



Fifty Years of Fire Island Fall 2014 Lecture Series

Managing a Dynamic Fire Island

Thursday, September 18

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Patchogue-Watch Hill Ferry Terminal

Fire Island National Seashore is turning 50! The opening presentation for this special lecture series will explore the foundation of Fire Island National Seashore and the National Park Service (NPS), and take a look forward to Fire Island in the next 50 years. The Seashore's Superintendent, Chris Soller, will take us back in time and then ahead into the future.

Fire Island, Images of Modern America

Sunday, September 21

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fire Island Lighthouse Fresnel Lens Building

Author and long-time Fire Island resident, Shoshana McCollum presents the making of her new book, *Fire Island, Images of Modern America*. She will follow with a personal book signing. Books will be available for purchase on site or bring your own for the signing.

Arts Afire: Fire Island National Seashore Artist-in-Residence Program

Thursday, October 2

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Patchogue-Watch Hill Ferry Terminal

Fire Island National Seashore's first Artist-in-Residence and program coordinator, Dawn Lee, will introduce the park's newly established program where artists of all disciplines are able to explore the natural environment, culture, and history of Fire Island. Art work created during the first two years of residencies will be on display from September 6 through October 4. Ms. Lee will discuss the art on display and be available to answer any questions about the program.

Saving Cold-Stunned Turtles

Sunday, October 12

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Fire Island Lighthouse Fresnel Lens Building

The Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation is the only organization in New York State that is authorized to operate the New York State Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Stranding Program. Learn more about the sea turtles in our waters and what you can do to help protect them.



Storm Stories

Sunday, October 26

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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Fire Island National Seashore's Biological Technician, Kaetlyn Kerr, will present on how Fire Island was changed by Hurricane Sandy in 2012. See how the superstorm reshaped the barrier beach – compare before and after photos and explore the science of beach change on Fire Island. A short outdoor walk to look at some of these changes will follow.

Nelson Rockefeller and the "Road to Nowhere"

Sunday, November 2

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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52 years have now passed since Robert Moses planned for a road through Fire Island. Join park ranger Joshua Reyes for a presentation and discussion about the proposed "Road to Nowhere," the concerns raised by many Fire Islanders through an examination of their letters to Governor Rockefeller, and its relevance to the establishment of the national seashore on Fire Island in 1964.

What the Locals Said: The 1850 Wreck of the Elizabeth

Sunday, November 9

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fire Island Lighthouse Fresnel Lens Building

Can the truth ever be known? Explore the fact and fiction about the wreck of the Elizabeth in the stories left behind as told by volunteer, Angela Reich.

Fire Island: A Crossroads for Bird Migration

Sunday, November 16

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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Fire Island is an exceptional place to study bird migration owing to the diversity of habitats and geographic position. Hundreds of thousands of birds pass through the Lighthouse Tract each year on journeys that link Long Island and Fire Island to the farthest reaches of our planet. Shai Mitra, ornithologist and expert birder, will lead this talk about the seasonal dynamics of bird movements along our shore, including common species and also a remarkable number of rare and unexpected species.

Around the World as an Ocean Sea Captain

Sunday, November 23

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fire Island Lighthouse Fresnel Lens Building.

Harold Stumme shares his experiences traveling the world's oceans as a Merchant Marine Captain.

A Lighthouse in a Time of Change

Sunday, November 30

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fire Island Lighthouse Fresnel Lens Building

Peter Paquette discusses the role of the Fire Island Lighthouse in the growth and development of New York and the westward expansion.