

NARROW RIVER NOTES

Narrow River Preservation Association: Preserving the Narrow River Watershed Since 1970 / December 2019

Art and culture of local Indigenous people

NRPA has partnered with the Tomaquag Museum to incorporate local Indigenous art, culture and history into NRPA's work.

At NRPA's annual Art on the River event at Middlebridge in August 2019, Lorén Spears, Executive Director of the Tomaquag Museum, taught guests how to make corn husk dolls traditionally made by local Indigenous people.

In July 2019, Lorén led a small group on a kayak tour along the Narrow (Pettaquamscutt) River.

Lorén's remarks during the tour were recorded and transcribed for all to learn and enjoy. Below is part two in our series of this transcript.

Lorén:

As we think of Pettaquamscutt (Narrow) River, we must think of all the gifts of the land surrounding the river as well as the gifts within. The Narragansett community has given thanks to the Creator for these gifts throughout our history on these lands.

[Note: a guest asked about the use of feathers.]

Yeah, we used feathers in lots of things. A perfect example - something that you can even look up online and see

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Lorén Spears (right), Executive Director of the Tomaquag Museum, teaches people how to make traditional corn husk dolls at NRPA's Art on the River in August.

Photo by Alison Kates.

NRPA sets events for 50th anniversary year



Since 1970, NRPA has been working to fulfill our mission to preserve, protect, and restore the natural environment and the quality of life of all communities within the Narrow (Pettaquamscutt) River Estuary and Watershed.

Please join us throughout 2020 as we celebrate 50 years of great work and look ahead to continuing our work for the next 50 years!

Our first event will be a presentation on 50 years of NRPA's accomplishments on Sunday, January 26 from 1-3pm at Narragansett Public Library as part of the *On Pettaquamscutt Winter Speaker Series*.

New this year, we'll be hosting '*Navigating the Narrow*', a watercraft safety discussion on Saturday, April 4 at Mettatuxet Yacht Club.

In November, join us to dance the night away at our **Golden Gala**.

Check out the bookmark enclosed in this newsletter for a list of all of our events or visit narrowriver.org.

We hope you will celebrate with us!

Pettaquamscutt River Watershed GIS Maps

The Narrow River Preservation Association, in its mission to understand, preserve and protect the Narrow or Pettaquamscutt River watershed and estuary, with help and assistance from staff at the URI Department of Geosciences and the Environmental Data Center, has developed a watershed-based Geographic Information System (GIS).

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See full sized map at narrowriver.org/GIS

Volunteer Water Monitors Needed!

Become a citizen scientist and help us monitor the health of Narrow River!

URI Watershed Watch and NRPA will provide all of the training and materials you need. All info at narrowriver.org/riverwatch.

Some testing sites are accessible on foot, others require a boat. We'll suit your needs!

Sign up at nrpa@narrowriver.org.



President's Cove

Dear friends,

The purpose of this note to members of NRPA is to just let you know that all goes well.

You will see on the book-mark of NRPA's 2020 Events that all of the of the usual NRPA activities are planned, while in the background planning for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary is being formulated.

The first of these events, our kick-off to the year, will be a presentation of NRPA's '50 Years of Protecting and Preserving the Narrow River and its Watershed'. A panel of three NRPA leaders, including me, will look back at NRPA's most significant challenges and accomplishments over the past 50 years. We will consider our history while looking ahead to the next 50 years of caring for the watershed that we all cherish.

Part of the *On Pettaquamscutt Winter Speaker Series*, this presentation be held on Sunday, January 26 from 1-3pm at the Maury Loontjens Memorial Library in Narragansett. Please join us after the presentation for discussion and drinks at Trio.

A new activity that I will mention is that NRPA will be holding a silent art auction in the Fall as part of our 50th Anniversary year celebration.

