

Arts & Birding

Sample Program Sessions

Here are a few of the program sessions you can expect during your week on Hog Island.

All programs are optional, so you can explore at your own pace as you like.

• Into the Field

Learn how to lighten your art supply load and get ready for sketching in the field. We'll practice quick sketching techniques to use when you're on the go.

• Draw a Better Bird

Look closely at key features of bird anatomy and practice drawing some of the details to make your bird sketching take flight.

• Watercolor Techniques

An introductory session will focus on basic techniques, including washes, glazing, and mixing colors. If you're looking for a little more challenge, try a session with more advanced techniques and a step-by-step demonstrations.

• Exploring Life Between the Tides

We'll explore the fascinating world of the intertidal zone, and the creatures that are especially adapted to life between the tides. We will collect samples, learn the basics of field identification, and sketch our findings.

• Hog Island Hikes

Working in the field presents both joys and challenges. We'll explore a variety of island settings and offer prompts for sketching or painting.

• Muscongus Bay and Harbor Island Day Trip

What better way to get a sense of Hog Island's place in the wide Muscongus Bay than traversing it by boat? We'll keep our eyes out for seabirds and other migrants as we go, and spend some time exploring the diverse landscape of Harbor Island.

• Alternative Techniques

Try something new! Experiment with tonal drawing, relief printmaking, and more!

• Daily Salon

Share your day's work and discover what others have been creating during our relaxed and supportive salons.

• Creative Solo

Hog Island is your canvas—take time as you like for drawing, painting, and exploring. Instructors will be available for individual help if you'd like.

