

Tuckernuck Land Trust Summer Programs 2023

Please join us this summer as we continue to explore the nature of Tuckernuck Island. Except where otherwise noted, all activities will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays at the TLT Field Station and will last approximately one hour. We encourage both children and adults to participate; everyone is welcome to all programs. Children under twelve should be accompanied by an adult. All programs involve outdoor time, so please dress for the weather.

Come discover something new in, on, around or about Tuckernuck!

Program Leaders

Rich Blundell, Ph.D.	Scientist-in-Residence, Maria Mitchell Association; Founder, Oika (oika.com)
Sarah T. Bois, Ph.D.	Director of Research and Education, Linda Loring Nature Foundation
Jack Dubinsky	Aquarium Director, Maria Mitchell Association
Skyler Kardell	TLT's 2020-21 Coastal Steward; bird searcher and researcher
Frances Ruley Karttunen, Ph.D.	Nantucket historian and author
Owen La Farge	Native Tuckernucker and avocational genealogist
Mikaela Neary	TLT's 2023 Coastal Steward
Danielle O'Dell	Ecologist and Field Supervisor, Nantucket Conservation Foundation

Calendar

- July 9 **Nature-Based Scavenger Hunt** – Start off the summer by seeking (natural) treasure! Form a team or go solo, but let the friendly competition spur you to scavenge all the items on the list. The target items are typically found in various areas of the island, so some strategy may be needed to win the trophy. At the start of the hunt, Coastal Steward Mikaela Neary will provide the item list, along with bags to gather your finds. Prizes will be awarded at the finish.
- July 16 **What's in the Water?** – Creatures big and small live their lives in the waters around Tuckernuck. Join the director of the Maria Mitchell Association Aquarium in an exploration of the hidden wonders of the sea. Bring a bucket, if you have one, and a towel. It will be more fun (and informative) if you get wet!
- July 23 **Shore Report** – Have you wondered how nesting shorebirds' offspring manage to survive out in the open, with tides, weather, predators, and other factors with the potential to cause them trouble? Join Mikaela Neary to learn more about Tuckernuck's intrepid shorebirds, with a special focus on the defenses these small birds employ.
- July 30 **Bam's Ramble: Natives and Invasives** – Join local plant expert Sarah Bois on a walk to explore which plants are native to Tuckernuck and which are not—and which are invasive and trying to crowd out the competition.
- August 6 **A History of Lifesaving Service** – Nantucket-historian and prolific local author Dr. Fran Karttunen will speak about historical lifesaving services on the islands. Learn more about how islanders, in the days before sonar and GPS, handled the inevitable effects of the shoals and currents surrounding Tuckernuck and Nantucket.
- August 13 **Bird Walk (and Talk)** – Skyler Kardell returns to Tuckernuck to lead a bird walk. While watching for the variety of birds that utilize the habitats of Tuckernuck, Skyler will talk about the island's avian populations and his various research projects—including his recent trip to Antarctica, led by Dr. Richard Veit.
- August 20 **Rockin' Tuckernuck** – The diversity of the rocks that form and surround Tuckernuck can tell us stories and histories about the island and the planet. Dr. Rich Blundell, an ecologist with a Ph.D. in Deep History, will begin with a discussion about glacial history and the formation of the island. You'll then have time to ask Rich about your stones (bring some along!) while on a short walk to investigate the rocks in the surrounding area.
- August 27 **Family Trees** – Owen La Farge will lead an effort to map the families of Tuckernuck. Genealogy inevitably leads to stories, so whether or not you are on a Tuckernuck family tree, come learn about the people who settled this unique island.

Tuckernuck Land Trust Lending Library

TLT's lending library shelves offer a variety of books, from local reference to summer fare, plus games and puzzles, ready for all ages to borrow. Additional reference materials are also available to consult at the Field Station. Library hours are Sundays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. And if you have a book you would like to add to the collection, TLT Coastal Steward Mikaela Neary will be happy to make it available to everyone—space permitting!

The Tuckernuck Land Trust is a local non-profit organization dedicated to conserving Tuckernuck Island through land protection and educational experiences. Please join TLT's efforts by sending a tax-deductible donation.

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We also love questions, feedback, and suggestions: 508-228-2638 or tlt@tuckernucklandtrust.org.

Thank you for joining us. See you at the Field Station!

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