A peek at some of the names of the artists who created the artwork that will be available for bidding at this point includes Bill Krul, Leonard Baskin, Pati Silvia and John MacNamara. All profits from the art auction will be used to support River Watch and the educational programs of NRPA.

Best,

Richard Grant

Richard Barker Grant
President, NRPA



Richard Grant (right) at the dedication of an informational panel about the Little Red Shack at Sprague Bridge, Narragansett, overlooking the former site of the beloved icon.

More information on opposite page and at narrowriver.org/shack

Photo by Veronica Berounsky.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Narrow River Preservation Association (NRPA) works to preserve, protect, and restore the natural environment and the quality of life of all communities within the Narrow (Pettaquamscutt) River Estuary and Watershed.

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Striped bass mortality event in Narrow (Pettaquamscutt) River - August 2019

By Catalina Martinez, NRPA Board Member; Sharon MacLean, Research Biologist, NOAA Northeast Fisheries Science Center (Ret), Narragansett Lab

In early August 2019, there was a striped bass mortality event that lasted for several weeks from the mouth of the Narrow River to Gilbert Stuart Brook. Wind and current patterns in the river made it impossible to determine exactly where in the river fish may have died.

Routine dissolved oxygen measurements by NRPA's River Watch program, and situational testing by the RI DEM based on dead fish sightings, confirmed oxygen levels were within normal range during the time of the mortalities. As seen from the history of anoxic water turnover events in the upper Narrow River, low oxygen events impact multiple finfish species. For these reasons, low oxygen was ruled out as a possible cause. Water temperatures in the lower and upper ponds reached 87-89 degrees F as measured by a boat temperature probe around the time of the mortality event. This is higher than normal and is the upper range of lethal temperature tolerance for striped bass.

The first report of dead fish in the river was made on August 2 and sightings continued for several weeks. On August 10, 32 dead fish between 12 and 28 inches in length were counted in various stages of decomposition. Fin rot and external tissue hemorrhaging were common among fish inspected which are suggestive of pathogen involvement.

Two fish that appeared recently deceased were collected within a few days of each other and sent to Kennebec River Biosciences in Maine for bacterial and viral screenings. The bacterial screening of one fish specimen showed heavy pure growth of a subspecies of *Photobacterium damsela* that is associated with disease and mortalities in many finfish species. All viral screenings were negative. The second fish was too decomposed for study.

Although positive results from one fish alone do not provide enough evidence to conclude that all mortalities were due to this pathogen, *P. damsela* is known to cause severe finfish mortalities under the right conditions. A significant environmental stressor, such as higher than normal water temperatures, can increase susceptibility of fish to bacterial pathogens. Since high temperature also increases bacterial growth rates, it is possible that this pathogen combined with high water temperatures contributed to the August mortality event in Narrow River.

Photobacterium damsela is a widespread pathogen in the marine environment. Although there are no known human health risks to eating the fish or from swimming in the river with the pathogen present, it is recommended that people with immunodeficiency and/or open wounds be careful when handling fish that look diseased. Leaving diseased fish in the water to decompose can enhance the pathogen load in the river, so it is prudent to



Dead striped bass specimen collected on August 14 in Narrow River by RI DEM. External tissue hemorrhaging (red markings on exterior) and fin rot were common in all dead fish examined. Note clear eyes and red gills that are indicative of recent death. Color photo can be seen at narrowriver.org/striped-bass Photo Credit: Katherine Rodrigue, RI DEM Division of Marine Fisheries.

dispose of dead fish in the trash.

As water temperatures continue to increase as an inevitable impact of global climate change, we may see more finfish die-offs in the future. Thankfully, NRPA now has collaborators in place who are eager to work with us in the event of future issues.

Thanks to the following individuals, agencies, and organizations who assisted this effort on very short notice. NOAA NEFSC, RIDEM, RI Fish and Wildlife, NRPA Board Members, Marta Gomez-Chiarri, Professor and Department Chair, URI Department of Fisheries, Animal, and Veterinary Science, Cem Giray, Chief Science Officer from Kennebec River Biosciences in Maine, Jim Roche, James McGregor, and Narrow River residents.

