

ES Newsletter, Week of March 30, 2009

ON CAMPUS EVENTS

Peary's Quest for the Pole:

A Symposium in Celebration of Peary's 1908-1909 North Pole Expedition

Saturday, April 4, 2009 - 9 am to 5 pm

Smith Auditorium, Sills Hall, Bowdoin College

On Saturday, April 4th, the public is invited to attend a special symposium that will take a close look at Robert Peary's North Pole expedition of 1908-1909.

This all-day symposium offers a series of short papers that examine aspects of Peary's historic expedition and reflect upon its legacy. Individual presentations will examine Peary's technological innovations, his debt to the people of the High Arctic (the Inughuit) and the impact of his expeditions on Inughuit culture, the Arctic careers of Josephine Peary and Matthew Henson, the contributions of expedition members Robert Bartlett, George Wardwell, and Donald MacMillan, the motivations of Peary's influential backers and hero-makers, and the history of the Peary-Cook controversy.

Saturday's talks are geared to a general audience, and will highlight new research and discoveries from little-studied sources. Attendees are welcome to drop in for one or two talks, or to spend the entire day; registration is not required. The full symposium schedule is available at the Arctic Museum website, <http://www.bowdoin.edu/arctic-museum/centennial-events/symposium.shtml>

For additional information: <http://www.bowdoin.edu/arctic-museum/>

Or telephone the Arctic Museum at 207-725-3416

CLIMATE DAYS EVENTS

"Green Jobs and Environmental Justice"

Faculty/Student Collaboration UTube Videos and Discussion

Monday, April 6 7:00 pm

ES Common Room

Africana Studies and ES students are invited to join faculty in the common room for a showing of U-tube videos and discussion of environmental justice and green jobs as a prelude to Majora Carter's Common Hour! Students and Faculty who plan to attend are asked to **RSVP** to Rosie (rarmstro@bowdoin.edu) so she can order a copy of "**The Green Collar Economy**", by Van Jones.

Climate Fair

April 9th 10-4

Morrell Lounge, Smith Union

A showcase of student, faculty and staff work around the issue of sustainability as well as additional community and Bowdon organizations who will provide information and resources on climate change.

Locavore Dinner

April 9th 5-7pm

Thorne Dining Hall

Come and enjoy local foods while enjoying table discussions on the college's proposed Action Plan.

Common Hour with Majora Carter ~ “Green Jobs and the Green Economy”

Friday, April 10th 12:30-1:30

Pickard Theater

Tickets available at the Smith Union information desk

Majora Carter is an environmental advocate and founder of “Sustainable South Bronx”. Winner of the MacArthur “genius” award, she advises cities, foundations, universities, businesses, and communities around the world on unlocking their green-collar economic potential to benefit everyone.

Her presentation will be followed by an address by President Barry Mills and an announcement of the winners of the Climate Matters Contest.

*****Save the Date: Green Global Initiatives – Environmental Careers Panel*****

Tuesday, April 14th 7:30-9:00

Maine Lounge, Moulton Union

Come and hear about a wide range of career opportunities by Bowdoin alumni and friends.

OFF CAMPUS EVENTS

Friends of Merrymeeting Bay Speaker Series: Community-Based Lobster Science

The evening presentation features Diane Cowan, Director of The Lobster Conservancy

Thursday, April 2 7:00 pm

Bath City Hall Auditorium

Lobster life cycles encompass several phases including eggs, larval, post-larval juvenile, adult, and as the Lobster Conservancy reminds us: “plate.” Pesticides, global warming, water quality, disease, contaminants, fishing pressure, habitat destruction (i.e. from dredging), boiling water, lobster crackers and small forks are all threats to the lobster at various times in their lives. Gulf of Maine fishermen have worked extensively with The Lobster Conservancy to learn more about this interesting creature. Thursday’s program will cover both the lobster and the science of studying it.

Diane Cowan founded The Lobster Conservancy in 1996. The Conservancy is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and preserving the American lobster and the traditional trap fishery it supports through scientific research and public education..

