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This Week at Giants Neck Beach

September 30, 2024

Upcoming Meetings/Events

The BOG will meet on October 2, 6:30 p.m., at the clubhouse and on Zoom. The agenda, including the Zoom link, [is here](#).

Yes, it's October, which means Oktoberfest! Get out your lederhosen and beer steins and join us for this event! \$25 per person for beer, wine, and catering. rsvp [vjpiscatelli@gmail](mailto:vjpiscatelli@gmail.com) by October 6th

LET'S CELEBRATE!

OCTOBER FEST



GNBA & PWC FESTIVAL

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 19 2024 | 6 PM

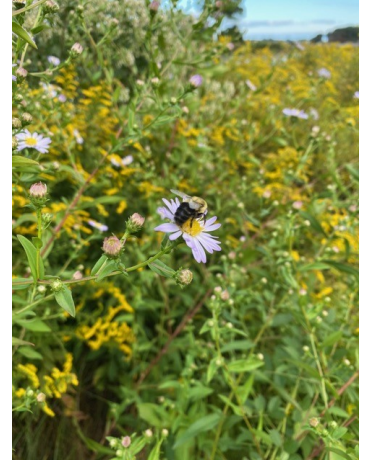
★ BEER WINE FOOD & FUN ★

\$25 at the door but rsvp to
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This is an adult only event.

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Giants Neck Beach - A Natural Beauty!

These native asters look so beautiful near the lower pond against the beautiful sunny yellow of the goldenrod (solidago) and are the picture of a perfect fall day for me! Along with the cooler nights and beautiful breezy days, I can't imagine how GNB can be any more beautiful. The New England Aster is a pollinator's dream come true—the bees, butterflies, moths, and hummingbirds are all drawn to its nectar and pollen. When the plant's flowers have turned to seeds, the songbirds (think goldfinches and chickadees) have their turn enjoying it as they eat the plentiful seeds. Rodents also come to appreciate the seeds—and then our raptors enjoy their fill of these small animals. As fall turns to winter, you will find beneficial insects using the stems as their winter homes.

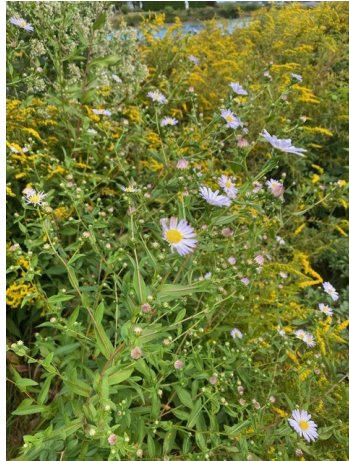


Solidagos (goldenrods) are also part of the aster family. These plants attract and support many butterflies, songbirds, and specialized bees. The monarch and Painted Lady butterflies rely on them in part as they start to migrate south. Interestingly, Native Americans made wine from this plant, and Colonists brewed tea from it.

We all play a big part in the lives of so many animals by encouraging both of these native plants to grow here at the beach. Allowing them to grow near the pond, as the association does, contributes to the overall health of our pond! They slow down the polluted runoff from the roads and discourage geese from nesting and grazing where these plants grow, as they know predators may be hiding in these areas.

Thanks for doing your part to make Giants Neck Beach a natural beauty!

Please get out and enjoy our beautiful natural Giants Neck Beach! And remember to be kind to nature and everyone you meet! We all play a part in making this world a better place! ~Lisa



Check out these resources:

<https://www.nrcm.org/blog/goldenrods-top-plant-boosting-biodiversity/>

<https://wildseedproject.net/2017/09/beauty-pollinator-benefits-asters-goldenrods/>

<https://www.ctaudubon.org/2023/09/september-2023-asters/#:~:text=Together%2C%20these%20large%20plants%20may,the%20rear%20of%20the%20border.&text=Clump%2Dforming%20with%20stiff%20stems,aster%20prefers%20sunny%2C%20moist%20sites.>

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