

HPWA Education Committee Report – for Bd Mtg 03/23/2020 - Lee Puis

Short and sweet - All things worked on these first three months of 2020 are indefinitely postponed, questionable, or cancelled due to the Pandemic social distancing necessity:

- a) Herring Festival (but Osprey #3 is made and ready for whatever*)
- b) Herring Crawl (but eco-tourism route map and factoid sheet is finalized and available digitally in partnership with DMEA)
- c) WFMD activities (moving online?)
- d) Camp Clark summer programming ? (YMCA branch services closed March 17)

Gardening is a good outdoor activity, so definitely nurturing milkweeds, protecting Monarch caterpillars, and planting for pollinators and wildlife can be heavily promoted.

Nature walks are equally desirable for solitary or whole family participation, so can be promoted via social media.

Alper plant ID trail was last checked in February and appeared to be in good shape. Maintaining it well through the next months of “staycation” can be prioritized.

New Chairperson – Some leads are being developed to check how best to provide HPWA with fresh ideas, directions, energy and effort for the future.

Just for fun - Remember when Patrice volunteered to paint Osprey #1 for last year’s Herring Festival, named her Fierce Fabulous Fiona, and she now greets visitors in the entry of DMEA’s office in Town Hall? Well, here is a fun photo you haven’t likely seen, from Patrice’s Facebook page:

