

Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Presents

Falconry: An Ancient But Not Forgotten Sport

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7pm



Falconry is the sport of hunting with the use of a trained bird of prey. This ancient sport dates back nearly 4,000 years ago. Greatly popular in Europe during medieval times, falconry was a favorite past time and a status symbol of the upper classes, and the practice maintained its popularity until somewhere around the French Revolution. Some famous falconers in history include Empress Catherine of Russian, Mary, Queen of Scots (proving that falconry was just as much a ladies sport as a man's!), King Henry VIII, Pope Leo X and the Holy Roman Emperor, Frederick II of Hohenstaufen.

Tonight Chris Paparo will discuss the history, techniques, types of birds used and other topics as well as the process to become a falconer. At the end of the talk, attendees will meet Chris' red-tailed hawk, Emmy.

Born and raised on Long Island (New York), Chris Paparo has been exploring the wilds of the island for over 30 years. As a wildlife photographer, writer and lecturer, he enjoys bringing public awareness to the diverse wildlife that calls the island home. His passion for coastal ecology, fishing and the outdoors led him to obtain a BS in Marine Science from LIU/Southampton and currently manages the new Marine Sciences Center at the Southampton campus of Stony Brook University. In addition to freelance writing for several fishing and wildlife related publications, Paparo currently writes monthly columns for On The Water Magazine and the Northforker. Although his work tends to focus on marine life, everything in the natural world is fair game.

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