

2022
WINTER
& SPRING

PROGRAMS

Bringing nature & science education to our community since 1872! | 8 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738 | 508-748-2098 | marionmuseum.org

After School Programs \$8 / members | \$10 / non-members

HELD AT THE MUSEUM FROM 3:30 - 4:30PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

February 16 - Great Backyard Bird

Count Let's discover how to participate in this worldwide citizen science effort. Nasketucket Bird Club president Justin Barrett will show us techniques to identify birds and how to log your birds. We will also learn how to record your findings online and see what species others are reporting around the world. Be a citizen scientist while having fun in your own backyard or local park.

March 2 - Monarchs A lifelong monarch enthusiast, Maggie Payne will cover the life cycle of the monarch butterfly and the amazing journey that these butterflies take from New England to Mexico every year. Learn how you can make your yard a monarch habitat to help in their population recovery.

March 16 - Fossil Hunting 101

Come learn about fossils and fossil hunting. Amateur Paleontologist Jim Pierson will help us explore this unique world and learn how to start looking for your own T-Rex. Jim will be bringing in examples of his personal collection of rocks, minerals, and fossils from around the world to examine. We will also be looking at the museum's extensive collection.

April 13 - Let's Dive into Vernal

Pools Let's study these nurseries of the forest. We will be using microscopes and magnifiers to take a close look at some of the plants and animals that rely on this important forest habitat (then they will be brought back to the same pool they came from). Hands-on program so plan to get a little messy!

April 27 - Trip to Bird Island

Let's go visit Bird Island with Isaac Perry and the Marion Harbormaster's office. We will see the habitat of some of the world's rarest birds. *This program fills very fast so please register early!*

May 11 - "Naturally" Artistic

Join us after school where we'll explore the synergy of nature and art. Plan to roll up your sleeves, have fun and get creative! Artist and graphic designer Karen Alves will be leading this program.

May 25 - This IS Rocket Science!

Join us while learning about propulsion and lift with Mike Cronin. Each child will have his/her own rocket with motor to assemble and launch. The cost for this program is \$20 per participant. Space is limited to 12 children. *The program is limited to children ages 6 and older, on a first-come, first-served basis.* Parent volunteers are encouraged to help with rocket assembly.

June 8 - Exploring Ram Island

Situated within Sippican Harbor, Ram Island has some unique ecosystems for us to explore. Owners Michael and Hannah Moore have invited our after school group to explore their saltmarshes, rocky intertidal shoreline, mud flats (depending on tide) and several Osprey nests. This will be a longer trip than usual, so please plan to pick up at the Harbormaster's Office at 5:00 rather than our usual time. Life jackets will be required, and plan for the kids to get muddy and wet. *Program is for children only with a 12 person limit.*



Marion Natural History Museum

Visit us! Volunteer! Become a member!

Museum Hours

Wed: 10-4 | Fri: 12-2
2nd Sat of every month: 10-12
Other hours by appointment



FREE Senior & Community Programs

WEDNESDAYS
10:30 - 11:30AM
Unless Otherwise Noted

****Preregistration and the wearing of masks will be required for museum entrance**

For more information or to register:

VISIT: marionmuseum.org
EMAIL: director@marionmuseum.org
CALL: 508-748-2098

March 9 - "Butterfly Man"

Yarmouth resident Joe Dwelly will be visiting the Marion Natural History Museum to share what he knows about our local butterfly species. Mr. Dwelly will give advice about where they can be found and how community members can attract them to their own backyards. Not only will he teach attendees about particular habitat and migration patterns, Dwelly will also profile plant and butterfly "pairings," which can run the gamut. For the southeastern Massachusetts area, that means he will highlight a handful of his favorites, including Monarchs and milkweed; the Spicebush Swallowtail and sassafras; and the Mourning Cloak and hackberry. Come join us for a fun and interesting talk about these fascinating and helpful insects.

March 30 - Unique Birds of Marion

Justin Barrett of the Nasketucket Bird Club will be discussing our native bird species. We'll explore some of the most unique and rare birds that call Marion home or use it as a stopover site during migration. Join us to see what makes Marion the perfect place for these birds.

April 6 - To Bee or Not to Bee: Creating a Pollinator Garden for Bees

There's a lot of "buzz" about pollinators these days. Protect our pollinators! Save the bees! Avoid "spicy bees!" It's no question: Pollinators are critical to the life we are familiar with today. What exactly defines a "bee" or any other insect pollinator? How are they different from other animals? Each of these insects have unique requirements, behaviors, and seasonality. If we truly want to help bees, we need to think about the biology of bees. Together, we will review:

- Unique challenges bees face
- Gardening tips to support our insect pollinators
- Trends to accommodate our native species
- Anything else we can do beyond gardening

Feb 15 - May 1 | Nature Illustration

Let's have some fun drawing from nature! Drawing a natural item – a leaf, a shell, an insect – increases your observational skills and knowledge about that item. From the comfort of your own home, you can try your hand at drawing a specimen from the museum's collections. Images will be available on the website to get a clear three-dimensional view of the items. We will be switching out the specimens every few weeks till May 1st.

May 20 - Guest Speaker | Marine Biologist, Dr. Gregory Skomal

More to come! Stay in touch via social media, and visit our website for updates.



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AFTER-SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM (or register at marionmuseum.org/after-school)

YES! PLEASE REGISTER MY CHILD FOR THE FOLLOWING AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM(S):

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 Monarchs
 Fossil Hunting 101
 Let's Dive into Vernal Pools
 Trip to Bird Island
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Please note: After-school registration forms (with payment!) are to be mailed or dropped off to the Marion Natural History Museum, 8 Spring Street, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 644, Marion, MA 02738. Please do not bring the forms to the school or library, thank you! Registration is not complete without payment. Refund and registration policies are on our website. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Leidhold via e-mail at director@marionmuseum.org.

Name Member Non-member
 Address
 Telephone E-mail

Sippican School release form to walk to the program location:

I, hereby give permission to Elizabeth Leidhold of the Marion Natural History Museum, to pick up my son/daughter from Sippican School and walk them to the after-school program at the Museum or Harbormaster's Office to attend the above programs. I understand that after-program pick up is at 4:30 pm unless otherwise noted above.

My emergency contact information is the above number or **Signature:**

Marion Natural History Museum photo/media release:

I grant the Marion Natural History Society and summer program teachers the right to use, reproduce, and/or distribute photographs, films, video tapes of my child for use in any materials they may create.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: