

# Brunswick Town Commons

## 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event Presentations

### **BHS Film Department Presentation: Uncommon Ground A Documentary Premier & 300<sup>th</sup> Commons History Talk by Jym St. Pierre**

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 PM, at Crooker Theater, Brunswick High School

View the opening premier of a Town Commons documentary. The compelling narrative is supported by powerful imagery that captures the essence of this special place. This will be followed by a history salon where environmental historian Jym St. Pierre will share the results of his year-long research to chronicle the past of this bequest laid out for the "...General & perpetual Commonage..." of the Town of Brunswick.

### **Wildlife Walking Tour of the Brunswick Town Commons**

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM, on the Commons

Ever get the feeling you are not alone when walking in the woods? Well, if it happens to be while on the Brunswick Town Commons you're probably correct. A recent study has revealed a diverse and abundant population of wildlife on this special parcel that was thoughtfully preserved at the very beginning of the town's history. Our two researchers will guide a tour through the Commons and share their remarkable findings.

### **First Bird Walking Tour of the Commons**

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 AM, on the Commons

Dale Dorr of Merrymeeting Audubon will lead a walk through the Brunswick Town Commons. Please join us for this early migration walk in Brunswick's Town Commons with its mix of vernal pools, pitch pine stands and old fields. This time in the season it is uncertain which species will have made the migration to mid coast Maine, but the Commons have had nesting hawk and owl families in the past and should produce a good mix of the hardier species of songbirds.

### **Botanical Walking Tour of the Town Commons**

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM, on the Commons

The Brunswick Town Commons are comprised of unique natural plant communities including Pitch Pine Barrens, a state-listed rare natural community. The walk will explore the transitions between common Oak-Pine forests, Pitch Pine Barrens, and a small Pitch pine-heath bog found on the Commons. Expect to see fringed milkwort (*Polygala paucifolia*), pink lady's-slipper (*Cypripedium acaule*), and other spring ephemerals during this walk. Hiking boots and bug spray are recommended.

### **Second Bird Walking Tour of the Commons**

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 AM, on the Commons

Gordon Smith and John Berry will co-lead a walk at the Brunswick Town Commons to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the establishment of the Brunswick Town Commons. This bird walk will be done on easy paths (up to 3 miles total). We will observe a variety of plants, wildlife, and migrating songbirds. 7am start time. For more information call Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

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### **5K Run for the Commons**

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 to 10:30 AM, on the Commons

Come and enjoy this College to Commons course that starts at Bowdoin's Watson Arena, winds through the Greater Commons and then loops the Town Commons before returning to the starting area. Participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt.

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### **Tree Walking Tour**

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM, on the Commons

Come celebrate Arbor Week at the Brunswick Town Commons with the Brunswick Tree Committee. On this walking tour, you will be introduced to the trees and shrubs found in the Town Commons and learn what they can tell you about the history of the landscape. You will encounter species that are commonly found across Maine and glimpse a globally-rare ecosystem. Along the way, you'll learn tips and tricks that will enable you to identify trees as you go out and explore the Maine woods.

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### **Formal Commemorative Celebration of the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town Commons**

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 PM, on the Commons

Welcome and Introductory Remarks; Brunswick Town Council

Brief History of the Commons; Jym St. Pierre

Reading of Declarations:

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1719 (o.s.) Pejepscot Proprietor statement; Larissa Vigue Picard, PHS

1968 Brunswick Selectmen Historic Landmark designation; Angela Twitchell, BTLT

2019 Maine Legislation Recognition

Commons Poetry Reading

Tree Planting by Honorary Chair

Closing Comments; Brunswick Town Council

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### **Formal Opening of the Brunswick Town Commons Exhibit**

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM, at Pejepscot Historical Society, 159 Park Row

Come see this dynamic and informative banner display that tells the story of the Brunswick Town Commons through the ages. Chat with creator Jym St. Pierre who has spent nearly a year researching the fascinating role that the Commons has played in shaping the community of Brunswick.

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### **Wildlife Walking Tour of the Brunswick Town Commons [Repeat Tour]**

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM on the Commons

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**Brunswick Town Commons Station United States Postal Service Commemorative Cancellation**  
May 20<sup>th</sup>. 9:00 to 11:00, Town Hall, Council Chambers, 85 Union Street

An official commemorative US stamp cancellation hallmark, noting the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Town Commons, will be available for this brief period of time. For those with a passion for philately or those who just wish to have a special Brunswick heritage keepsake, don't miss this opportunity.

**The Town Commons Contribution to the Aviation History of Brunswick**

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00 PM, at Brunswick Naval Museum and Gardens, 179 Admiral Fitch Avenue

The Town's second municipal airport opened in 1934 on a large portion of the Town Commons. World events transformed it from its modest beginnings to a vast and strategic military complex. The impact of Naval Air Station Brunswick on the local community has been profound. This talk will trace Brunswick's unique aviation history and the role that the Town Commons played in shaping that past.

**Tree Walking Tour [Repeat Tour]**

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM, on the Commons

On this walking tour, you will be introduced to the trees and shrubs found in the Town Commons and learn what they can tell you about the history of the landscape. You will encounter species that are commonly found across Maine and glimpse a globally-rare ecosystem. Along the way, you'll learn tips and tricks that will enable you to identify trees as you go out and explore the Maine woods.