

In recognition of their generosity, the Foundation offers unique excursions to Colleague level donors (\$1,000 and above) to further familiarize them with parts of the nearly 9,000 acres of land that we preserve and maintain. Exploring rarely traveled areas in small groups with knowledgeable staff puts Colleagues in direct contact with the natural resources they are helping to protect. All tours are led by Science and Stewardship staff, each of whom lends their own expertise to the outings. These events are designed to be fun and informative ways to enjoy special parts of Nantucket as well as an opportunity for us to show our appreciation to this very important group of people.

*Contributions from Colleagues accounted for nearly 82% percent of the Foundation's annual membership income in 2009. Without such generous support, we simply would not be able to continue our mission of preserving and protecting the Island's invaluable natural habitats. Thank you!*

**FRIDAY, JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

## Artist Reception at Gráficas Gallery

*Daniel Sutherland, photographer*

Daniel Sutherland, who for years has generously contributed the beautiful landscape photography seen in our printed materials and website, will be hosting the opening of his new exhibit at Gráficas gallery. Daniel will be on hand to greet our Colleagues, explain the vision of his work and discuss his love of the Island's conservation land. (He may even disclose some of the secret locations he uses to get his best shots...) His newest images, along with some previous favorites, will be on display for your enjoyment. Please join us for wine, cheese and an opportunity to meet Daniel.

*Gráficas Gallery is located at 18 Broad Street (near Le Languedoc). Reservations are not required and we encourage Colleagues to bring their families and guests to this event. For More Information on the artist: [www.sutherlandphotos.com](http://www.sutherlandphotos.com)*



**FRIDAY, JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> 9:00 A.M – 11:00 A.M.**

## Morning Moors Ride

*Through the Middle Moors, Altar Rock and the Serengeti*

Some of the most beautiful and diverse properties owned by the Foundation are in the interior portion of the Island known as the Middle Moors. This excursion will cover a variety of areas from the cranberry bogs, through the moors to the Pout Ponds, across the plains of the Serengeti and to the rolling terrain of Saul's Hills. The tour will begin at the Milestone Cranberry Bog where attendees will board open air pickup trucks configured for touring. Our staff members will share information about the natural and cultural history of the areas, explain how the land came under the stewardship of the Foundation, and describe the flora and fauna of the various ecosystems. At the far eastern end of the tour the group will adjourn to the Ranger Station, Heath House, where light snacks will be served prior to returning to the Milestone Bog.



**THURSDAY, JULY 22<sup>ND</sup> 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

## Dusk Tour of Sanford Farm

*Sunset and Moonrise over Ram Pasture*

While many of our members are familiar with Sanford Farm and Ram Pasture, we are offering a new excursion this year to showcase parts of the property that they may not have yet discovered. In addition, we hope to take advantage of the full moon rising and the sun beginning to set from our vantage point at the historic barn where wine and cheese will be served. At the West Gate, members will board our touring pickup trucks outfitted with comfortable seats, proceed to the beach and then back through Ram Pasture. This will be a wonderful opportunity to view a popular property at a beautiful time of day.



**THURSDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

## Surfcasting Demonstration

*Fishing with guides from  
Bill Fisher Tackle*

While many people associate the Foundation with its well known inland properties such as Sanford Farm and the Middle Moors, few realize that over 16 miles of beach and harborfront locations are also part of the Foundation's holdings. Join us for an early evening of fishing hosted by expert guides from Bill Fisher Tackle. Foundation staff will be on hand to briefly describe the area's flora and fauna, however, the main focus will be on fishing.



Appropriate for both novice and experienced anglers alike, the guides will give pointers on how to improve surfcasting skills, review catch and release techniques and even share the locations of some of their favorite fishing spots on Foundation properties.

Members are encouraged to bring their own equipment. Bill Fisher Tackle will also, however, be providing equipment at no charge for at least ten people.\* To ensure that all participants receive the proper amount of personalized attention from the guides, space is limited to twelve anglers. Those who would like to attend to watch the action and enjoy the evening on the beach are also more than welcome.

**Location:** To be determined based on tides, prevailing winds (and estimated location of fish). Participants will all be contacted the day of the event with the exact location and directions. For more information on local fishing: [www.billfishertackle.com](http://www.billfishertackle.com)

*\*If you have fishing gear but are not sure if it is appropriate for surfcasting or if it is in a state of disrepair please visit Bill Fisher Tackle shop at 127 Orange street for a free consultation.*

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.**

## Squam Farm

*Behind the scenes at one of the  
Foundation's farms*

Join us for a private, behind the scenes tour of one of the Foundation's working farms and home to our flock of Romney and Cotswold sheep. The twenty lambs born this spring, along with sixty adults, will be in attendance to welcome participants. The tour will be led by



Science and Stewardship Manager Karen Beattie who will discuss the research being done on sheep grazing and its potential use as an effective land management tool. In addition to the tour of the paddock areas, we will include a walk around the perimeter of the farm, taking in some of the beautiful scenery of the open fields, pastures and hardwood forests.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

## Milestone Cranberry Bog Tour

*Personal tour of the bogs before the fall harvest*

Join us for a personal tour of one of the Foundation's cranberry bogs as it nears harvest later in September. Our specially equipped pickup trucks with comfortable seating will take you along the trails and dikes of the bogs as our staff explain the fascinating and intricate nature of cranberry farming. Tom Larrabee, Sr. who will be participating in his 51st harvest as bog manager will be on hand to greet all of the guests at the Screen House Barn where we will adjourn at the end of the tour for light refreshments.



### General Details

Reservations can be made by calling us at (508) 228-2884 or by sending an e-mail to [info@nantucketconservation.org](mailto:info@nantucketconservation.org)

**Locations/Directions:** Detailed directions will be provided upon booking

For all outings on Foundation properties guests should bring a light jacket, sun protection, cameras, bug spray and comfortable footwear appropriate for walking on trails and sandy terrain.

*Refreshments and light snacks will be provided at each of the events.*



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