To receive more information on FOMB’s programs call Misty Gorski, Executive Coordinator, Friends of Merrymeeting Bay, at 582-5608 or fomb@gwi.net. Full speaker schedule and biographies are available on the web at www.friendsofmerrymeetingbay.

Maine Climate Summit at University of Maine Farmington (posted 3.30)

April 4-5

If you haven’t signed up for the Climate Summit at UMF yet, do so soon!!

The summit is designed for students to learn, collaborate and discuss issues regarding climate change and sustainability. This event is intended for college, high school, and middle school students of Maine. All groups are welcome to inquire at the email address below for specific question concerning your group. Registration Begins at 9am on Saturday, April 4th in the Olsen Student Center. Registration is \$18 per person; this includes the cost of food and entertainment. For more information and to register, follow the link below:

<http://sustainablecampus.umf.maine.edu/>

Fostering Sustainable Behavior Workshops (posted 3.30.09)

Registration Open for June 11-12 workshops

This June Dr. McKenzie-Mohr, an environmental psychologist, will be presenting introductory and advanced community-based social marketing workshops in Halifax (June 11th and 12th -- please note that these sessions are the only the training sessions being offered until the spring of 2010 in Atlantic Canada and the Northeast United States). Dr. McKenzie-Mohr is the founder of community-based social marketing and has written and presented extensively on the topic. We invite you to attend either or both of these workshops, as we are confident that the training they provide will fundamentally change the way you think about program delivery.

Online Registration: <https://register.cbsm.com/workshops/?site=Halifax>

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SUMMER INTERNSHIPS/JOBS

The National Council for Science and the Environment has extended the application deadline for summer internships to April 10th. Please review the requirements here

<http://ncseonline.org/01about/cms.cfm?id=1144> or send an email to internships@ncseonline.org <<mailto:internships@ncseonline.org>>. More information is available on our website <http://ncseonline.org/01about/cms.cfm?id=1144>

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Damariscove Island Stewards (posted again 3.30)

Boothbay Region Land Trust

Deadline: Positions closing soon!!

The Boothbay Region Land Trust is seeking a pair of qualified island caretakers to help with the management and stewardship of Damariscove Island, a, nearly treeless island located five miles southeast of Boothbay Harbor. **CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY AS A TEAM.** The stewards live in a rustic cabin and will monitoring recreational activity, provide stewardship services, and educate island visitors about the island's cultural and natural history, the Boothbay Region Land Trust (BRLT), and The Nature Conservancy (TNC). Qualified applicants must be self-reliant, able to live in isolated/primitive conditions, and must enjoy communicating with many types of people. Familiarity with Maine coastal flora, fauna and culture, and experience with equipment maintenance are important and helpful skills for the caretakers. This is a 12-week seasonal position that will be shared by two people working closely together for the duration of the recreational boating season. Both individual and joint applications will be

considered. Each caretaker will receive a small living stipend paid every two weeks.

For more information and application instructions please contact Nick Ullo, Lands & Stewardship at: nullo@bbrlt.org or visit our website at: www.bbrlt.org. This position will be closing soon!

Maine Coast Heritage Trust

Marshall Island Stewards (2 short-term, full-time positions) (posted 3.30)

CANDIDATES MUST APPLY AS A TEAM: The stewards work as a team, living on Marshall Island, a 1000-acre undeveloped, mainly forested island off the Maine coast from June 8 through August 31, 2009. Marshall Island is located about seven miles southeast of Stonington, nine miles southwest of Mount Desert Island, and one mile south of Swans Island. The island is owned and conserved by Maine Coast Heritage Trust and is used by people from the surrounding areas and folks cruising the coast for picnicking, hiking and exploring. Currently there is a 9 mile trail network and 3 public campsites. The areas around a resident pair of nesting bald eagles and a private 10 acre lease area have been placed off-limits to the public.