NRPA and US Fish and Wildlife Service unveil panel remembering the Little Red Shack on Sedge Island

On the south west corner of the Sprague Bridge in Narragansett, there is now a panel dedicated to the memory of the little red shack on Sedge Island. The panel overlooks Sedge Island where remains of the shack's foundation can still be seen.

A small dedication ceremony was held in September and drew about 30 people who cherished the local icon. See photo on page 2 of Richard Grant at the event.

Visit the panel or narrowriver.org/shack for many photos and stories.



Panel design by David Smith

Narrow River cleanup

On Sunday, September 22, more than two dozen volunteers of all ages cleaned up along the Narrow River. Some sites (including marshes and two islands) were accessed by boat and other locations on foot. Volunteers collected bottles, cans, plastic, cigarette butts, beach chairs, a 6 foot long 4"x4" wooden post, several shoes, floats, a tire and part of an old sign.

Volunteers picked up trash on all four corners of Sprague Bridge, La Farge Park, at the mouth of the river, Treaty Rock Park, Mumford Brook, the Pollock Avenue boat ramp, and along marshes throughout the river.

Thanks to all who helped! Please join us at our 2020 river cleanups planned for April 26 and September 27.

Information and signup at narrowriver.org/cleanup.



Volunteers from Riverside Drive at the Narrow River Cleanup.
Photo by James McGregor.

Art on the River a great success

On a beautiful Saturday morning in August, 31 adults and 18 children participated in NRPA's Art on the River.

This open-air art event held at Middlebridge along the Narrow (Pettaquamscutt) River celebrates the natural beauty of the area and artists of all ages and skill levels.

Plein air painters set up easels and captured the scenery.

Lorén Spears, Executive Director of the Tomaquag Museum, taught guests how to make corn husk dolls traditionally made by local Indigenous people.

Volunteers helped visitors make seaweed art and fish prints.

Bagels and fruit were provided by a generous grant from the GFWC Women's Club of South County and in partnership with the Jonnycake Center for Hope.

All are welcome at our 8th Annual Art on the River on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at Middlebridge in Narragansett.



Art on the River, August 2019
Photos by Veronica Berounsky (left) and Alison Kates.

What Lives in the River - Gansett Days

A great group of guests and volunteers made our September What Lives in the River fun and educational.

Using dip nets, seine nets and plankton nets, explorers found flounder, mummichug, periwinkles, sticklebacks, comb jellies (ctenophores), minnows, shrimp, eels, silversides, oysters, seaweed and at least 6 different types of crabs: spider, blue, hermit, fiddler, green and horseshoe.

In this photo, volunteers Haley Roche and Catalina Martinez (from left) show a crab to young scientists.

All are welcome to explore What Lives in the River in 2020!

We'll be hosting the event on June 13 from 9am - 1:30pm and September 12 from 9am - 11am at Middlebridge, 95 Middlebridge Road, Narragansett.

Free and open to the public!



Craig Wood Honored with 2019 W.E.R. La Farge Friend of the River Award

At its Annual Meeting each year, NRPA presents the W.E.R. La Farge Memorial Friend of the River Award to an individual or organization whose work in protecting the river reflects the spirit of W.E.R. La Farge, a founding member of NRPA.

In 2019, Craig Wood was given this honor for developing NRPA's Osprey Education Program and bringing it to hundreds of students and community members, for being NRPA's liaison to the Narrow River Land Trust, and for his service to the Narrow River Preservation Association.

Craig Wood joined NRPA's Board of Directors in 2012. When Dr. Jon Boothroyd passed away, he took over the role that Jon performed such as qualifying CRMC rulings on property, reviewing proposed development in the watershed and offering insight on proposed dredging and other projects.

He has taken a technical lead in professional collaboration with US Fish and Wildlife.

