

# 2025 TUESDAYS IN THE PARK PROGRAMS

**Jordan Hall**  
(46 Temple Ave)

**7:00 pm**

Cost: \$5.00

Tuesdays

July 1 to August 26



For more information please visit:  
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### **JULY 1 - A National Wildlife Refuge in our Backyard?**



Discover the beauty and importance of the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge in Southern Maine. Join us for an inspiring presentation by Tom Wall from the wildlife refuge as he explores how this unique refuge connects people to nature through its diverse landscapes, wildlife and conservation efforts. Learn how you can get involved in protecting this natural treasure.

### **JULY 8 - Wood Island Lighthouse**



Rick Koehler will offer a virtual tour of Wood Island Lighthouse, the 1808 lighthouse that can be seen from Ocean Park, as well as a virtual tour of the islands. Learn about the recent restoration and the role it plays in preserving local ecosystems and how you can get involved in protecting this natural treasure. Whether you are an outdoor enthusiast, a nature lover, or simply curious about conservation, this presentation is for you.

### **July 15 - Maine's Narrow Gauge Trains**



From the 1880s to the 1940s, Maine was the only state to boast a system of two-footer" narrow gauge railroads. These diminutive railroads had an outsized impact on Maine's development. Join this fascinating discussion by the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad Co. & Museum of Portland to learn how and why Maine developed its unique style of railroading, and what it meant for the state's development.

### **JULY 22 – Climate Change on our Coast: Is our Weather Really Changing?**



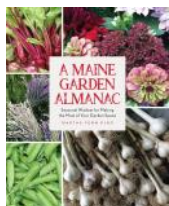
Ever felt a bit cloudy after hearing about climate change? Come listen to Channel 8 Meteorologist Ted McInerney discuss the impact of climate change on Maine's coastline, particularly in Ocean Park.

## **July 29 - Maine's Seasonal Trolley Museum**



Join Katie Orlando, Executive Director of the Seashore Trolley Museum, as she brings to life the history of trolleys in our seaside towns and beyond. The talk will cover the impact that electric and steam railroads played in our community from 1880 through 1939, including fascinating facts about the old 'dummy train' that ran through Ocean Park from Old Orchard to Camp Ellis over a century ago.

## **August 5 - What is Happening in Your Garden?**



Let's share our stories of our challenges in times of drought or excess rain and what works for us with Martha Fenn King, author of "A Maine Garden Almanac: Seasonal Wisdom for Making the Most of Your Garden Space". Martha will also share excerpts and poems from her book which will be available for purchase (book cost \$33.00, cash only) and signing.

## **August 12 - The Ultimate Beach Book: Ocean Park as the Main Character?**



Join life-long Ocean Parker Victoria Denault who will share her journey to becoming an author and how she uses Ocean Park as the setting and inspiration for many of her romance novels. Could a character be based on a local inhabitant?

## **August 19 - Colorful, Charismatic Crustaceans & Climate Change**



Orange, blue calico, even split-colored, crabs in the Gulf of Maine? Come hear current on-going research into why, as well as work being done on invasive green crabs and their ecological impact in context of climate change. Dr. Markus Frederich from UNE will present this fascinating talk.

## **August 26 - Winslow Homer, from Illustrator to Artist**



Come learn about Winslow Homer's life, works, and time spent at his local studio in Prout's Neck. Winslow Homer enthusiast, Peter Hornby, will share his extensive knowledge about this New England artist. Books will be available.



## **HISTORY OF THE TUESDAYS IN THE PARK PROGRAM IN OCEAN PARK**

The Tuesdays in the Park programming has evolved into a sometimes lighthearted, sometimes serious, but always informative gathering for Ocean Parkers to learn from individuals with expertise due either to their professional training or personal interests. The evening can cover historical presentations where attendees learn about the founding and evolution of Ocean Park, how our local marsh has been managed over time, or the two hundred plus year history of the lighthouse located just three and one half miles from our beach. Social issues such as those associated with the LGBTQ population have been discussed and could be followed the next week by an author invited to discuss his/her career and work experience, be it geared to adults or children, or a person with an interest in gardening, genealogy or animals who live near us either in our woods or in our ocean.

The Education Committee, charged with planning the programming and securing the presenters, tries to vary the offerings while still making them appeal to Ocean Parkers. Knowing that Ocean Park typically attracts people of above average educational levels, programs are often of serious national and international concern, such as the effects of global warming, while still being related to the daily coastal living of Ocean Parkers. The cozy informality of Jordan Hall, where most programs are presented, adds to the relaxed atmosphere synonymous with Ocean Park, and permits presenters to have intimate interaction with their audience whether it is a part of their program or their Q and A session. The presentations for each season take hours of logistical planning beginning the summer before the present summer's offerings have been concluded and require the efforts of each committee member. Satisfaction is drawn from having a large crowd in attendance and hearing the positive comments spoken as attendees exit Jordan Hall and will hopefully be followed by the same result the next week.

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