

Huntington Audubon Society Presents

**Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
An Urban National Park
With Don Riepe**

**Tuesday, October 13, 2015
7pm**

Despite being altered, abused and next to the heavily populated boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, NYC, Jamaica Bay is home to many species of fish & wildlife. Over 330 species of birds have been recorded there along with over 100 species of finfish. The program includes photos documenting birds and other wildlife as well as resource management activities undertaken over the past 30 years. This program will also include habitat management and some of the many environmental issues surrounding Jamaica Bay since Superstorm Sandy.

Don Riepe founded the Northeast Chapter of the American Littoral Society in 1985. With 25 years as a naturalist and manager of the National Park System's Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, Don is knowledgeable about and a staunch defender of wildlife and habitat in the urban littoral zone. He has led the Society's efforts to coordinate the International Coastal Cleanup for the state of New York for 25 years, and initiated the derelict boat removal program known as Jamaica Bay Clean Sweep. In 2004 he assumed the role of the Jamaica Bay Guardian, a Society program initiated with funds from settlement of a tidal wetlands violation in Brooklyn, New York. Frequently called upon to testify at hearings on behalf of Jamaica Bay, Don recently made a significant contribution to the passage of legislation to protect New York City's remaining wetlands. In 2010, Don started the Friends of Jamaica Bay Refuge to educate community members about the importance and values of this tidal estuary in New York City.

Don leads domestic and international field trips for the Society and his writings and photographs have been published in Scientific American, National Wildlife, Audubon, Defenders, Underwater Naturalist, Parade and The New York Times. He sits on the Board of the NYC Audubon Society and the Rockaway Waterfront Alliance and is a founding member and Secretary/Treasurer of the NYC Butterfly Club. He holds a Master of Science in Natural Resource Management from the University of New Hampshire.

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