Five years ago, Craig created and executed the NRPA Osprey Education Program. It started in 2014 as he led fourth grade students taught by his wife, Carolyn, tracking osprey migration from South America to New England. In 2019 alone, his educational program about ospreys reached more than 400 fourth grade students in local schools.

Craig initiated the purchase of NRPA's own stuffed osprey, Pette, to enhance

the education program.

Furthering NRPA's osprey program, he was the driving force behind the new osprey nest platform, a collaboration between Narrow River Preservation Association and Narrow River Land Trust (NRLT). The full realization of his vision will be the installation of a webcam on that platform giving everyone a 24 hour view of the osprey in their natural habitat with a wide panorama of Pettaquamscutt Cove in the background.

He also serves on the Narrow River Land Trust Board of Directors, maintaining a strong link between the sister organizations.

Julie Sharpe, Land Trust president remarks about him: "He didn't sit on the sidelines of [NRLT] Board meetings for very long. He is not one to consider Board meetings as a spectator sport. He listens well, and when he speaks, his thoughts and ideas are well-considered and helpful. He likes to get things done and he's got lots of ideas, but he is patient. He is a consensus builder because he appreciates the efficiencies of working with a team and enjoys the shared success. He is humble and believes in the strength of



Craig Wood, left, receives the 2019 W.E.R. La Farge Friend of the River Award from NRPA President Richard Grant. Photo by Veronica Berounsky

collaboration."

In 2016, Craig filled another spot on the NRPA Board of Directors as Secretary.

An active Board member in every way, he drives the informational poster about the animal featured in NRPA's Road Race logo each year, heads up the 5K start of the Road Race and most years volunteers as a kayak spotter at the Narrow River Turnaround Swim.

This year marks his tenth year as a volunteer monitor with our River Watch Program.

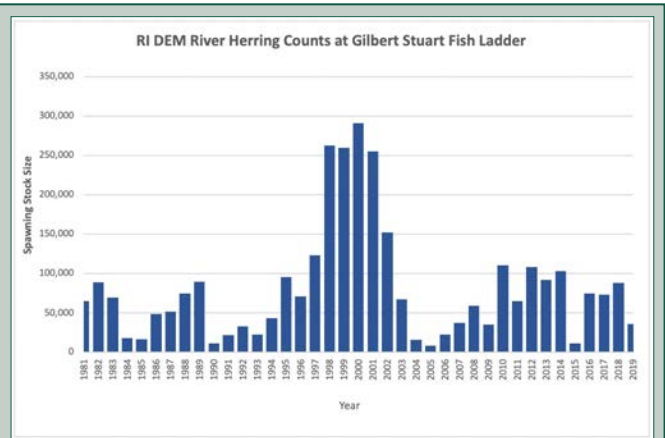
Craig credits his mother, Jean, for his love of the environment.

2019 River Herring migration

The chart to the right shows the last 38 years of RI Department of Environmental Management (RI DEM) counts of River Herring as they migrate up Gilbert Stuart Stream to spawn at Carr Pond.

"Herring runs are naturally cyclical to an extent, and the first thing we look at after a low year is what happened in the previous years.", says Patrick McGee, Fisheries Biologist with RI DEM's Department of Fish and Wildlife. "Although it is not necessarily the sole reason, we can see by the chart that in 2015 we had an extremely low year, and those fish would potentially make up a good portion of the 2019 spawning stock. So a slow year in 2019 wasn't a complete shock, and we'd hope for a rebound in 2020."

Learn more about River Herring at narrowriver.org/river-herring.



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GIS is a computer software system designed to capture, store, manipulate, analyze, manage, and present spatial or geographic data. It is a powerful tool that allows users to create data-filled maps, analyze spatial information and present the results for use in resource management, assessment and education.

