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33rd annual Pinelands Short Course to feature 31 presentations

Event to include 15 new, educational programs

NEW LISBON, N.J., January 12, 2022 – The 33rd annual Pinelands Short Course will feature 31 presentations, including 15 new programs, that will explore the region's unique history, ecology, culture, and music.

Registration is now open for the daylong event, which will be held at Stockton University in Galloway Township, Atlantic County, on March 12, 2022. This year's event will mark a return to in-person programs. Last year's Short Course was virtual, and it was canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19. The event is co-sponsored by Stockton and the New Jersey Pinelands Commission.

“For many, attending the Pinelands Short Course is a special tradition among friends, colleagues and those who want to learn more about this special part of New Jersey,” said Susan R. Grogan, the Commission's Acting Executive Director. “We're pleased to continue that tradition. We're also excited about this year's diverse lineup of courses, which range from climate change to cranberries.”

“We are excited to welcome the public back to Stockton for this informative and interesting event,” said Harvey Kesselman, Stockton University's President. “The Short Course continues to educate us all on the value and importance of the Pinelands.”

This year's Short Course includes the following new presentations: Water and Wildlife: Pine Barrens to Barnegat Bay; How Wintertime Climate Change Impacts the Pine Barrens; Pinelands Research Station: Past, Present and Promise; Environmental Planning in the Central Pine Barrens of New York; Listening After Dark: Bat Acoustic Monitoring in New Jersey; Forest-Tick Interactions in the Pinelands; Aquatic Indicator Species in the Pinelands; Communication in Nature: Birds; Whitesbog Collection: Pine Barrens Plant Photographs; Agriculture in the Pinelands; A Pinelands Road Trip; Atlantic County's Ghost Railroad: The Brigantine Railroad and Trolley System; Stockton Campus Birding Walk; Maple Sugaring in the Pines: Bringing a Sweet

and Profitable Industry to Southern New Jersey; and Ecological Forest Management in the Pinelands: The Stockton Forest Management Plan (field trip).

The day will also include popular presentations from the past, including Pinelands Weather and Climate: Past, Present and Future; Potential Impacts of Climate Change on the Pinelands; Biography of South Jersey Rivers; Snakes of the Pine Barrens; Beneath the Surface: Natural History of South Jersey Landscapes; Batona Trail: The Premier Walking Path of the Pinelands; Soil Toils: Exploring the Soils of the Pines; Cranberries: History of Cultivation, Harvest Highlights and Health Benefits; Plants of the New Jersey Pinelands; New Jersey's Fish Hawk: The Amazing Osprey; Moths of South Jersey; What's in a Name (Names from Nature)?; and Harrisville: 19th Century Life on the Wading River (field trip/bus tour).

The event will also feature live musical performances by the Greater Pinelands Dulcimer Society, Jackson Pines and Valerie Vaughn.

Participants should register early to help ensure that they receive their first course selections. The Pinelands Short Course is registered with the New Jersey Department of Education, and professional development credits are available to New Jersey teachers who attend. Discounted registration fees are offered to senior citizens and students. The [Short Course brochure and registration form](#) includes complete, detailed descriptions of every program.

To register online, go to: <https://www.stockton.edu/continuing-studies/pinelandsshortcourse.html>

***** ATTENTION EDITORS/REPORTERS:** Digital photos of the Pinelands can be obtained by contacting Paul Leakan at Info@pinelands.nj.gov, including the photos below.



Above: The 33rd annual Pinelands Short Course will feature 15 new programs, including one that will explore new research about bird communication. A tree sparrow is shown above.

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Above: The 33rd annual Pinelands Short Course will feature 31 presentations, including one that will delve into the health benefits of consuming cranberries.

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Above: The 33rd annual Pinelands Short Course will feature 31 presentations, including one that will highlight native Pinelands snakes, including the corn snake (shown above).

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