



**MARION NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM**  
**Spring 2006 Newsletter**

**Annual Meeting Topic: Heading for a “Roasted World”**

**A talk and discussion of the possible ramifications of global warming  
led by John Bullard – who directed the NOAA’s Office of Sustainable  
Development in the Clinton Administration**

**Wednesday, May 10, 2006**

**7:00 pm**

**Marion Music Hall**

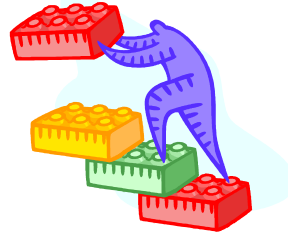
If an icecap melts in the arctic, would anyone notice besides polar bears and penguins?

We will! The climate in northwestern Europe will get colder, diseases will spread, and we will notice big changes in flora and fauna. These are some of the effects we may experience with global warming on the shores of Buzzards Bay. Other implications of our melting poles are sea-level rise, and increased threat of hurricanes. How much of a rise in sea-level would eliminate valuable shore-front property here in Marion?

Should we be exploring alternate sources of energy like Cape Wind, solar power, etc. to offset these impacts? And where are our political leaders in this time of crisis?

After a brief business meeting, John Bullard will speak briefly on global warming expanding on his op-ed page article that appeared in the Boston Globe March 6. We will reserve ample time for discussion of the points raised.

We will continue our discussions over light refreshments. Free to the public and welcome to all.



## **WANTED: YOUR USED LEGOS!**

**ARE YOU CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS FOR THE SPRING? THE MUSEUM HAS BEEN ASKED TO INCLUDE LEGO PLAYTIME IN IT'S SCHEDULING BUT WE ARE LIMITED IN FUNDS. ANY LEGO SETS THAT YOU COULD DONATE TO THE MUSEUM WOULD BE WELL USED AND MUCH APPRECIATED BY OUR CREATIVE KIDS. ALSO – OUR LEGO ROBOTICS CLUB IS THRIVING BUT IS IN NEED OF MORE LEGO ROBOTICS SETS. DONATIONS TO THE PURCHASE OF A SET (EACH SET IS \$200.00) IS MUCH APPRECIATED AND MAY BE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.**

**ROBOTICS CLUB -The museum continues hosting a Lego Robotics Club. The club meets every other Saturday morning night at the museum. There is no charge for enrollment although a donation toward the lego robotics kits is requested. Please call the museum for enrollment information, 508-748-2098.**

### **Saturday Programs**

**April 22nd ASTRONOMY DAY** Get Out and Look Up! Stop by during the museum open hours from 10-1 for some free astronomy activities and crafts, Sign up for shows on the night sky starting at 1:30. Highlights include Jupiter joining Saturn and Mars in the evening sky as well as spectacular treasures hiding in some of the dimmer constellations. We'll show you where to look. Free program. Public welcome!

### **Birdwatching for adults and teens:**

**Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, “Birdwatching 101”.** This will be a cooperative program with the Marion Natural History Museum and the Sippican Lands Trust. Naturalist Ellen Minichiello will help us to discover the enjoyment of birds and their habitats. With the use of binoculars and field guides participants will be introduced to techniques for observing birds, their behaviors, and basic anatomy for identification. The pace will be slow and enjoyable! Wear layered clothing and sturdy footwear. We will be meeting at 16 Wilson St., Marion (parking and restroom here). Bring binoculars, if you have them, but not required for this trip. To help offset costs, this trip is offered for \$4.00 for members for either the MNHM or SLT, or \$5.00 for nonmembers .Limited to 12 participants.

## **After-School Programs**

**March 30, 3:30 to 4:30, “Vernal Pools”**, Join Elizabeth, the museum director during this annual favorite. We will be looking at slides to help us identify the animals that inhabit these vital ecosystems, then we will be using a dissecting microscope to take a close-up look at live specimens.

**April 6, 3:30 to 4:30, “Wizard Science”**, This program combines magic and science to let children explore the fascinating worlds of chemistry, physics and biology. Learn how to amaze your friends and family with magic and science. This is a fun hands-on class, but watch out, you might just learn something new at the same time!

**April 27, 3:30 to 4:30, “Butterflies”**, Let’s look at the museum’s collections and learn about butterflies. What do they eat, where do they go, how long do they live? We will be watching a short video and working on art projects for a new display.

**May 11, 3:30 – 4:30, “Take a Tour of Tabor’s new Sealab”**. We will be walking down to Tabor’s new state of the art facility (parents please pick up children at Tabor) to view this new marine science center.

**May 25, 3:30 – 4:30, “Reptiles and Amphibians”** with the Thornton Burgess Society. Let’s take a close look at some of the reptiles and amphibians to be found in our area and investigate their importance to us.