Recently, NRPA was able to purchase a non-profit license for ESRI GIS software and with assistance, build a solid spatial database for Narrow River preservation. This computer software tool is based on more than forty datasets downloaded from the Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS) website and clipped to the Narrow River watershed boundaries.

Using the GIS tool, maps and analyses will help NRPA better understand and manage watershed resources, water quality, and public education about this priceless natural area.

Current data layers include historical aerial photographs, topographic contours, roads, freshwater rivers and streams, ponds and lakes, ecological communities, conservation lands and no-wake areas. In one use addressing climate change, river zones, marshes and parcel maps can be overlaid with storm surge and sea level rise predictions to identify the most vulnerable areas and plan for marsh restoration and coastal retreat.

Using the 40+ datasets available for the watershed, NRPA is planning a Pettaquamscutt River Map Atlas for our website, for use in displays and education efforts. The map that accompanies this article is a working draft of our first map on "River Zones and Ecological Communities". This map utilizes two dozen data layers to highlight different habitat zones along the river, plant and marine communities and the mathematics of the estuary. It is a map designed for display and for field use and will be available in the near future.

URI Coastal Fellows Explore Narrow River

On August 1, a bus of scientists, managers, educators, artists and others interested in coastal issues headed out for the 2019 University of Rhode Island (URI) Coastal Institute (CI) Senior Fellows Field Trip, an "around the watershed" tour illustrating important issues for Narrow River.

While kayaking near Middlebridge, Charlie Vandemoer and Ben Gaspar of the US Fish and Wildlife Service described thin layer deposition and salt marsh restoration work and URI graduate student Danielle Perry discussed research on greenhouse gas emissions from salt marshes.

Back on the bus, participants traveled north and heard about local issues and historical facts. CI Director Judith Swift welcomed them to lunch and their Annual Meeting at The Nature Conservancy (TNC)'s King/Benson Preserve.

Here at Upper Pond, talks were given by CI Assistant Director and NRPA Board member Nathan Vinhaterio on geology, by NRPA Vice President Veronica Berounsky on anoxic basins, by TNC's Will Helt on oysters, and by TNC's Cheryl Wiitala, who described trails. The bus then went to Casey Farm, an Historic New England property that runs from Narragansett Bay to Narrow River. Site Manager Jane Hennedy gave a tour.

The Senior Fellows realized a new understanding of the Pettaquamscutt Estuary and its watershed.



Charlie Vandemoer (left), of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, speaks to Coastal Fellows on their tour of Narrow River.

Kayak Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Kim Niehoff of Saunderstown on winning NRPA's 2019 Kayak Raffle!

Kim is pictured here with NRPA volunteer Maia Hubbard, age 8, who sold Kim the winning ticket at NRPA's display at the Coastal Grower's Market at Casey Farm in June.

Many many thanks to Jason Considine and Narrow River Kayaks for donating the kayak. The raffle is a major fundraiser for NRPA.



James McGregor

NRPA is pleased to welcome the newest member of the NRPA Board of Directors, James McGregor.

A long time watershed resident, avid boater and fisherman, Jamie wants to ensure the river's future health.

Jamie has already co-organized our river cleanups and is a new river monitor for River Watch (below).



Photos this page: Coastal Fellows field trip: Veronica Berounsky, Kayak winner: Chris Hubbard, James McGregor: Veronica Berounsky

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a great picture of - we used to make turkey feather capes; it was actually a coat, if you will, out of turkey feathers. ... [Turkey feathers have] water resistant properties as well. But we used all different kinds of feathers. Turkey was probably the most common. But we used feathers for all kinds of things and artists today still do so - red winged blackbirds, ducks, geese, you know. A lot of things are used in sacred ways; eagles and birds of prey, often used in that way.

... In our language, *neep* is water and *seepuash* is river.

So over in this cove here, obviously people fish in coves like this which is beautiful. But also, it reminds you that you're close to the land even though you're on the river and you need to remember that nothing's in isolation. You're not thinking about just what's in the water, but the animals that are adjacent to the water, and the village life that is happening nearby.

