2019-2020 Lunch n’ Learn Series

Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from September to May at 9:30 and 12:30 at the Tuckerton Seaport. Call 609-296-8868 for more information and to register. Cost is $2.00 per person (payable at the door). For the 12:30 program, participants can bring a lunch or take advantage of our lunch option for $6.00 (registration for lunch is required two days in advance).

September 11, 2019
“History of the Decoy & Gunning Show” by Mike Mangum
Join Director of the Ocean County Parks & Recreation Mike Mangum and Chief Park Naturalist German Georgieff for a look inside the Decoy & Gunning Show. The show highlights the culture, heritage, and environment of the Barnegat Bay region. The show shares a unique relationship with the Tuckerton Seaport and will celebrate its 37th year on Sept 28th.

October 9, 2019
“Famous First of the Navesink Twin Lights” by Nicholas Wood
Did you know the Navesink Twin Lights are not actually “twins”? Join Historian Nicholas Wood for a discussion on the ‘Famous Firsts’ of the Navesink beacon in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Lighthouse Challenge (held just one week later, October 19th & 20th).

November 13, 2019
“Oyster Farming” by Bridgitte Bliss & Gretchen Maxwell
Gretchen & Bridgitte Maxwell of Maxwell Shellfish, are sixth generation Oyster farmers of the Great Bay. The Maxwell’s and their ancestors have been coastal traders, baymen, fishermen, and boat builders in South Jersey for over 150 years. Maxwell Shellfish is focused on growing their business in an environmentally sound way in harmony with nature to preserve the culture and heritage of the bay.

December 11, 2019
“History That’s Myth - History in the Making - And Ice Cream” by Paul Hart
End 2019 by reviewing some misinformation of New Jersey’s past. Investigate what 2020 brings for the 20th anniversary of the Tuckerton Seaport. Consume some sweet New Jersey history as we end.

January 8, 2020
“Research Efforts on the American Eel in the Great Bay Mullica River Estuary” by Dr. Mark Sullivan
The American eel can be commonly found throughout the Mullica River-Great Bay Estuary (NJ). Join Dr. Sullivan from Stockton University on how a decade of research on the species has shown the importance of long term data, innovative collection techniques, as well as formulating new research questions.

February 12, 2020
“The Coastal Resilience Puzzle” by Lisa Auermuller
What does it mean to be “resilient”? Since 2013, the JC NERR has assisted almost 60 New Jersey communities in implementing resilience planning, reduce vulnerability and increasing preparedness. Join Assistant Manager of the JC NERR, Lisa Auermuller, to hear more about what the reserve is doing to help the state and local communities be more resilient.
March 11, 2020

Largest Musical Instrument in New Jersey (Largest Organ in the World) by Scott Banks
The Midmer-Losh is the World’s Largest Pipe Organ, housed in Atlantic City’s boardwalk hall. Hidden behind the walls of this historic structure are 33,112 pipes and over 150 tons of sound producing equipment. Join Scott Banks for a discussion on this 4-time Guinness book record holder!

April 8, 2020

“Returning the Favor, Citizens Helping Horseshoe Crabs” by Wetlands Institute staff
The reTURN the Favor program was initiated in 2013 to rescue horseshoe crabs stranded on beaches along the Delaware Bay in New Jersey, where large concentrations of crabs spawn every spring. With crabs at risk to dying from exposure and predation, several New Jersey-based groups formed a partnership to recruit, train, and organize volunteers to rescue crabs stranded during spawning. Hear more about this important partnership from staff at the Wetlands Institute.

May 13, 2020

Examining the ecological response of Barnegat Bay fishes to the closing of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Generating Station” by Dr. Thomas Grothues
In September 2018, The oldest operating nuclear power plant in the US, in Lacey Township, NJ, became the first to shut down for decommissioning. Dr. Tom Grothues from Rutgers University, will explore the ongoing efforts and preliminary results of a study on the response of larval, juvenile, and adult fish in the Barnegat Bay before and after the plant’s shut down.