

June 2012



## Special Programs this Month Fire Island National Seashore



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### Friday

June 1

7:30 – 9:30 pm

#### Night of the Horseshoe Crabs I – Wilderness Visitor Center

*(Free program; call for directions/information 631-281-3010)*

Discover what's so special about these "living fossils." Learn about horseshoe crabs and the important role they play in our marine ecology and about horseshoe crab research currently underway at Fire Island National Seashore.

### Saturday

June 2

7 – 9 pm

#### Night of the Horseshoe Crabs II – Fire Island Lighthouse

*(Free program; call for directions/information 631-687-4780 or 631-281-3010)*

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### Sunday

June 3

2 – 3 pm

#### International Shorebirds East Coast and West – Fire Island Lighthouse Fresnel Lens Building

*(Free program; call for directions/information 631-687-4780 or 631-281-3010)*

Join international volunteer Rafael Cruz for this presentation about migratory shorebirds and their conservation, both here on the Atlantic coast and in northwestern Mexico. Cruz, a marine biologist from Mexico, will discuss his own research and experiences with the National Park Service, and the story of red knots, their food sources and the moon.

### Sunday

June 3

7:30 pm

#### Evening Tower Tour – Fire Island Lighthouse

*(\$20/person; reservations required: 631-661-4876)*

View the sunset and night sky from a new perspective: the top of the Lighthouse. Moonrise 7:43 pm, Sunset 8:19 pm.

### Monday

June 4

9 pm – 10 pm

#### Rose Moon Run – Meet at Robert Moses State Park Field 5

*(Free program; reservations required: 631-687-4766)*

Experience the sights and sounds of the seashore after sundown while working up a sweat! This ranger-led run will explore Fire Island's unique and unpredictable landscape under the light of the Rose Moon. Space is limited.

### Saturday

June 9

11 am – 2:30 pm

#### National Get Outdoors Day: Kids' Hike – Fire Island Lighthouse

*(Free program; reservations required: 631-281-3010)*

For children ages 8 years and older, and their care givers: 3-mile-roundtrip ranger-led hike from the Fire Island Lighthouse to the Village of Saltaire and back. A part of the First Lady's "Let's Move Outside" campaign which encourages children to be physically active and enjoy healthy outdoor fun on our public lands. Participants must bring a bag lunch/drinking water, dress for the weather and be able to hike on sand. Space is limited.

### Saturday

June 16

10 – 11:30 am

#### The Shifting Sands of Fire Island – Wilderness Visitor Center

*(Free program; call for directions/information 631-281-3010)*

It's all about sand...more or less! Join coastal scientist and park ranger Ruth Coffey for a presentation and short beach walk to see the very dynamic nature of Fire Island's ever changing coastline. Geared for adults, but all are welcome.

### Thursday

June 21

6 – 9 pm

#### Opening Reception:

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Lighthouse Benefit Art Show – June 22 through July 15 – Fire Island Lighthouse**

*(Free admission; call for directions/information 631-661-4876)*

As a fundraising activity of the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society, original art by local artists is on display and for sale in the Keepers Quarters museum. Park at Robert Moses State Park Field 5; free shuttle during opening reception.

### Sunday

June 24

1 – 3 pm

#### Fire Island Photography Workshop – Patchogue-Watch Hill Ferry Terminal

*(Free program; call for directions/information 631-687-4780)*

Jump start your photo taking for the 2012 photography contest. Learn tips and techniques for photographing wildlife, plants and landscapes from photographer Diane Abell. For inspiration, stunning photographs by the Nature and Wildlife Photographers of Long Island will be on display. Informative workshop includes an illustrated presentation and, weather permitting, outdoor photo practice on the banks of the Patchogue River. Bring your own camera.

