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TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Ware River Nature Club's membership year begins on February 1st. The Club was founded in early 2013, and the inaugural event was a winter tracking excursion in Hubbardston with leaders David Brown and Joe Choiniere. The February anniversary date has been a mainstay, odd as the timing may seem.

Annual dues have remained the same, too--\$15 per individual or couple, \$20 for a family (3 or more). To renew or join as a new member, see our web-site <http://www.warerivernatureclub.org/join-us.html>

Window decals are now available to members, so let us know if you want one. If so, be sure to include your mailing address.

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR ON-LINE AUCTION

The Club's annual fundraising auction, usually held during our annual dinner meeting, will take place on-line via our website. Photographs of items for sale will be available on the website starting in February, and bidders will be able to submit bids by email as soon as the items are posted. Bidding will end after a final showing of all items the day of our annual meeting at the end of the month.

Donations for the auction are now being accepted. It's terrific if our auction offerings are nature/science/outdoor-related, but we're happy to auction off a variety of services, objects, and gift certificates. All are appreciated!

Please contact warerivernatureclub@yahoo.com if you have something to donate, and we'll work out the logistics.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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WARE RIVER NATURE CLUB

ZOOM Program:
COMICS AND CRITTERS
WITH *BIRD AND MOON*
with Rosemary Mosco

Wednesday January 27th
7 p.m.



Need a mid-winter laugh?

Join Rosemary Mosco, creator of the nature-based *Bird and Moon* comics, to learn why cartoons and conservation are a natural fit. You'll get a chuckle out of her clever combination of engaging images and nature observations.

Rosemary blends science, humor, and heart to create books and comics about wildlife. Her *Bird and Moon* comics are collected in the book *Birding Is My Favorite Video Game*, a 2019 ALA Great Graphic Novel for Teens, and have appeared in publications ranging from the scientific journal *Nature Ecology & Evolution* to the children's magazine *Ranger Rick*.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85234575387?pwd=OXZVR0hUUTRHejZMWUJyZjFkUnp5QT09>

Meeting ID: 852 3457 5387

Passcode: 909224

ATHOL BIRD & NATURE CLUB

ZOOM Program:

EMILY DICKINSON, BIRDS, AND BIRDING IN 19TH CENTURY MASSACHUSETTS

with Elizabeth Bradley

Program Coordinator

Emily Dickinson Museum, Amherst

Wednesday February 10th 7 p.m.



Join us for this interesting winter evening presentation. The program will conclude with some of the poet's works that feature observations of native birds.

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_poplinHRpmw1S688q5Zow

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

WARE RIVER NATURE CLUB

VALENTINE'S DAY WALK BARRE

(Location TBA)

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.



Join us for a winter walk—weather permitting-- during which we'll keep an eye out for winter birds and mammal tracks and sign. Depending upon the number of participants, we'll select a location that provides opportunity for physical distancing, and we'll follow the masking protocol.

Bring binoculars, cameras, snacks, and beverages if you wish.

Number of participants will be limited.

Pre-register at wativerivernatureclub@yahoo.com

to receive directions and updates.

Plans may change with regard to weather and trail conditions.