

Ebb and Flow

Reversing Falls Sanctuary

April, 2016

Acadia: Nature as Teacher
An Artists' and Writers' Event



Eben's Head, Acadia National Park, Isle Au Haut
Painting by Galen Davis

Reversing Falls Sanctuary joins Acadia National Park in its Centennial Celebration 2016 with an exciting project, *Acadia: Nature as Teacher*.

The environs of Acadia National Park have attracted artists and writers since before the park's inception in 1916. From nineteenth-century painter Frederic Church to the park's first poet laureate, Christian Barter, named in 2015, a wide range of creative acolytes have been influenced by the sublime natural world of Acadia.

This year, RFS has invited eighteen artists and writers from the Blue Hill Peninsula to visit the park and create art inspired by their experiences. Over the spring and summer, project coordinators Galen Davis and Zuzonna Huot will update a blog, [Acadia: Nature as Teacher](#), posting photos, thoughts and comments from participants. This celebration will culminate in a two-week-long exhibit at the *Gallery Within* at Reversing Falls Sanctuary. Please note the following dates:

- **Artists' Opening: August 14th, 2 - 5 pm**
- **Writers' Reading: August 21st, 2 pm**
- **Exhibit: August 14 - 28, open 12 - 4 pm Thursday - Sunday**

Acadia: Nature as Teacher advances RFS' mission to encourage spiritual exploration, support the arts, heighten ecological awareness and build community. We hope you will follow our blog and join us at our exhibit and reading this summer.

Participating Artists and Writers

Daksha Bauman mixed media	Siri Beckman prints and paintings
Galen Davis pastel and oil paintings	Beatrix Gates poetry
Zuzonna Huot paintings and drawings	Elena Kubler mixed media on paper
Frederica Marshall sumi-e ink and watercolor paintings	
Lyn Mayewski paintings	Susan Barrett Merrill masks
Tom Moore poetry	Gail Page paintings
Emily Peake writing	Amelia Poole fiber art
Bec Poole fiber art	Robert Shetterly writing
Rebekah Raye sculpture, drawings and paintings	
Sherry Streeter paintings	Pat Wheeler mixed media

Check the blog, <https://acadianatureasteacher.wordpress.com>, for photos of some of the artists at work and for a fascinating article by Daksha Baumann about what her artistic eyes saw on a visit to Schooner head.

George Stevens Academy Poets Respond to Climate Change

Sunday, March 6, as part of the RFS Lenten Series, *Caring for the Earth, Our Common Home*, Maria Johnson's students at GSA read poems they had written in response to the challenge of a changing climate. Below is a photo of Ed Conte reading his prize winning poem: *a polar bear stands on an ice sheet*. The poem follows.



Photo by Daksha Baumann

a polar bear stands on an ice sheet

by Ed Conte

a polar bear stands on an ice sheet, drifting
he won't survive without the ice floe shifting
he stands curious, apprehensive, worried, afraid
unsure if he will survive the hell man's made

a bird's wings soar high over the ocean
beneath him the oil tankers in constant motion
he voices his distaste with a sharp loud call
but no one seems to hear him at all

a deer is forced from his home unwilling
so that man may return to his endless drilling
he walks off in anger in fear and dismay
how will he manage another day?

a tree lies sideways in endless prostration
submissive to the powers of man's deforestation
it lies unnoticed unmourned uncared-for all day
until it is loaded on to a truck and hauled away

a human stands oblivious not noticing at all
that while they rest animals take the fall
they watch the news see the damage the facts
but instead of sympathy or help they turn their backs

Coming Events

Saturday, 4/2, 4 p.m. "Doubt" rehearsal at RFS with director Bec Poole

Sunday, 4/3, 4 p.m. Women's Circle

Thursday, 4/7, 8 -9:30 a.m. Priceless Yoga with Daksha returns to RFS

Friday, 4/8, 4 p.m. Community Sing with Carl

Special thank you to Sheila Moir who has kept us singing in Carl's absence

Saturday, 4/9, 4 p.m. "Doubt" rehearsal

Thursday, 4/14, 8 a.m. Priceless Yoga

Friday, 4/15, 4 p.m. Community Sing

Saturday, 4/16, 4 p.m. "Doubt" rehearsal

Thursday, 4/21, 8 a.m. Priceless Yoga

6 p.m. "Doubt" rehearsal

Friday, 4/22, 4 p.m. Community Sing

Saturday, 4/23, 4 p.m. "Doubt" rehearsal

Thursday, 4/28, 8 a.m. Priceless Yoga

6 p.m. "Doubt" rehearsal

Friday 4/29, 4 p.m. Community Sing

Saturday, 4/30, 4 p.m. "Doubt" rehearsal

Sunday, May 29, 2 p.m. at David's Folly farm,

a ***Celebration of the life of Barbara Peppey***

May events are still being scheduled, but one Sunday at 4 p.m. will feature a Service of worship in the tradition of Tibetan Buddhism with leadership from Philip Osgood and Sheila Moir.

Labyrinth Peace Walk

On Good Friday, March 25, Carole Pascal set up the sanctuary for a Labyrinth Peace Walk. Thank you Carole. You can see the lovely setting in Carole's photo below.



Reversing Falls Sanctuary Landscape Project

An entry by Daksha Baumann for the art exhibit, *Acadia: Nature As Teacher*, will be a landscape project installed permanently at Reversing Falls Sanctuary. This project will be an entry path made of a variety of paving materials and a garden bed of native mosses. In order to raise the funds needed to buy materials and cover installation costs, Daksha has opened a crowd funding campaign with the gofundme organization. Follow this link to take a look at her campaign: [gofund.me/x4mxtmf8](https://gofundme.com/x4mxtmf8) and experience the power of *ASKING*.

If you are interested in supporting this project you can make a donation on the site following the link above or mail a check directly to Daksha Baumann, 298 Southern Bay Rd., Penobscot, ME 04476. A check mailed directly to Daksha ensures your dollars ALL go to materials and installation costs.

During the installation process you may want to contribute some hands on help or just come by to spectate and ask questions. Consider this to be your community garden in the works. Let Daksha know of your interest, <mailto:janetlynn821@gmail.com>, and she will stay in touch with you regarding the work schedule.

For more information about Reversing Falls Sanctuary visit our website: www.reversingfalls.org.

