



Herbert Johnson Lecture Series

Wednesdays in October 2012

At the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, 7-8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 10

Horseshoe Crabs of Jamaica Bay

Presenter Christina P. Colon, Ph.D., Assistant Professor,
Kingsborough Community College

Atlantic horseshoe crabs (*Limulus polyphemus*) have indispensable ecological and biomedical value. Yet the population is declining. Dr. Colon has been conducting a census to determine the density and distribution of eggs and juvenile horseshoe crabs on Plumb Beach, Brooklyn, New York. Join us to find out what she has learned as she determined a baseline of data for New York state's most important breeding beach.

Wednesday, October 17

Legacy of the Pioneers at the Shore: Blessing or Curse?

Presenter Vivian Rattay Carter, Author of *Images of America: Rockaway Beach*.

The 1800s Rockaway peninsula was windswept, marsh-pocked and covered with sand dunes and cedar trees. By the turn of the century it was transformed by hotels, amusements, train lines, roadways and steamship landings. Explore present-day environmental and quality of life issues bequeathed from the pioneers of Rockaway Beach.

Wednesday, October 24

Things that Go Bump in the Night

Presenter Paul Keim, Naturalist

Join "The Batman of Brooklyn," naturalist and educator Paul Keim, to learn about the local bat population. Sort out what is real and what is myth about these fascinating and misunderstood flying mammals. After the presentation we will go for a short walk and try to find bats with the help of an echo locator.



All lectures will take place at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, One Cross Bay Boulevard, Queens.

All programs are free.

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