



NEWS BULLETIN

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For Your Information from...**Suffolk County Parks**

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Early Awakenings: A Pre-School Program (Ages 3-5, with accompanying adult)

March 3, 10:00a.m. Gardiner County Park, West Bay Shore

Winter is almost over and some early signs of Spring are starting to appear. Take a leisurely hike to hear the call of the red-winged blackbird, observe the bizarre skunk cabbage and search for some other stirrings of Spring. Presented by the Seatuck Environmental Association. *Program is free but registration is required.* Please call (631) **356-3681** to register or for more information.

Seal Walks



March 8, 10:30a.m.; March 21, 9:00a.m.; March 28, 1:30p.m. Cupsogue Beach County Park, Westhampton

CRESLI (Coastal Research and Education Society of Long Island) will lead a one mile seal walk that takes about 2 hours. Walks are suitable for children, and will depart from the area near the fence at the western end of the parking lot at Cupsogue. Meeting times are 15 minutes **prior** to departure. Weather will play a role in determining schedule changes and cancellations. *Reservations are required.* Please call (631) **244-3352** for more information. Visit: www.cresli.org/cresli/reservations/seal_walk_reservations.html to make reservations.

Is Spring on the Way? A Program for Adults

March 15, 10:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. Blydenburgh County Park, Smithtown

Join Seatuck's Peter Walsh on a 6.5 mile moderately-paced hike around scenic Stump Pond in Blydenburgh County Park. Pass through diverse habitats along the park's slightly sandy and relatively flat trails. We'll also travel on the new boardwalk that allows us to stay within the park for the entire hike. Bring lunch/snack and water. *Program is free but registration is required.* Call (631) **356-3681** to register or for more info.



Equinox Scavenger Hunt- A Family Affair

March 21, 10:00a.m – 11:00a.m. Gardiner County Park, West Bay Shore

Celebrate the END of Winter! Join Seatuck's Peter Walsh for a challenging scavenger hunt that will have every member of the family looking for signs of spring and various natural (and un-natural) items. This is a great opportunity to get outside, observe the seasonal changes, and celebrate the Vernal Equinox! Presented by the Seatuck Environmental Association. *Program is free but registration is required.* Please call (631) **356-3681** to register or for more information.



Women and Colonial Textiles

March 21, 1:00p.m. - 3:00p.m. Blydenburgh Weld House, Blydenburgh County Park, Smithtown

In celebration of "Women's History Month", Deanna Nelson will present Women and Colonial Textiles, a program that focuses on how women produced cloth from flax, wool and cotton. Participants will have an opportunity to try their hand at using both a table loom and a floor loom. Hosted by the Long Island Greenbelt Trail Conference and Suffolk County Archeology Society. For more information, call (631) **360-0753** or visit at www.ligreenbelt.org.