### Thursday

June 28

5 – 8 pm

#### Opening Reception:

**"Essence of Fire Island" Photo Exhibit – Jun. 30 – Aug. 5 – Patchogue Ferry Terminal**

*(Free program; call for directions/information 631-687-4780)*

As a fundraising activity for the Friends of Fire Island National Seashore, work of the Nature and Wildlife Photographers of Long Island is on display and for sale. Exhibition open for viewing on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

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## Friday

June 29

10:30 am - 8 pm

### Fire Island Summer Twilight Trek – Wilderness Visitor Center

*(Free program, reservations required; call for information 631-687-4780 or 631-281-3010)*

This guided hike is approximately 13 miles on sand and boardwalk, beginning at the Wilderness Visitor Center and ending at Cherry Grove. Participants must be able to hike in soft sand, provide for own transportation and food along the way.

## Saturday

June 30

8 – 9:30 pm

### Watch Hill Sunset Marsh Walk – Watch Hill Visitor Center

*(Free program; call for directions/information 631-687-4780 or 631-597-6455)*

Catch the magic hour on the marsh. Join a park ranger for a hike along the Great South Bay as the sun paints the sky and our feathered friends sing us good night. Bring your binoculars, dress for the weather and to protect against mosquitoes.

## Fire Island National Seashore Facilities open in June 2012

### Fire Island Lighthouse - 631-661-4876

Open April 1 – June 30, Daily 9:30 am – 5:00 pm; July 1 – Labor Day: Daily 9:30 am – 6 pm *Last tower tour 1 hour before closing*

### Park Headquarters in Patchogue - 631-687-4750

Open all year: Monday-Friday 9:30–4 pm. *Closed on federal holidays*

### Patchogue-Watch Hill Ferry Terminal - 631-687-4750

Information Desk staffed May 19 – June 24: Weekends only; June 30–Labor Day: Friday-Sunday 8:30 am – 6 pm

### Wilderness Visitor Center - 631-281-3010

Open January through June: Daily 9 am–4 pm; July 1–Labor Day: Monday-Friday 9 am–5 pm; Saturday-Sunday 9 am–6:30 pm

*Wilderness camping permits when office is open*

### William Floyd Estate - 631-399-2030

Open May 25 – Nov. 12, Friday – Sunday 9 am – 5 pm

*Guided Old Mastic House Tours 10 am–4 pm on the half-hour when grounds are open*

### Watch Hill

Ferry Service to Watch Hill - 631-475-1665 [www.davisparkferry.com/watch-hill-ferry-schedule.htm](http://www.davisparkferry.com/watch-hill-ferry-schedule.htm)

**May 19 – June 22, 2012:**

Monday – Friday: LV Patchogue at 10:15 am & 3:30 pm

+ 7 pm on Friday (+ 5:30 pm 5/25 only)

Saturday - Sunday & Memorial Day: LV Patchogue 10\* am, 12:15 pm and 3:30\* pm (+5:30 pm on 5/26, 27 & 28)

**June 23 – September 3, 2012:** \*runs rain or shine

Monday – Friday: LV Patchogue at 8:45, 10:15\* am, 12:30, 3:10\*, 5 pm

+ 7 pm on Friday only

Saturday & Sunday (+ July 4 & Labor Day): LV Patchogue 8:30, 10\* am, 12\*, 1:45, 3:30\* and 5:30 pm

Saturdays June 23 thru Sept. 1 + July 4: last boat returns from Watch Hill at 10 pm

### Watch Hill Marina - 631-597-3109 for day-of-arrival reservations

Open for the season: May 4 – October 14, 2012 [www.watchhillfi.com/marina.html](http://www.watchhillfi.com/marina.html)

*Weekday special of \$1/foot (+ electric), Sunday-Thursday, May 4-June 21, 2012; hourly rates up to 3 hours!*

### Watch Hill Campground - 631-567-6664

Open May 12 – Oct. 21, 2012; *reservations accepted online 48 hours in advance: [www.watchhillfi.com/camping.html](http://www.watchhillfi.com/camping.html)*

