

90.5 WICN-FM WORCESTER, MA
QUARTERLY ISSUES
Second Quarter 2020

This listing includes some of the significant issues responded to by WICN(FM), Worcester, Massachusetts along with the most significant treatment of those issues for the period April 1st – June 30th, 2020. This listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Arts

Sunday, April 12 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

Can contemporary art help rewrite a country's history? Tonight on Inquiry, we welcome back MARISA ANNE BASS, associate professor of the history of art at Yale University. Tonight, we talk about Netherlandish artist Jan Gossart (1478-1532), whose beautiful paintings of classical mythological subjects were part of a cultural search in the Low Countries for a renaissance of their very own. Marisa Anne Bass' gorgeous book on the subject is: JAN GOSSART AND THE INVENTION OF NETHERLANDISH ANTIQUITY.

Sunday, May 10 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

For much of the 20th Century, artists drew and painted designs for book covers that are real works of art. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with MARTIN SALISBURY. He is Professor of Illustration at Cambridge School of Art in Anglia Ruskin University. We will be talking with him about his surprising and beautiful new book THE ILLUSTRATED DUST JACKET 1920-1970.

Sunday, June 28 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry, we talk with film maker, visual and performance artist JULIA OLDHAM. Her work combines film and video, animation and manipulated photography to create alternate realities that "ride the fine line between the real and unreal."

Business

Sunday, April 5 – 10:00PM

Business Beat

Business Beat continues its weekly look at the impact of the coronavirus on the local economy, with insights on maintaining your mental health during this unprecedented time.

Sunday, April 12 – 10:00PM

Business Beat

Business Beat continues its weekly look at the impact of the coronavirus on the local economy, with a segment featuring Laura Fitton discussing the PPE shortage and how individuals can collect and donate necessary gear to local hospitals.

Sunday, April 19 – 10:00PM

Business Beat

Business Beat continues its weekly look at the impact of the coronavirus on the local economy. This episode features a discussion of the PPP rollout and the "Shake Shack Loophole" that allowed national chains to claim funds ahead of small businesses most in need of PPP relief.

Sunday, April 26 – 10:00PM

Business Beat

Business Beat continues its weekly look at the impact of the coronavirus on the local economy, with insights on the rapid shift of businesses to accommodate stay-at-home orders, including first-run movies coming to PPV and gyms providing virtual classes through Zoom and Facebook Live.

Sunday, May 3 – 10:00PM

Business Beat

Business Beat continues its weekly look at the impact of the coronavirus on the local economy. This episode focuses on the dilemma facing many small businesses: to open, or to remain closed.

Sunday, May 10 – 10:00PM

Business Beat

Business Beat continues its weekly look at the impact of the coronavirus on the local economy. This episode focuses on the shift among consumers to grow their own vegetables and local businesses providing support for these initiatives, along with a look at the stock market rollercoaster due to the shutdowns around the country.

Sunday, May 17 – 10:00PM

Business Beat

Business Beat continues its weekly look at the impact of the coronavirus on the local economy. This episode looks at “the great leap forward” as businesses in Massachusetts slowly resume operations. We’re joined by Kathy Klingler of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts to discuss their “We Are Mighty, Massachusetts” initiative.

Sunday, May 24 – 10:00PM

Business Beat

Business Beat continues its weekly look at the impact of the coronavirus on the local economy, with a focus on the “great divide” between small businesses forced to shut down while big-box retailers were allowed to remain open. The hosts are joined by Jon Hurst, President of the Retailers Association of Massachusetts.

Sunday, May 31 – 10:00PM

Business Beat

Business Beat continues its weekly look at the impact of the coronavirus on the local economy. This episode focuses on business ethics. What do you do when no one is watching you? That’s what defines you and your brand.

Sunday, June 7 – 10:00PM

Business Beat

Business Beat continues its weekly look at the impact of the coronavirus on the local economy. This episode takes a close look at the importance of business ethics in the age of Black Lives Matter.

Sunday, June 14 – 10:00PM

Business Beat

Business Beat continues its weekly look at the impact of the coronavirus on the local economy, with a focus on how small business owners are struggling to survive through the extended economic shutdown during the pandemic.

Sunday, June 21 – 10:00PM

Business Beat

Business Beat continues its weekly look at the impact of the coronavirus on the local economy. This episode focuses on the state’s reopening plans and how small businesses must adapt to the new regulations, from mandatory masks to ensuring social distancing among employees and customers.

Sunday, June 28 – 10:00PM

Business Beat

In this encore episode, the hosts welcome One Mission founder Ashley Haseotes to discuss her nonprofit organizations “Buzz-Off” event, which raises money to support the families of children undergoing cancer treatment in Boston hospitals.

