

[from Spring '09]

## FIRST FRIDAYS AT THE REFUGE

The Membership Committee of the CNHA is pleased to announce the 2009 series of "First Fridays at the Refuge". First Friday talks are held at the Bateman Visitor Center at 7 pm. The VC is open from 6 - 9 pm and the entry fee to the refuge is waived after 6 pm. Each talk is followed by light refreshments in the classroom and an opportunity to meet with the speaker.

Speakers scheduled for the upcoming season represent a wide variety of topics and interests. Dates of the programs and a brief overview of scheduled speakers are:

Friday, April 3: Dr. Robert Thomas-presenting information on global warming and sea rise. Dr. Thomas worked with the IPCC team who supplied data to Senator Al Gore for the movie "An Inconvenient Truth", and has done extensive work in Greenland and the Antarctic.

Friday, May 1: Helen Hamilton-"Native Plants and Invasive Species" She will speak about the wide variety of native plants on Assateague as well as information on invasive plant species which threaten habitat on the island.

Friday June 5: Mark Greenley- "Native Americans of the Eastern Shore Region"

Friday July 3: Dr. Susan Langley - "Shipwrecks and Historic Preservation"

Friday August 7: TBA

Friday September 4: John Armhien- Author, "The Hidden Galleon"

Friday, October 2: TBA

November-No talk on the First Friday, an alternative presentation will be held during Waterfowl Week in November. Watch future issues of the Piping Plover for more details.