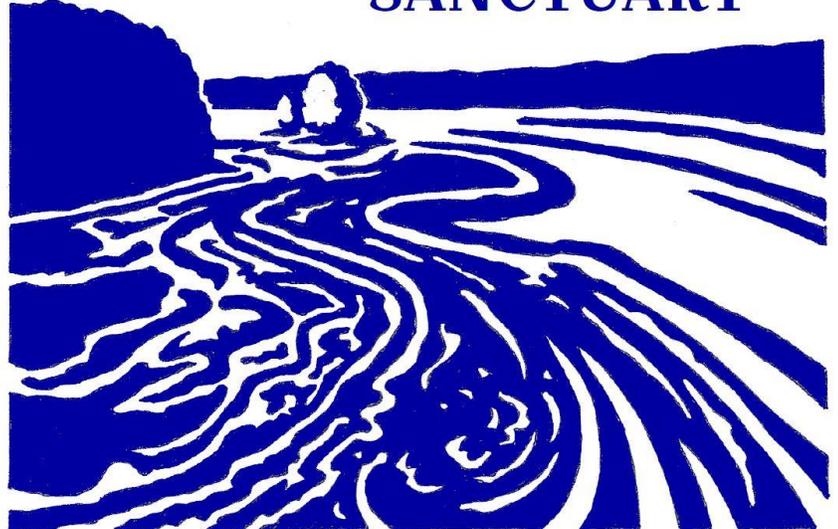


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# REVERSING FALLS SANCTUARY



**To Care for the Earth** [from the Reversing Falls Sanctuary Mission Statement.]

## *Climate Convergence Conference*

**George Stevens Academy, Blue Hill, Maine on July 20, 2019  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

At the conference, a gathering of acclaimed scientists, academics, musicians, and the different generations will explore our current climate crisis and divine a way for us to be part of the solution. Convergence is the key to this event: the convergence between the Physical and the Social Sciences, and the convergence among organizations willing to champion science and acknowledge that life on Earth is in jeopardy. Together we can explore the roots of science denial and change the nature of public discourse regarding Climate Change. We may be surprised, as well as heartened, to find that our deepest private feelings are widely shared by others, and by so doing empower each other to action.

The events of the day will feature a keynote talk. There will be brief reports of local, successful climate-related initiatives. Voices of our youth, from Middle School to college, will be given a prominent role in poetry and commentary expressing their concerns to the general assembly. Each of the three sessions will be graced with one of our several musicians: Noel Stookey, George Emlen, and Shawn and Maizey Mercer.

A core aspect of the conference is the workshops. There will be 3 rounds of breakout sessions, with each round offering a choice of one of 4 workshops that fall roughly into the following categories: Science, Mitigation, Adaptation and Psycho-Social. Examples of the Science offerings are listed below. For a complete description of these workshops and to register go to [www.reversingfalls.org](http://www.reversingfalls.org). [Pre-registration is important to avoid delay at the beginning of conference events.]



The Science workshops include:  
What's Happening to the Earth's Climate,  
Dr. Michael MacCracken  
What's Happening to Maine's Fisheries,  
Robin Alden and Ted Ames

This *Climate Convergence Conference* is supported by more than 3 dozen environmental, educational and commercial organizations. A dozen or so will be staffing information tables underscoring their commitment to climate awareness and action.

This major conference is being brought to you by approximately one hundred volunteers working together for the common good. The small admission fee of \$10 is made possible by this volunteerism, the generosity of our presenters and major supporters: The Maine Community Foundation, Tradewinds Marketplace and Scholars Strategy Network. Other supporters are listed on the website.

## Some notes on the RFS building

During the Solstice gathering on June 21, the new bathroom was welcomed by all with smiles as they watched flower petals successfully flushed down to the septic system. Water samples have been mailed off and while water is available to use in toilets and for washing, we wait on test results before saying it is ready to drink. The bathroom still needs some finishing touches such as a sink countertop, closet shelves, window trim, and a new exterior door and trim. The utility closet needs a curtain and perhaps a curtain will enclose the base of the vanity sink also. We welcome those with sewing skills to take on this project and create some beautiful curtains.



We have purchased a new (used) refrigerator to use in the soon to come galley style kitchen. The existing stove and kitchen sink cabinet will be re-used, and we have another base cabinet and shelf unit coming via donation. The task of picking up these 2 items with a truck would be a welcomed volunteer service.



David Zachow has been coordinating many aspects of the bathroom/kitchen project and while he is taking a bit of a break for a few weeks from onsite work, planning IS going forward. If you want to use your experience and skills with hammer, saw, nail gun, or drill know that a call will go out for volunteers to continue this project sometime in July.

While this huge remodeling project is taking up most of our energies, some recurrent and ongoing projects also need attention. A small group will be meeting Sunday June 30 to do some odds and ends painting tasks and to continue moving the wood chips to pathways. Our outside grounds always seem to need some maintenance so if anyone is moved to offer even an hour of time you can be matched up with a task to suit your skills and interest.

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions about current or future projects relevant to the building ...let's hear them. It was a passing comment from Alison Miner that resulted in the shower being installed. Great ideas come from all over our community.

Thanks are owed to many for this exceptional work in bringing our long-desired goal of water and a bathroom in the building. Special thanks to Daksha Baumann for coordinating and overseeing and to David Zachow for being the onsite foreman and supervisor. The result is beautiful. Please come and see for yourselves the next time you are at an RFS event.



Recent events at Reversing Falls Sanctuary include Alex Turanski's performance art Rock Stacks and a summer solstice celebration. Photos are of Alex at work and of the solstice firepit circled by the wreath made by Connie Myrick with flowers added by the solstice celebrants.

Photo credits Daksha Baumann, Lisa Mazzarelli and Gail Vencill.

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## Coming Events

Sun., 7/7, 4 p.m. Women's Circle

Mon. 7/8, 6:30 p.m. 12 Step Recovery Meeting

Tue. 7/9, 3:00 p.m. Program Team meeting

Thu. 7/11, 6:00 p.m. Meditation in the Tibetan Buddhist Tradition



Fri, 7/12 through Monday 7/15, *Healing the Wounds of Turtle Island* at Nibezun in Passadumkeag

Mon. 7/15, 6:30 p.m. 12 Step Recovery Meeting

Thu. 7/18, 6:00 p.m. Meditation in the Tibetan Buddhist Tradition

Sat. 7/20, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. *Climate Convergence Conference* at George Stevens Academy in **Blue Hill**

Mon. 7/22, 9:00 a.m. Board of Directors meeting

6:30 p.m. 12 Step Recovery Meeting

Nibezun photo by Amy Thompson

Thu. 7/25, Meditation in the Tibetan Buddhist Tradition

Mon. 7/29, 6:30 p.m. 12 Step Recovery Program

Information: [www.reversingfalls.org](http://www.reversingfalls.org)

Sally Clinton is offering an opportunity to study the “*Bhagavad Gita* for Modern Times” while practicing yoga this summer at her Blue Hill studio, 15 Ellsworth Rd.