Culture – Popular, including Music

Sunday, April 5 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with writer, film producer, and screen writer MALLORY O'MEARA. Her new book details her long quest to uncover the details of the life of Milicent Patrick, Disney animator and designer of one of the most iconic monsters of Universal films: the Creature from the Black Lagoon. The reason Patrick's story was so tough to uncover is because her role in the design of several monsters at Universal had been purposely minimized and covered up. O'Meara's book is THE LADY FROM THE BLACK LAGOON: HOLLYWOOD MONSTERS AND THE LOST LEGACY OF MILICENT PATRICK.

Sunday, May 17 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we welcome songwriter, musician, and performer AMY RIGBY. She has written a wonderful memoir of her formative years in New York City in the late 70s and early 80s and how her career in music began: GIRL TO CITY: A MEMOIR.

Sunday, May 24 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

Inquiry welcomes back ALEXIS RHONE FANCHER, poet, photographer, and poetry editor of Cultural Weekly. Tonight we will be talking about her latest collection of poems: THE DEAD KID POEMS

Sunday, June 21 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we speak with artist and album art director MICHAEL MENDEL. He created hundreds of record album covers for artists like Etta James, Donovan, the Stylistics, Tony Bennett, Gladys Knight, and the New York Philharmonic.

Health

Sunday, May 10 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

Are we losing our ability to feel empathy the more we become enthralled to portable tech? Are Facebook and Twitter creating a nation of the emotionally handicapped? Can this same tech also help us to restore our emotional health? Tonight on Inquiry, we talk with KAITLIN UGOLIK PHILLIPS about her important new book: THE FUTURE OF FEELING: BUILDING EMPATHY IN A TECH-OBSSESSED WORLD.

History

Sunday, April 19 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we talk about movie musicals! Our guest is JEANINE BASINGER. She is the founder of the Department of Film Studies at Wesleyan University, and the curator of the cinema archives there. Her monumental new book is THE MOVIE MUSICAL! It is a wonderful history and bound to start a thousand discussions, even arguments

“Count backwards from 100...” Tonight on Inquiry we have a conversation that is not for the squeamish. We talk with RICHARD HOLLINGHAM, science journalist, author, and BBC radio presenter. He will be discussing his book BLOOD AND GUTS: A HISTORY OF SURGERY.

Sunday, April 26 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry, we continue our conversation with JEANINE BASINGER about her book THE MOVIE MUSICAL! Basinger is the founder of the Department of Film Studies at Wesleyan University and curator of the cinema archives there. Tonight we talk about the early years of the movie musical and the contributions of Ernst Lubitsch, Rouben Mamoulian, Fred Astaire, and Busby Berkeley to the art of the movie musical.

Sunday, May 24 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

Inquiry welcomes back poet, playwright, and recording artist MICHAEL C. FORD. His new book THE WAR CHAMBER MINISTRY is powerful collection of works, some dating back decades, centering on war and the military industrial complex.

Sunday, May 31 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

“ That’s one small step for man...one giant leap for mankind” Tonight on Inquiry we talk with artist and writer JONATHAN FETTER-VORM. His new graphic history is about the Apollo 11 moon landing as well as a concise history of how cultures around the world have thought about the moon, the history of astronomy and rocketry and the politics of the space race. It’s a history like no other that you have read: MOONBOUND: APOLLO 11 AND THE DREAM OF SPACEFLIGHT.

Sunday, June 14 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

In Weimar Germany, between the wars, the Bauhaus was the most progressive and influential art school in the world. Teachers included world-renown artists like Paul Klee and Wassily Kandinsky. Tonight on Inquiry, we talk about the very modern women who were students at the Bauhaus. Tonight’s guest is PATRICK RÖSSLER. He teaches Communication Science at the University of Erfurt focusing on visual communication from an historical viewpoint. We will be talking about his new book BAUHAUS MÄDELS, a collection of photographs and short biographies of the women who were students at the Bauhaus.

Sunday, June 28 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with MINDY JOHNSON, award-winning author, historian, film maker, educator, and musician. Two of her latest books are outstanding histories of the crucial role women have played in the history of Disney animation. Her INK & PAINT: THE WOMEN OF WALT DISNEY’S ANIMATION is large format book for adult readers. DISNEY PENCILS, PENS & BRUSHES: A GREAT GIRLS GUIDE TO DISNEY ANIMATION is for younger readers.

Humanities

Politics/Current Affairs

Sunday, April 5 – 10:30PM

Public Eye

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Science & Nature

Sunday, April 5 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

Women have made important contributions to science, but often their long years of research have gone unrecognized and is underappreciated. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with CATHERINE WHITLOCK. She has a PhD in Immunology and writes about science for numerous websites and magazines. Along with DR. RHODRI EVANS, they have written: 10 WOMEN WHO CHANGED SCIENCE AND THE WORLD: TRAILBLAZERS, PIONEERS, AND REVOLUTIONARIES. Tune in and learn about scientists like Dorothy Hodgkin and Rita Levi-Montalcini.