The stewards will camp in tents provided by MCHT and are responsible for maintaining trails, monitoring and recording public use patterns, studying roosting and feeding patterns of the eagles and other wildlife, assisting with trail and campsite maintenance, setting up biological and use monitoring protocols, providing visitors with information about Maine Coast Heritage Trust and the island's cultural and natural history, maintaining communication with the local community, and ensuring that visitors respect preserve guidelines and the private leased areas. The stewards will also be responsible for maintenance and operation of a 17' motorboat and must be experienced with boat handling. The stewards have to be self-reliant, able to live in isolated/primitive conditions, and must enjoy communicating with many kinds of people. Familiarity with Maine coastal flora, fauna and culture, the ability to collect data, and experience with equipment maintenance are important and helpful skills for the stewards. Stewards ideally would spend 5 days on the island followed by 2 days off the island and weekends must be spent on the island. **CANDIDATES MUST APPLY AS A TEAM.**

LIVING CONDITIONS:

Housing will consist of tents. Cooking facilities will be simple. There is no running water and drinking water is hauled from the mainland. Stewards will have the use of a 17' Boston Whaler for the season, with backup support from the Regional Steward who is based on Mount Desert Island.

SALARY: Each person will earn \$12.00/hour, based on a 40 hour work week and paid on the 15th and last day of each month, subject to required withholdings. As short-term employees, you will be entitled to legally required benefits, i.e., Worker's Compensation and Social Security (housing and boat transportation provided). This is a short-term, full-time, 40-hour week, 12-week employment for each person. Work-related travel will be reimbursed at \$.505 per mile.

**** Note:** Must have your own land transportation and housing.

For more information, see the website:

http://www.mltm.org/view_jobs.php

Applications should be emailed to padams@mcht.org or mailed to MCHT, Attn: Peg Adams, 1 Bowdoin Mill Island, Suite 201, Topsham, ME 04086. Maine Coast Heritage Trust does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, handicaps, sexual orientation, or for any other reason.

Environmental Education Intern / Scarborough Marsh Audubon Center (Maine) (posted 3.30)

The environmental education intern leads educational programs on salt-marsh ecology at Scarborough Marsh Audubon Center (training provided). These 1.5-hour, hands-on nature explorations for groups of all ages are held Monday through Friday from May 4 to June 13. After June 13, the center is open to the public seven days a week, and the intern assists with a variety of family, children and adult programs throughout the summer. In addition, the intern will complete a project mutually designed with the supervisor, such as making displays and interactive exhibits, updating the teacher and volunteer packets with current background information and activities, and designing and creating new props and activities for programs. Intern must be able to work independently and have experience working with the public. A background in teaching or environmental education and experience working with children is a plus.

Benefits are negotiable depending on the time commitment. Possible contract work is available. Benefits may include: free canoe rentals; 15 percent discount on store merchandise; discounted or free admission to Maine Audubon programs and trips; enrichment in natural history and educational techniques.

The position runs early May through August and usually consists of 120 hours or more. Time commitment and scheduling are flexible. For more information, contact Linda Woodard at (207) 781-2330, ext. 213, or smac@maineaudubon.org.

Status: OPEN / Search done when position filled.

Volunteer Biologists/ Southern Maine

Send resume, cover letter, and three references to Plover Volunteers, Maine Audubon, 20 Gilsland Farm Rd., Falmouth, ME 04105.

Two seasonal volunteer biologists to monitor and manage endangered piping plovers and least terns on 18 sand beaches in southern Maine. The volunteers will work with biologists to erect fencing around nest sites, post signs, monitor predation, and coordinate other volunteers as well as conduct public outreach to landowners and the public.

The successful applicants will:

- . have experience working with birds,
- . have excellent observation skills,
- . be a diplomatic and effective communicator,
- . be in excellent physical condition, and
- . have binoculars.

The part-time positions run from mid May and mid August.

