ashley Koning, Assistant Research Professor and Director of the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling at the Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

Dan Shea, Chair and Professor of Government at Colby College.

The Nature of Phenology 6/17/23: Common yellow wood sorrel 9-9:30am

Producers: Hazel Stark & Joe Horn

Host: Hazel Stark

If you're seeking a bright trailside nibble or something to adorn a salad or pasta dish, look no further than wood sorrel.

The Essential Rhythm 6/18/23: How Are They Doing It? It's Complicated... 9-9:30am

Producer/Host: Sarah O'Malley

This episode describes the state of horseshoe crab populations as well as the challenges to understanding population levels in the absence of data.

Around Town 6/20/23: Maine Natural History Observatory – Events this weekend on MDI 8:30-8:35 am

Producer/Host: Amy Browne

Celeste and Glen Mittelhauser of Maine Natural History Observatory join us this week to let listeners know about 20th anniversary events, including forest ecology walks this weekend on MDI.

NextWave Radio Hour 6/22/23: Celebrating One Year 4-5pm

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This week: Hosts Linda Small and Mackenzie Kelley of Creating Windows Not Bars on Justice Radio, and special guests Rebecca Bahr and Colleen Coffey, continue their discussion about challenges and opportunities for higher education while incarcerated or after returning home.

Guest/s:

Rebecca Bahr, a Teacher at Horace Mann in New York

Colleen Coffey, Education Equity and Advancement Coordinator with the Washington County Community College

The Nature of Phenology 6/24/23: White skimmer dragonflies 9-9:30am

Producers: Hazel Stark & Joe Horn

Host: Hazel Stark

Each individual adult can eat anywhere from thirty to hundreds of mosquitoes each day, which shows not only how important dragonflies are to our comfort and safety, but also how important mosquitoes and other biting insects are to the wellbeing of dragonflies and, by extension, the birds, fish, and amphibians that rely on them as a food source.

Photos, a full transcript, references, contact information, and more available at thenatureofphenology.wordpress.com.

The Essential Rhythm 6/25/23: Blue Blood 9-9:30am

Producer/Host: Sarah O'Malley

This episode explains why horseshoe crabs' blood is blue as well as the critically important substance found in it. Limulus amoebocyte lysate is isolated from horseshoe crab blood and used to test the sterility of medical equipment and vaccines, and as of yet has no approved synthetic alternative in the United States.

Around Town 6/27/23: Update on the latest threat to Sears Island 8:30-8:35 am

Producer/Host: Amy Browne

Steve Miller of Islesboro Islands Trust spoke with us on Friday, ahead of the final meeting of the Maine DOT's Offshore Wind Power Advisory Group.

Power for the People 6/28/23: Energy reduction progress at College of the Atlantic 4-5pm

Producer/Host: Steve Kahl

Power for the People: Energy education and solutions for Mainers and Maine communities

This month:

- Steps to transition any home or building off fossil fuels
- Non-energy benefits, such as conform of occupants
- Training and career opportunities in the energy field

Guest/s:

David Gibson, Sustainability Director, College of the Atlantic
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