### Watch Hill General Store

Open May 12 through June: Daily 11 am–4 pm

Open July 1–Labor Day: Monday-Thursday 9:30 am–5:15 pm, Friday-Saturday 9:30 am–8:30 pm, Sunday 9:30 am–6 pm

### Watch Hill Snack Bar

Open May 12 through June: Monday-Friday 11 am–4 pm, Weekends 9:30 am–4 pm

Open July–Labor Day: Monday-Thursday 9:30 am–5:15 pm, Friday 7 am–5:15 pm, Saturday-Sunday 7 am–6:30 pm

### The Pier at Watch Hill Restaurant - 631-597-9060 for dinner reservations

Open May 25-June 24: Friday & Saturday 5–12 pm (Sunday May 27, 5 – 12 pm)

Open June 28–September 3: Thursday-Saturday 5–12 pm, **Sunday Brunch 10 am–3 pm** *Outdoor bar closes at 10 pm*

### Watch Hill Visitor Center - 631-597-6455

Open May 19–June 30: Weekends 9 am–5 pm

Open July 1–Labor Day: Monday- Thursday 9 am–5 pm, Friday-Sunday + holidays 9 am–6:30 pm

*Wilderness camping permits when office is open*

### Lifeguards at Watch Hill

Staffed May 26–June 24: Weekends 11 am–4 pm; June 29–Labor Day: Monday-Friday 9 am–5:30 pm, Saturday-Sunday 9 am–6 pm

### Talisman/Barrett Beach: Restrooms/Unloading Dock Open for the season

### Lifeguards at Barrett Beach

Staffed June 30–Labor Day: Friday-Sunday + July 4, 10 am–4 pm

### Sailors Haven/Sunken Forest

Ferry Service to Sailors Haven - 631-589-8980 [www.sayvilleferry.com/schedule-haven.html](http://www.sayvilleferry.com/schedule-haven.html)

**May 14 – June 22, 2012:** \*runs rain or shine

Monday – Friday: LV Sayville at 9:30\*, 10:30 am, & 1 pm\*

+ 3 pm 6/18 – 22 only

Saturday & Sunday: LV Sayville 9:30\*, 11 am, 2:15\* and 4 pm  
(11 & 4 start May 26)

**June 23 – September 3, 2012:** \*runs rain or shine

Monday – Thursday: LV Sayville at 9:30\*, 11:15 am, 1:15, 3:15\*, 5 pm

Saturday & Sunday (+ July 4 & Labor Day): LV Sayville 9:15\*, 10:30, 11:45 am, 1:30, 3:45\*, 5 and 6 pm

### Sailors Haven Marina - 631-597-6171 No reservations accepted

Open for the season: May 4 – October 28, 2012 [www.sailorshaven.com/marina.html](http://www.sailorshaven.com/marina.html)

*Weekday special of \$1/foot, Sunday –Thursday, May 4–June 21, 2012; hourly rates up to 3 hours!*

### Sailors Haven Gift Shop & Snack Bar

Open May 12–June 22: Monday-Friday 10 am–1:30 pm, Saturday-Sunday 10 am–4 pm

Open June 23–Labor Day: Monday-Friday 10:15 am–5:15 pm, Saturday-Sunday 9 am–6:15 pm

### Sailors Haven Visitor Center - 631-597-6183

Open May 26–June 17: Weekends 10 am–4 pm; June 23 – 30, Weekends 10 am – 5 pm;

Open July 1–Labor Day: Monday-Friday 10 am–5 pm, Saturday-Sunday 10 am–6:30 pm

*Sunken Forest Tours at Sailors Haven through June: Saturday and Sunday 11 am*

### Lifeguards at Sailors Haven

Staffed May 26–June 24: Weekends 10 am–4 pm; June 29–Labor Day: Monday-Friday 9 am–5:30 pm, Saturday-Sunday 9 am–6:30 pm