Project Puffin Wednesday Night Lecture Series

JULY

July 6: Open art reception featuring artwork from the Hog Island Artist in Residency Program. The Audubon Artist Residency at Hog Island facilitates the work of visual artists and writers whose work explores the natural environment and supports conservation of critical wildlife habitats. Residency Program Coordinator Sherrie York will share the work, processes, and inspiration of some of the artists who have participated in the program since its inception in 2014 and provide a glimpse into the program's unique setting.

July 13: Stephen Kress, founder of Project Puffin, and Derrick Jackson, acclaimed photojournalist, will present the story of how teams of young naturalists helped to restore puffins and other seabirds. The work of Project Puffin also inspired groups from around the world to help other seabirds return to their native homes.

July 20: The rhinoceros auklet is a close relative of the puffin and nests in burrows on islands in the Pacific Ocean. On Ano Nuevo Island off the coast of Santa Cruz, CA, conservationists have installed artificial clay burrows to facilitate the rhinoceros auklet's breeding efforts. Join Kyra Madunich, one of Project Puffin's Outreach Education Assistants, as she discusses how trail cameras placed in front of five artificial burrows were used to study the auklet's nocturnal feeding behavior and interactions with another island nester, the Western Gull. We'll watch some of the first footage ever recorded of this nocturnal seabird and learn more about rhinoceros auklet conservation!

July 27: Hog Island naturalist, Elizabeth Mack will discuss the importance of Targeted Conservation Efforts. Mack's presentation will include historical examples of marine and terrestrial trophic cascades and how targeted conservation efforts, for keystone species, helped conserve the ecosystem as a whole.

Presentations Begin at 5pm.
Wine, cheese & light refreshments will be served.
Space is limited, call to reserve a seat, 596-5566