

# HUMANITIES TRACK (4:00 – 4:45pm)

## **H.1 Environmental Song Circle**

### **All Levels**

Music can be a great way to communicate much about the environment. Whether you are trying to convince someone, describing a scene, or telling a story -- songs about the environment, usually can be shared. We will go around the circle and take turns sharing our song(s) and having others follow along. Funny, thoughtful, descriptive; bring a song or two or three and share and remember that . . . music brings people together. Bring: An acoustic instrument; approximately 10 lead sheets (words and chords on paper) if you want people to easily follow along; knowledge of the song you would like to share; and a music stand for lead sheets if you have one.

*Jeff Perkins, Member, Natchaug Jam*

## **H.2 Return of the Native**

### **All Levels**

Half the people of the US live in regions where mountain lions are found in great numbers. Western state wildlife agencies are able to successfully manage pumas along with bear, coyotes, wolves, elk and deer in a variety of habitats. Why can't Connecticut Yankees? This discussion on mountain lions in the East will provide you with a general background on mountain lions including ecology of the species, human interaction and the extinction controversy. We'll talk about why New Englanders should celebrate the return of this predator to our environment and why agencies should endeavor to protect nature's perfect predator for the benefit succeeding generations.

*William Betty, Cougars of the Valley, Punchbowl Puma Posse  
Dr. Gerald H. Krausse Professor Emeritus University of Rhode Island*

## **H.3 Butterflies in my Backyard**

### **All Levels**

Join lepidopterist Victor DeMasi as he takes you for a sunny day walk through his butterfly meadow in Redding and view some of the rare and common species he has seen there in 40 years of stewardship. Victor will explain life histories of some of our species and how a butterfly garden promotes a diversity of aurelian beauties. Topics of discussion include butterflies in our changing environment with issues such as climate change and invasive plant species, the complex demise of the Monarch Butterfly, and the biology of the Tiger swallowtail, one of our spectacular butterflies. An impressive display of specimens from the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History will be on display.

*Victor DeMasi, Redding Wetland Conservation Officer, Research Affiliate, Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History*

## **H.4 Joy of (Land Trust) Cooking**

### **All Levels**

The fact that invasive species of plants are widespread and a major threat to native ecosystems is well known, but a lesser known fact is that some of those plants are edible and delicious! Join The 3 Foragers in discovering ways of increasing awareness and combating the spread of invasive species by using our appetites as an innovative weapon, attempting to control invasive plants one bite at a time. The 3 Foragers have been blogging about their wild food adventures in Connecticut for nearly ten years, sharing their photos and recipes online.

*The 3 Foragers: Karen, Robert and Gillian Monger*

## **H.5 Build Membership and Support with Effective Video Communications**

### **All Levels**

Using a 15 minute documentary video on Lyme and its Land Trust, produced for PBS by Visionaries and hosted by actor Sam Waterston, we will discuss and demonstrate how a documentary video can be professionally produced and how it can be used to effectively engage the entire community and bolster membership. Important to the success of a video is a clear set of objectives, followed by a careful selection of topics, and an interesting cross section of people to be interviewed. Professional photographers can be hired, but only the Land Trust can supply the story they wish to tell. Learn about their experience and what it would take to make a video to promote your land trust's work.

*George Moore, Executive Director, Lyme Land Conservation Trust  
Paul Rochford, President, Burlington Land Trust, Principal, Paul Rochford Video Productions*

## Office Hours & Funders' Fair (4:00 – 4:45pm and throughout the day by appointment)

### Office Hours and Funders' Fair

Schedule an appointment or visit a booth to talk with experts on the following topics:

- **Funders' Fair** – experts from CT DEEP, Dept. of Agriculture, NRCS, Corps of Engineers/Audubon CT Fee-In-Lieu of Program, and the Conservation Fund will provide information and answer your questions about conservation funding programs. **(No appointment necessary)**
- **Accreditation** – meet with Land Trust Accreditation Commission staff Greg Good in private conversation to learn more about the land trust accreditation program. **(Contact Connie Manes: [connie@manes-consulting.com](mailto:connie@manes-consulting.com))**
- **Terrafirma** – Who better to answer your questions about your land trust's insurance needs than Leslie Ratley-Beach, who coordinates the delivery of Terrafirma services to the land trust insured owners, as Vice-President of Alliance Risk Management Services? **(Contact Connie Manes: [connie@manes-consulting.com](mailto:connie@manes-consulting.com))**
- **Land Trust Advocacy Ambassadors** – CLCC Policy & Advocacy Committee members and conservation advocates will have information on 2016 conservation and environmental policy initiatives and tell you how you and your land trust can get involved (yes ... it's okay to lobby!) to help get these important bills across the finish line. **(No appointment necessary)**
- **Land Planning for Farmers & Land Trusts** – Farmland access and transfer are top challenges for farmers. Talk with experts including consultant Kip Kolesinskas and Land for Good staff, Kathy Ruhf and Rachel Murray, about how your land trust can play a critical role in making land available, affordable and secure, and in farmland transition. **(Contact Rachel Murray: [rachel@landforgood.org](mailto:rachel@landforgood.org))**
- **Controlling Invasive Plants** – Invasives plant guru, Todd Mervosh, General Manager, TM Agricultural & Ecological Services, LLC, will be on hand to trouble-shoot and provide valuable information about managing non-native invasive shrubs and vines. Bring photos! **(Contact Todd Mervosh: [tmervosh@att.net](mailto:tmervosh@att.net))**