In a place like this, if our village was near this (salt water or brackish river), it's a summer village versus a winter village. You're doing summer things, not so much hunting (unless seals, and other ocean going mammals), but fishing and gathering. We were cooking and doing our daily tasks for our lives, our work.

Gardening, which includes the Three Sisters: corn, beans, and squash. Melons, gourds, and other crops were also in our gardens. We are gathering wild edibles. There's so many different kinds of wild edibles. There's the obvious things like wild onions, and when the seasons are wet there's mushrooms, there's different plant life ...in wetlands like this, there are cranberries.

There are of course raspberries, blackberries, huckleberries, to name just a couple. And wild grapes as well. But there's lots of plants here that are also edible and medicinal.

A lot of plant life has roots, berries, leaves, tubers, nuts and things that you can eat.

One of the things that I would want to tell you is that a river is a very spiritual place. And that a lot of ceremony happens near water. Even today, we do a lot of ceremony in or near the water. And it's a type of cleansing, a spiritual cleansing. Sweat lodge ceremony would be held near water.

I would see this river as a place that if your village was nearby, you would do the ceremony somewhere close and then dip in the water. We do a lot of oceangoing ceremonies as well.

Still to this day, we do Wash Day... It's a spiritual renewal, cleansing and rebirth. And you go in the ocean because the ocean is like a woman with the tides and the moon's cycles. And so it's a renewal for everyone.

Water is very sacred. The phrase, "Water is Life" might be a catchphrase today for the environmental movement, but it's literally true as well for all of us as humanity, we all need water. And so it's always been considered sacred to us.

... This [Pettaquamscutt River] is a perfect place because you've got lots of resources. And you're still, especially as you get close to the mouth of the river, you're catching both types of waterways - probably in the fork would be a village. But there were villages up and down the coastline all the way from like, let's say, Watch Hill Westerly area all the way over to Narragansett up the whole Narragansett Bay. And even archaeologists and anthropologists say that the historical record says there were about, you know, each village had about 500 people.

And so when you think of all those villages with all those people in, it was lots of people. I mean, there was some different quotes of sort of Verrazano's time of 100,000 people living along Narragansett Bay. And so when early colonists came here, and brought pox and other kinds of diseases, it started to decimate the populations in southern New England. And then of course, warfare, enslavement and displacement did the damage on the next layers of

numbers of people.

... The word Narragansett is the Anglicized version of it, but the Narragansett version is *Nahahiganseck* - we didn't actually have ours formally written in our language, so that's the European pronunciation - literally means "the people of this place," and "the place," all at the same time. So that's why when you see the names of the places and you see the names of the people, they're often one and the same, the people of that certain place.

And so in our case, "the people of the small points" is the name Narragansett. And it literally referred to the coastline. When you think of where the salt pond is, and Rhode Island's very stony and rocky, and it has all these different points, and it literally means that place, but it was really the whole place.

What we think of as Rhode Island today was Narragansett territory, the southwestern corner Niantic, most of the southeastern corner going up the bay into the islands as well as Aquidneck Island and Conanicut Island (Jamestown), *Manissee* which is Block Island, all the way to like Woonsocket, Pawtucket.

On the northwest corner, there was the Nipmuc people and on the northeast corner kind of thinking of Warren, Bristol sort of area today, East Bay, Northern East Bay, were some Wampanoag communities. But most of those people were allies with the Narragansett people.

Part one of Lorén's remarks was published in the August 2019 issue of Narrow River Notes and is available online at narrowriver.org/indigenous-people.

Funding for the partnership between NRPA and the Tomaquag Museum was provided by the New England Grassroots Environment Fund.

Support for the kayak tour was provided by Narrow River Kayaks.

Thanks to Jonah Namzoff for his assistance transcribing Lorén's remarks.

A full transcript of Lorén's remarks are at narrowriver.org/Indigenous-people.