Status: Resumes reviewed starting in April 2009/Search done when position filled.

http://www.maineaudubon.org/about/jobs/internships.shtml#ee_smac

Environmental Education Camp Assistant at Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve at Laudholm Farm, Wells Maine (posted 3.30)

Position Summary: Responsible for assisting with a series of half day environmental education programs for children ages 6-9 and two week-long sessions of Junior Researchers summer day camps for children ages 9-12. A 170-hour commitment is required from June 26 through August

21, 2009. The work schedule follows the schedule of the Reserve's summer camps. Some weeks will consist of more work hours than others.

Minimum Qualifications: Two years of college working toward environmental education, education, environmental science, marine biology, biology, or related degree (or equivalent experience); ability to work independently and as part of a team; experience teaching children; computer and organizational skills; educational program planning experience; valid drivers license.

Compensation: Free community housing within walking distance is available. Depending on the university, there is also the possibility of receiving college credit for this internship.

Full Description:

To Apply: See download. Applications must be received by April 5, 2009.

<http://www.wellsreserve.org/internships.htm>

The Marine Environmental Research Institute (MERI), located in Blue Hill, Maine (posted 3.30), is a nonprofit organization dedicated to scientific research and education on the impacts of pollution on marine life, and to protecting the health and biodiversity of the marine environment for future generations. We are currently recruiting to fill three Marine Education Internships for this Summer. These are full-time positions requiring a commitment of 10 weeks (June 22nd – August 31st). Current work includes community-based marine education programs, water quality monitoring, and field research on the effects of pollution on marine mammals. MERI's education programs focus on marine life along the rocky Maine coast and promoting environmental awareness and stewardship. This internship is an excellent opportunity for an individual working toward a career in marine science education or environmental education to gain practical experience in the field. The ideal candidate will possess a personal interest in the marine environment and a commitment to the mission of the organization.

This position will involve working closely with senior Education Staff in key components of the MERI education program, including leading boat and island ecology trips for children and adults, planning and implementing educational science materials for adult and child community programs, and assisting with the day-to-day operation of the MERI Center for Marine Studies.

Assist with the implementation of educational programming, including educational Boat Cruises, MERI's Summer Classes, Ocean Story Hour, Ocean Video Night, and Ocean Aquarium Room programs interpret exhibits in the Ocean Aquarium Room to visiting groups and the general public

Assist with day-to-day operation of the MERI Center for Marine Studies, including staffing the reception desk and the Ocean Room, and attending some weekend and evening programs and special events

Help maintain Ocean Room aquaria and touch tank, including collection of species for exhibit in the tanks

Work with Education Department staff and volunteers to reorganize and catalogue the Sea Lending Library

Compile background information, assist with production of Fact Sheets, Teaching Kits and informational materials as assigned and for an individual project subject area

Articulate and promote the MERI mission to the public

Stocking and maintaining educational program materials

Setting up and cleaning areas required for educational programs

Perform other duties relating to the organization's goals and mission as required

Reports to: Education Program Coordinator and Education Director

Qualifications:

Applicants should be working towards or possess a BA or BS degree (Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to apply) in environmental education, marine sciences, biology, environmental sciences or a similar major. Applicants should demonstrate enthusiasm for teaching science-related topics and preferably have experience teaching science to groups of students, ages 2-18. Applicants should be able to work well independently and as part of a team. Good public speaking and writing skills are required. Applicants must be flexible, able to adapt to a changing work environment, and at times, be available to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

Knowledge of computer software including Microsoft Word, Power Point, Excel required. Must possess a valid drivers license, a good driving record, and ability to drive or learn to drive a manual transmission. Knowledge of First Aid, CPR, and water safety is a plus.

Time Requirements: June 22nd – August 31st (10 weeks); Full-time (min. 40 hours/week)

Compensation:

Housing in Blue Hill and a stipend are available. A common house is used, where interns live together and are responsible for cooking and cleaning duties. Rooms may be shared with one other person. Interns are responsible for all travel expenses and food.

