

The Oyster Shell Replenishment Project

Please join us as we welcome Maureen Dunn - Water Quality Scientist at Seatuck Environmental Association. Growing up in Islip, Maureen spent her summers on the Great South Bay. She studied Biology and earned her Graduate Degree at Stony Brook University's School of Marine Science. She began her career working in the Ecology Department at Stony Brook University, studying tropical termites; leading her to travel on expeditions through the jungles of Costa Rica and the Amazonas in Venezuela. Later on, and for the next 20 years, she worked at Brookhaven National Laboratory as an Oceanographic Associate Researcher; investigating everything from the growth of marine bacteria to the migration of cod's prey off the coast of Maine.



This Sunday, Dunn will introduce us to Seatuck's oyster shell recovery program - *Half Shells for Habitat*.

She will begin with a historical overview of wild oysters on Long Island's South Shore, including the eventual demise of the local shell fishing industry, and walk us through recent efforts to reintroduce wild oyster populations via bay bottom restoration. It is these efforts that will lay the foundation for a positive recovery.

Through this shell-recycling program, each of us can have a role in helping to provide clean water and a healthy habitat for wild oysters and the abundant marine life they support.

Sunday, February 24, 2019
Light Refreshments: 12:30 - 1:00pm
Lecture: 1:00 - 2:00pm

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