

NATURE'S TREASURES REVEALED

CORALS, PLANKTON AND BUTTERFLIES

Roger Tory Peterson® Estuary Center's FREE Spring 2021 Lecture Series



CORAL REEFS: Rainforests & Canaries of the Sea

March 11 at 6PM

Mark Hixon, Ph. D., one of the world's leading experts on coral reefs, will discuss what is happening to coral reefs, why they are important and what we can do to help preserve them. Dr Hixon is the most cited scientific author on coral reef ecology in the United States. He will use beautiful visuals to illustrate his lecture.

BUTTERFLIES: Monarchs, Migrations & Conservation

April 8 at 6PM

Robert Michael Pyle, Ph. D., is one of the world's leading experts on butterflies and other invertebrates. In 1971 Pyle founded The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, an international nonprofit organization that protects the natural world through the conservation of butterflies and all invertebrates and their habitats. Interview by Evan Griswold.

THE SECRET LIFE OF PLANKTON: The Base of the Marine Food Web

April 29 at 6PM

Hans Dam, Ph. D., will speak about the evolutionary ecology of plankton and about the effect of climate change on this vulnerable plant and animal group. Small and mighty, and even sexy, plankton, a single cell organism, are the base of the marine food web. Dr. Dam will describe the macro-power of these micro-organisms to help us understand the invisible life teeming in a teaspoon of river or Sound water.

FREE LECTURES AT 6PM (EASTERN TIME)

Add a GOURMET dinner and support our estuaries

Dinner prepared by Ani Robaina, former Executive Chef of Microsoft's Conference Center and Hartford's Pond House Cafe.

Each dinner \$75 per person (\$35 tax deductible),

Boxed dinners can be picked up the day of each event at the Bee & Thistle, Old Lyme, CT

Pre-register at ctaudubon.org/RTPEClectures

Inclusion of Chef Ani's dinner is optional.

All dinner proceeds benefit the Roger Tory Peterson® Estuary Center.

All lectures are free.



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