Sunday, April 12 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight on Inquiry we welcome back BERND HEINRICH, acclaimed scientist, natural historian, and the author of numerous books. Tonight we talk about his latest book, a several years long close study of the Tree Swallows that nest on his property: WHITE FEATHERS: THE NESTING LIVES OF TREE SWALLOWS.

Sunday, April 26 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

How do we find meaning and purpose in a vast universe ruled by chance and entropy, doomed to disintegration? Tonight on Inquiry we welcome BRIAN GREENE. He is a professor of physics and mathematics and director of Columbia University's Center for Theoretical Physics. His new book is a mind-expanding trip from the Big Bang through till after the end of time and proton decay, evaporating Black Holes, and the disintegration of everything: UNTIL THE END OF TIME: MIND, MATTER, AND OUR SEARCH FOR MEANING IN AN EVOLVING UNIVERSE.

Sunday, May 3 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

Tonight we welcome back OLIVER KOMAR. He is an ornithologist, professor of natural resources management at Zamorano University in Honduras, and the co-author of THE PETERSON FIELD GUIDE TO BIRDS OF NORTHERN CENTRAL AMERICA. In December of 2019, Komar was part of a group of intrepid natural historians who hiked over 120 kms through dense rainforest to the remote and little visited Darien Gap, on the border with Colombia. We will talk with him about what that experience was like.

He's been stalked by lions, punched by gorillas, and just missed being devoured by Safari Ants. These are just a few of the amazing experiences of tonight's guest on Inquiry GAVIN THURSTON. He has been an award-winning cameraman for nature series like Blue Planet II, Planet Earth II, and the Trials of Life, and many others. He has filmed wildlife on every continent, a number of times with Sir David Attenborough. His new memoir of his experiences gives the reader insight of what it's like to capture those perfect shots of the natural world that we love to see on TV. His book is: JOURNEYS IN THE WILD: THE SECRET LIFE OF A CAMERAMAN.

Sunday, May 17 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

How does a tiny chickadee survive in the northern woods in winter where temperatures may go down to 20 degrees below zero? What is winter like for warblers that breed in Massachusetts forests, but overwinter in Central America? Tonight on Inquiry we talk with ROGER F. PASQUIER. He is a life-long birder and has had a career with the International Council for Bird Conservation, the Environmental Defense Fund, and the National Audubon Society. He is currently an associate in the Department of Ornithology at the American Museum of Natural History. We will be discussing his latest book: BIRDS IN WINTER: SURVIVING THE MOST CHALLENGING SEASON.

Sunday, May 31 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

As we slide into summer, the birds are singing all around us. Have you ever wondered why birds sing? How they make those beautiful sounds? Tune in tonight on Inquiry when we welcome back DONALD KROODSMA, world-renowned authority on birdsong and professor emeritus of ornithology at the University of Massachusetts. His new book is a portal to over 75 hours of listening to the varieties of birdsong while at the same time, teaching you how to listen critically: BIRDSONG FOR THE CURIOUS NATURALIST: YOUR GUIDE TO LISTENING.

Sunday, June 7 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

String Theory. Magnetic Monopoles. Supersymmetry. Some of the most promising concepts and theories of theoretical physics were generated by ideas originating in advanced mathematics, not based on the results of physical experiments. Can only pure thought grasp reality as Einstein believed? Tonight on Inquiry, we talk with author GRAHAM FARMELO. He is a fellow at Churchill College at the University of Cambridge; an affiliated professor at Northeastern University; and is a regular visitor at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. We will be talking about his latest book: THE UNIVERSE SPEAKS IN NUMBERS: HOW MODERN MATH REVEALS NATURE'S DEEPEST SECRETS.

What is a butterfly worth? Why should we care if a butterfly species becomes extinct? Tonight on Inquiry we talk with NICK HADDAD. He is a professor and senior terrestrial ecologist in the Department of Interpretive Biology and the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station at Michigan State University. He has worked to help secure the remaining populations of rare butterflies and has written an important book on what it takes to turn declining butterfly populations around: THE LAST BUTTERFLIES: A SCIENTIST'S QUEST TO SAVE A RARE AND VANISHING CREATURE.

Sunday, June 21 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

Inquiry welcomes back artist, writer, and natural historian JULIE ZICKEFOOSE. She will be talking about her new book: SAVING JEMIMA: LIFE AND LOVE WITH A HARD LUCK JAY.

Technology

Sunday, June 14 – 9:00PM

Inquiry

Our two guests on Inquiry tonight are: LUKE FERNANDEZ, Assistant Professor in the School of Computing and Co director of the Tech Outreach Center at Weber State University and SUSAN J. MATT, Presidential Distinguished Professor of History at Weber State University. We will be talking about their revealing and important new book: BORED. LONELY. ANGRY. STUPID: CHANGING FEELINGS ABOUT TECHNOLOGY, FROM THE TELEGRAPH TO TWITTER.