



Four Summer Evenings With Nationally Known Authors

Presented by the Warner Historical Society

Warner Town Hall, 5 East Main Street
7:00 p.m. Tickets \$10 each or 4 for \$32.00

July 9 Eric Jay Dolin

Eric Jay Dolin is the author of the new book, *Brilliant Beacons: A History of the American Lighthouse*. His previous book was, *Leviathan: The History of Whaling in America*, which was chosen as one of the best nonfiction books of 2007 by the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Boston Globe*, and also won the 2007 John Lyman Award for U.S. Maritime History; and *Fur, Fortune, and Empire: The Epic History of the Fur Trade in America*, which was chosen by the *Seattle Times* as one of the best nonfiction books of 2010, and also won the James P. Hanlan Book Award, given by the New England Historical Association. He is also the author of *When America First Met China: An Exotic History of Tea, Drugs, and Money in the Age of Sail*, which was chosen by *Kirkus Reviews* as one of the 100 best nonfiction books of 2012. A graduate of Brown, Yale, and MIT, where he received his Ph.D. in environmental policy, Dolin lives in Marblehead, Massachusetts, with his family. For more information on his background, books, and awards, please visit his website: <http://www.ericjaydolin.com/>

July 23 Michel Tougias

New York Times Bestselling Author Michael Tougias has earned critical acclaim, literary awards and legions of fans for his bestselling non-fiction narratives. Many of his books have a predominant theme of true survival-at-sea adventures. His stories honor real-life, everyday people who rise to face life-threatening situations, make heroic choices and survive against the odds.

Tougias's latest project, *So Close to Home: A True Story of an American Family's Fight for Survival During World War II*, co-written with journalist Alison O'Leary, will be published by Pegasus Books in May 2016. The book chronicles a U-boat attack in the Gulf of Mexico, a family's resilience and the daring patrol of the submarine commander.

Tougias co-authored the book, *The Finest Hours*, about a daring rescue of thirty stranded sailors by the U.S. Coast Guard off the coast of Cape Cod. Disney has released a major motion picture of the same name, starring Chris Pine and Eric Bana. He is also the author of *Fatal Forecast: A True Tale of Disaster and Survival at Sea*, *Ten Hours Until Dawn: The True Story of Heroism and Tragedy Aboard the Can Do*, *Rescue of the Bounty*, *A Storm Too Soon*, and *Overboard!* *Ten Hours* was selected as one of

the American Library Association's "Best Books of the Year," and the audio book won AudioFile's "Earphones Award." *The Finest Hours* has been translated into ten different languages and counting.

Aug 6 Mary Holland

Mary Holland, naturalist, wildlife photographer, columnist and author, resides in Hartland, Vermont. Mary's work in environmental education includes: directing the state-wide Environmental Learning for the Future (ELF) program for the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) for eight years; working as a resource naturalist for the Massachusetts Audubon Society; designing and presenting her own hands-on Knee-high Nature Programs for libraries and elementary schools throughout Vermont; and compiling *Vermont's Rare Bird Alert* for five years for the Vermont Center for Ecostudies. Holland currently photographs and writes for various publications, and has a natural history blog on which she posts a photograph and accompanying information five days a week at www.naturallycuriouswithmaryholland.wordpress.com

Holland has written and photographed five children's books: *Milkweed Visitors*, about insects that visit milkweed patches; *Ferdinand Fox's First Summer*, which follows the life of a red fox kit one summer; *A Beaver's Busy Life*, which follows the activities of beavers through the seasons; *Animal Eyes*, *Animal Mouths*, and *Animal Feet & Legs*, in a series of books on animal adaptations. A children's book entitled *Otis the Owl*, about a young Barred Owl, is due out this coming February. The Naturally Curious program is based on her book *Naturally Curious: A Photographic Field Guide and Month-by-Month Journey Through the Fields, Woods and Marshes of New England*, which won the National Outdoor Book Award in 2011. A second adult book, *Naturally Curious Day by Day*, is due out this fall.

Aug 20 Tomie dePaola

Tomie dePaola is best known for his books for children. He has been published for 50 years and has written and/or illustrated over 250 books. *The Magical World of Strega Nona: A Treasury*; *Look and be Grateful*; and *When Andy Met Sandy* are his newest books. dePaola and his work have been recognized with the Caldecott Honor and Newbery Honor awards, and the New Hampshire Governor's Arts Award of Living Treasure. He was the 2011 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award recipient. For more information: www.tomie.com and www.tomiesblog.blogspot.com

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