**June 1, 3:30 – 4:30, “Marine Mammal Strandings”**. Cape Cod Stranding Network will show us what they do when marine mammal gets stranded along our shoreline. This program is rescheduled from March – due to a mass stranding which occurred on the day of our program. Come learn what happened on that day as well as find out who we call and what do we do if we find a stranded animal.

**All programs are \$4.00 for members, \$5.00 for nonmembers. Please register with the museum, not your school or library. Thank you!**

Please register my child for the following:

Vernal Pools                       Wizard Science                       Butterflies  
 Take a tour  Reptiles and Amphibians                       Marine                      Mammal  
Strandings

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send registration to Marion Natural History Museum, P.O. Box 644,  
Marion, MA 02738. Thank you!



**MARION NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM  
SUMMER PROGRAM 2006**

*ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD FROM 9 - 12, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
JOIN US FOR A GREAT SUMMER NEAR THE WATER!*

**LIFE ALONG THE SHORE for Grades entering 1 -2**

This program will find us seining the shore and exploring the plants and animals that live our area's many coastal habitats. With the use of games, journals and introductory science techniques, this will be a wonderful first look at life in our coastal environment.

Cost:            \$150.00 Members            \$200.00 Nonmembers

Dates:           July 10 - 21            session I  
                      August 7 - 18            session II

**WATERSHED EXPLORATION for Grades entering 3 - 4**

With the use of microscopes, field guides and other equipment, we will explore the unique features and health of our riverbanks, swamps, ponds, bogs, and marshes during this in-depth investigation of our area's water resources.

Cost:            \$150.00 Members            \$200.00 Nonmembers

Dates:           July 10 - 21

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*REGISTRATION FORM FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS 2006*

\_\_\_\_\_ LIFE ALONG THE SHORE

\_\_\_\_\_ WATERSHED EXPLORATION

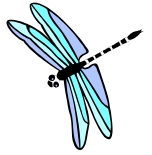
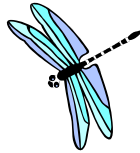
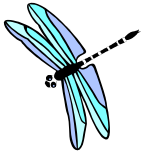
SESSION 1 \_\_\_\_SESSION II \_\_\_\_

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parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
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phone: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
school: \_\_\_\_\_ school: \_\_\_\_\_  
students will be entering grade \_\_ in 2006 student will be entering grade \_\_ in 2006

Please mail registration with check to:

Marion Natural History Museum  
P.O. Box 644  
Marion, MA 02738

Sorry - only a completed registration and check will hold a space. Our programs will fill on a first come - first served basis



## MARION NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM ANNUAL APPEAL

The Marion Natural History Society, located on the second floor of 8 Spring Street, which also houses the Elizabeth Taber Library, is a non-profit organization dependent upon the goodwill and support of Marion supporters, parents, students and friends like *you* for its financial survival. Your annual support allows us to continue our wonderful natural science programming for the region's children, to offer more after-school courses and to expand our popular summer programs. This year we plan to invigorate our adult programming to showcase the Museum's distinguished collections and to draw upon the talents and experiences of people who live in our community and region.

Your strong support will allow us to expand our open hours and to help us develop new educational exhibits and programs in concert with local and regional educators, natural historians and scientists. Your support of the Marion Natural History Society is a vote to preserve and understand this wonderful environment we find ourselves in... and to teach youngsters the value of their natural surroundings.

If you are not a supporter, please become one now! We thank our current supporters for their past generosity and hope that you might consider "upping" your gift level. This is an exciting time for the Marion Natural History Museum, and we would like you to join us in our efforts to rise successfully to new challenges.

Your donations to the Marion Natural History Society, 7 Spring St., P.O. Box 644, Marion, MA 02738 are tax deductible as accorded by law. Our fiscal year starts with the annual meeting in May. Join now for your year of benefits. Thank you!

## MARION NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY - ANNUAL SUPPORT

### Donor Categories:

*Stargazer \$5,000 & above* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Paleontologist \$2,000 - \$4,999* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Anthropologist \$1,000 - \$1,999* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Explorer \$500 - \$999* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Naturalist \$250 - \$499* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Curator \$100 - \$249* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Collector \$60 - \$99* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Docent \$30 - \$59* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Many thanks for your support!*

*Volunteer opportunities exist in the areas of:*

**Newsletter design, copying, folding, etc.**

**Display design and construction**

**Robotics club assistance**

## **WISH LIST**

**Color printer**

**Computer paper**

**Canoe for summer program**

**Magnifying glasses**

**Art supplies**

**Legos**

**Craft supplies**

**Binoculars**

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