Deadline: Until filled

To Apply: If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit by email a letter of interest with your updated résumé and contact information for 3 references to:

MERI Search Committee/Summer 2009 Education Internship

education@meriresearch.org

Marine Environmental Research Institute (MERI)

PO Box 1652, 55 Main Street

Blue Hill, ME 04616

Tel: (207) 374-2135 Fax: (207) 374-2931

Website: www.meriresearch.org

MERI is an Equal Opportunity Employer

JOBS FOR SENIORS

Organization: The Leadership Learning Community*(posted 3.30)

Position: Communications and Development Associate

Location: Oakland, California

* Website: <http://www.leadershiplearning.org/>*

Looking for Passionate Learners

Communications and Development Associate Position

***Job Summary*: The Leadership Learning Community is looking for a Communications and Development Associate.** The position will include the development and implementation of a communications marketing strategy for increasing LLC's brand and position in the field including a social media strategy for engaging new audiences. The person will also help to cultivate LLC's donor base, conduct donor research, write grants, implement donor systems, and develop membership strategies. In the first year the person will receive coaching from a marketing expert and development coaching from the Executive Director. The position will be equally divided between communications and development with advancement opportunities.

Visit <http://hosting-source.bronto.com/697/public/Com-Dev-Associate2.pdf> for a full job description.

The Nature Conservancy in New Hampshire (posted 3.30) Oyster Conservation Coordinator

Seeking Oyster Conservation Coordinator with exceptional interpersonal skills to effectively train volunteers to grow and measure oysters on their private docks. Responsibilities include coordination of volunteer training and data collection activities, tracking results of oyster growth & survival, and posting data results on website. Coordinator will provide technical assistance; assist with local oyster reef-building and reef monitoring activities. Activities involve small boat operation, shell handling and snorkeling.

REQUIREMENTS: Associates degree in natural resources, environmental studies or equiv combination of education & 6 months of relevant experience. Successful experience coordinating and working with volunteers required. Must be able to prioritize and complete tasks independently, accurately, and within assigned timeframes. Preference given to candidates with a degree in marine discipline or experience with shellfish aquaculture. Short-term (June to Nov) part-time (approx 14 hours/week) position, based out of The Nature Conservancy's Great Bay Office in Newmarket, NH. **TO APPLY:** Go to www.nature.org/careers, click on "how to apply", then click on "view positions" and search using New Hampshire as the keyword. Please complete the online employment application and upload a cover letter and resume as requested by May 1, 2009. EOE.

Stewardship Field Program Co-Director (posted 3.30) [Merck Forest & Farmland Center](#), Rupert, VT

Merck Forest & Farmland Center seeks a co-director for the Stewardship Field Program (SFP). The co-director's primary responsibilities will be planning, preparing for and leading field-based education programs that engage students in hands-on land stewardship projects. In addition to the SFP programs, this position is balanced with responsibilities with our forestry operations, which include maple sugaring, trail work, cabin maintenance, firewood processing, and general maintenance. Most of the winter is spent managing sugaring operations. Occasional weekend work is required.

Merck Forest & Farmland Center is a non-profit organization whose mission is to teach and demonstrate the benefits of innovative, sustainable management of forest and farmland. The SFP teaches students sustainable land management practices through stewardship projects in agriculture and forestry; the SFP also helps students develop practical conservation skills and deepen ecological understanding. Programs are provided for students of all ages, and serve a diverse range of communities and schools from the region. Programs range from one to five days, with the SFP staff responsible for daytime activities.

This job requires a bachelors degree in environmental education, environmental studies or related field, or equivalent combination of schooling and experience. Must be motivated, enthusiastic, flexible, and able to lead groups of all ages, including adults; must have a passion for raising environmental consciousness and promoting a sustainable lifestyle; must be willing to work outside in all kinds of weather. Basic carpentry skills, experience with chainsaws, tractors, hand tools and heavy equipment a plus.

Salary will be commensurate with experience. See our website at www.merckforest.org for more information regarding our organization. Send cover letter, resume and three references to Debbie Lyon, Stewardship Field Program Co-Director. Applications accepted until May 8, 2009.

<http://jobs.oriongrassroots.org/education/>

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