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On Pettaquamscutt

2020

Presentations on the Environment and the History of the Narrow River Watershed

On Pettaquamscutt Winter Speaker Series

Annually, Friends of Canonchet Farm, Narrow River Preservation Association, and the South County Museum, with generous support from Trio Restaurant, sponsor this winter speaker series.

Season Nine Winter 2020 presentations:

January 26, 2020: Narrow River Preservation Association will present: "50 Years of Protecting and Preserving the Narrow River and its Watershed." Leaders of NRPA share the organization's most significant challenges and accomplishments over the past 50 years with a look toward the next 50 years of caring for the watershed loved by so many.



February 23, 2020: Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) Wildlife Specialist Mary Gannon, sponsored by Friends of Canonchet Farm "The Rhode Island Bear Story: From Colonial Persecution to Backyard Pest."

March 29, 2020: Master Sergeant James Loffler, RING (Ret.), sponsored by South County Museum "Camp Varnum and Rhode Island Coastal Defenses."

The presentations take place on selected Sundays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Maury Looitjens Memorial Library, 35 Kingstown Road, Narragansett. All are free and open to the public.

After each event, participants are encouraged to continue the conversation at Trio Restaurant, 15 Kingstown Road, Narragansett.

More information available at onpettaquamscutt.org, by calling (401) 783-5344 or by emailing info@onpettaquamscutt.org.



NRPA 2020 Events

Jan 26, On Pettaquamscutt Speaker Series

Sunday 1-3pm @ Narragansett Public Library

*Topic: NRPA's 50 years of Protecting the Watershed
Followed by gathering at Trio restaurant at 3pm.*

Feb 23, On Pettaquamscutt Speaker Series

Sunday 1-3pm @ Narragansett Public Library

Topic: The Rhode Island Bear Story

March 29, On Pettaquamscutt Speaker Series

Sunday 1-3pm @ Narragansett Public Library

Topic: Camp Varnum and RI Coastal Defenses

April 4, Safely 'Navigating the Narrow'

Saturday from 1-3pm @ Mettatuxet Yacht Club

Join us to learn about watercraft safety. Boaters, kayakers, paddleboarders & swimmers welcome!

April 26, Narrow River Cleanup

Sunday throughout the day @ sites along the river

Volunteer with us to keep the watershed clean.

May 9, 33rd Annual Narrow River Road Race

Saturday, 10am @ Narragansett Town Beach

10K run, 5K run and 5K walk along Narrow River.

June 13, 'What Lives in the River'

Saturday 9am-1:30pm @ Middlebridge

Bring the kids! Explore what lives in Narrow River.

More details about these events at narrowriver.org

NRPA 2020 Events

June 20, 15th Narrow River Turnaround Swim

Saturday 9am @ URI Boathouse, North Kingstown
One mile open water swim in Narrow River.

July 17, 13th Annual Pettaquamscutt Paddle

Friday (rain date Saturday) @ Narrow River Kayaks,
all day rentals, 5pm guided paddle and gathering
*Enjoy Narrow River by kayak, canoe or paddleboard
on your own or on a guided sunset paddle.*

August 1, 'Art on the River'

Saturday 9-11am @ Middlebridge
Art for all ages and skill levels along the river.

September 12, 'What Lives in the River'

Saturday 9-11am @ Middlebridge
Find fish, crabs, microscopic critters, and more!

September 27, Narrow River Cleanup

Sunday throughout the day @ sites along the river
Volunteer to help us pick up trash along the river.

October 1, NRPA's 50th Annual Meeting

Thursday 7pm @ URI Coastal Institute, Narragansett
*Presentations about the river, Friend of the River
Award, and silent art auction.*

November, NRPA's Golden Gala

An evening in November to be determined
Music, dancing, food, raffle and silent auction.

***Visit narrowriver.org for more happenings
and general information concerning the
Narrow River Watershed.***

