



Cape Wildlife Center Presents “Animal Tales”

Cape Wildlife Center will commence its annual Spring Lecture Series on Feb. 21 with the first in a series called “Animal Tales,” which will spotlight some of the area’s most historical and engaging animals. The series ends April 3.

WHERE: The Community Education Room of the Cape Wildlife Center, at 4011 Main St. (Route 6A) in Barnstable. Refreshments will be served. A donation is requested and will help care for the nearly 2,000 animal patients treated by Cape Wildlife Center staff annually.

Thursday, Feb. 21, at 11 a.m. — “Rare and Heritage Breeds – Preserving an Important Part of American History.” Plimoth Plantation’s Village Farm Coordinator Norah Messier and Farm Artisan JJ Nickinello will provide information about its Rare and Heritage Breeds Program, which gives residents a look at the types of animals found in Plymouth Colony in the 17th century. Due to changes in agricultural practices since the 1600s, many of these animals have critically low breeding populations. Plimoth Plantation is part of a global effort to save the genetic diversity of these endangered breeds.

Saturday, Feb. 23, at 1 p.m. — “Coexisting with Coyotes? - Findings from the Cape Cod Wildlife Survey.” Jennifer Jackman, Ph.D., of the Department of Political Science at Salem State University, will present the results of her extensive Cape Cod residents’ survey, which measures coyote sightings and conflicts between 2005 and 2012 and addresses other species of interest.

Wednesday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. — “A Wolf at the Door.” Jonathan Way, Ph.D., author of *Suburban Howls: Tracking the Eastern Coyote in Urban Massachusetts*, will discuss his groundbreaking research on eastern coyote/coywolf ecology and behavior and the impact of coywolves on the Cape. A detailed discussion on genetics will provide a better understanding of these hybrid canids and why “coywolf” might be a better term for the animals than coyote or eastern coyote.

Wednesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. — “Cape Cod Wildlife: A History of Untamed Forests, Seas and Shores.” Author Theresa Barbo and outstanding nature photographer Heather Fone, both former Cape Wildlife Center employees, will discuss

the Cape’s unique relationship with wildlife and provide information about the myriad of species who coexist with us.

Wednesday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. — “The Future is in Our Lands.” Jaci Barton, executive director of the Barnstable Land Trust, which is steward of more than 755 acres of wildlife habitat, scenic views, wetlands, sensitive watersheds and other valuable open space, will discuss efforts to preserve our community’s open spaces and natural resources.

Wednesday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. — “Oil and Water – a Lethal Ecological Cocktail.” Lynn Miller, Cape Wildlife Center’s director of wildlife rehabilitation and president of the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council, will discuss her research into the impact of oil spills/contaminates on birds, especially Northern gannets. Her findings are applicable not just to wildlife, but to humans, as well.

CONTACT: Seating is limited. To pre-register, call (508) 362-0111.