



The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition

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ANNUAL MEETING: MARCH 15, 2015 FEATURED SPEAKER WILL BE PAM HUNT

The SRKG Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Pam Hunt of New Hampshire Audubon will be the guest speaker at our 2015 Annual Meeting. Pam's talk, "Dragons and Damsels of New Hampshire," will provide an overview of the biology and ecology of dragonflies and damselflies

Once again our annual meeting will be in the downstairs hall of Our Lady of Fatima Church in New London. It all starts with a pot-luck supper at 5:00. **Please call Jean LaChance (927-4345) to let her know what you are bringing to share.** There will be a brief business meeting after dinner, followed by Pam's talk. If you are only coming for the presentation, plan to arrive about 6:30.

No stranger to New London, Pam was an adjunct faculty member at Colby-Sawyer College for five

years before accepting her current job as Avian Conservation Biologist at NH Audubon. She works closely with NH Fish and Game to coordinate and prioritize bird research and monitoring in the state and is

the author of NH's "State of the Birds" report. Her interest in birds began at age 12 when an uncle took her to Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge in N.J. Pam earned a B.S. in Biology from Cornell University, an M.A. in zoology from the University of Montana, and a Ph.D. from Dartmouth College in 1995. Pam will show us some of NH's

notable species from the fascinating world of the insect order Odonata and she will share results of the "NH Dragonfly Survey," a five year volunteer-based project that documented the distribution of these insects across the state.



Ebony Jewelwing (photo: Pam Hunt)

winter hikes still to come...

Feb 14 (Sat) Valentine's Day Special! Henry Howell (938-5706): Cross over the Lane River in South Sutton for an exploration of lowlands forests, river edge, glacial erratics and who knows what. (E)

Feb 21 (Sat) Lee Carvalho (735-5719) : Frank Baker, outdoorsman from East Andover, will lead us on a snow shoe exploration to special spots in the East Andover woods. Up to 5 miles of back trails and wanders. (M)

Feb 28 (Sat) George Beaton (938-2637): In Bradford hills a snowshoe hike for views at Aiken Pasture. Depending on snow levels either (E) or (M).

Mar 7 (Sat) Gerry Gold (526-2857): Snowshoe to Lucia's Lookout on Sunapee-Pillsbury Ridge from Andrew Brook Trail and Lake Solitude in Newbury. (D)

Membership Fees are due in January. If you neglected to send in the form provided in the last newsletter, don't despair. You can renew online or bring your checkbook to the annual meeting.

Thanks to all who continue to support our organization and activities.

New Town Director Rosanna Dude

How fortunate we are that Rosanna Dude has volunteered to become an SRKG Town Director for Wilmot. Many of our members already know Rosanna as the librarian of the Wilmot Library and author of a popular book for children: *Natalia's Favorite Color*. Clearly she is a high achiever, having been named NH Library Director of the Year in 2013. She is also an active hiker, runner and triathlete. Rosanna is familiar with the SRKG trail system, especially trail #7 on Bog Mountain where she trains regularly. Last summer she competed in the Emerald Necklace Stage Run, an event she said "changed my life." Somehow she does all this while raising three children under the age 10. We look forward to her participation on the board. Welcome, Rosanna!



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Peg Bastien has represented Warner as a Town Director since 2008. During her years of service Peg has led many hikes, kept track of membership and chaired the Board. Recent demands in her professional life brought about her decision to retire from the Board this year. We are all grateful for her devotion to the SRKG and will miss her company at our meetings.

Some towns need representation. If you are interested, please contact any one of the current town directors.

Winter Hike Report

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Tom's Lawton's hike on **January 24th**, advertised as a lunch on the summit of Mt. Sunapee, turned into major expedition. Jim Block described the day as tranquil "with snow in the morning making the mountain quiet and beautiful." Tom, Jim, Gerry Gold and Charlie Samsonow hiked up to White Ledges, over to the ski area and then up those slopes to the lodge for lunch.



What they thought would be an easy hike back down turned into a major challenge due to ice. It was slick going for the team who took turns polishing the ice to reveal the most difficult sections for those following.



Turns out it was Charlie's first SRKG hike and he has already earned himself a trail name: Sweeper! Six hours after leaving the Newbury parking lot they made it back, in Jim's words "A great way to spend a day." Visit Jim's website to see some terrific images: <http://www.jimblockphoto.com/2015/01/mount-sunapee-hike-with-srkg/>

On the morning of **January 31st**, fourteen intrepid snowshoers, led by Lisa Correa, set out to explore the Fells in Newbury. While temperatures were sub zero with wind chill, the snow conditions were perfect, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Conditions even permitted a brief foray onto Lake Sunapee.