



Lunch N' Learn Program Schedule **2024-2025 Season**



Presented by The Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve and The Tuckerton Seaport and Baymen's Museum. Zoom links and more detailed descriptions are below.

**** All programs are conducted remotely via Zoom ****

"Tales of a Troubadour"

When: Wednesday, October 9th, 2024. 12:30 PM-1:30 PM

Presenter: Valerie Vaughn, folk musician

Register here: [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Valerie Vaughn has earned recognition for her dedication to preserving cultural heritage and folklore through music. Her songs about local history have become beloved by audiences in the Tuckerton, New Jersey area and beyond, earning her the title of New Jersey's Troubadour. Join Valerie as she shares her musical process during this month's Lunch N' Learn.

"History Through the Lens of Captain Dick Gouldey"

When: Wednesday, November 13th, 2024. 12:30 PM-1:30 PM

Presenter: Captain Dick Gouldey

Register here: [Zoom Registration Link](#)

You may have seen Captain Dick Gouldey at the helm of Tuckerton Seaport's Ferry, but have you ever wondered who the man behind the wheel really is? Before his life on the water, he captured the essence of city life as a photographer for the city of Philadelphia. In this Lunch N' Learn, Captain Gouldey will share captivating stories from his diverse career and reveal how photography has the power to tell compelling stories. Don't miss this unique opportunity to see the world through the lens of a true storyteller.

"Seasonal Folk Art with Niki Giberson"

When: Wednesday, December 11th, 2024. 12:30 PM-1:30 PM

Presenter: Niki Giberson, artist

Register here: [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Join local artist and owner of Swan Bay Folk Art Center, Niki Giberson, for this festive Lunch N' Learn. Niki will share some of her favorite holiday-themed projects, while explaining the rich traditions behind these crafts. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or just love the holidays, this session promises to serve as inspiration for your own holiday decorations.

“Tagging and Tracking New Jersey’s Favorite Flatfish: Summer Flounder”

When: Wednesday, January 8th, 2025. 12:30 PM-1:30 PM

Presenter: Chase Wunder, Graduate Research Assistant, Rutgers University/JC NERR

Register here: [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Summer flounder, commonly referred to as “Fluke”, are one of the most sought after recreational and commercial fish along the Atlantic coast. These flatfish are commonly captured by anglers in coastal bays and rivers from late spring through the warm summer months, but also inhabit the coastal ocean during this period before migrating further offshore for overwintering. Understanding the drivers of seasonal habitat use and migration routes is important to be able to predict potential population shifts driven by warming oceans or impending offshore wind power (OSW) infrastructure development. Chase Wunder will discuss summer flounder biology and current efforts to track their movements throughout New Jersey using electronic and volunteer-based tagging.

“Improving Range Projections for Atlantic Croaker”

When: Wednesday, February 12th, 2025. 12:30 PM-1:30 PM

Presenter: Kyra Fitz. Rutgers Ph.D. Candidate and previous JC NERR Margaret A. Davidson fellow.

Register here: [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Marine species on the East coast are rapidly moving north as waters warm. This presentation will cover a new approach to projecting how and when species move their ranges. The approach uses DNA sequencing to identify adaptation across an organism's genome and applies it to Atlantic croaker, a fish that has been moving into the New Jersey area in recent years.

“Salt Marsh Response to Sea Level Rise: Changes in the last century”

When: Wednesday, March 12th, 2025. 12:30 PM-1:30 PM

Presenter: Ken Able, Professor Emeritus, Marine and Coastal Sciences, Rutgers University

Register here: [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Join Rutgers Professor Emeritus, Ken Able for an in-depth discussion about how the salt marshes within the Jacques Cousteau Reserve, particularly along the Great Bay Blvd Wildlife Management area, have changed over time in response to sea level rise and what we can expect to see in the future.

“Frequently Asked Questions about Mosquitoes”

When: Wednesday, April 9th, 2025. 12:30 PM-1:30 PM

Presenter: Dr. Dina Fonseca, Professor and Chair, Department of Entomology. Director, Center for Vector Biology, Rutgers University.

Register here: [Zoom Registration Link](#)

The weather is getting warmer, which means critters like no-see-ums, mosquitoes, ticks and other pesky insects are starting to reemerge. For this presentation, Dr. Dina Fonseca will discuss all things mosquitoes for an interactive FAQ! Dr. Fonseca has extensive experience working on the ecological and evolutionary genetics of invasive mosquitoes and ticks and the parasite/pathogens they transmit.

“Behind the Blade: Chainsaw Art with Joe Wenal”

When: Wednesday, May 7th, 2025. 12:30 PM-1:30 PM *(changed to first Wednesday of the month)*

Presenter: Joe Wenal, chainsaw carving master and artist

Register here: [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Joe Wenal is not only a chainsaw carving master but also an artist with a unique approach to his craft. In this Lunch N' Learn, Joe will share his journey, from his early days honing his skills to creating the awe-inspiring sculptures that have captivated audiences across the country. Join us for an inside look at the artistry, creativity, and dedication behind each carving, and discover what fuels Joe's passion for transforming wood into life-like masterpieces!