

NAI Region 2 Spring Workshop: Interpretation in Urban Parks

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We have some great sessions for you!
Choose from 8 different presentations
over 4 sessions.

The workshop will also include a
session with our host site and a panel
discussion.

More information coming soon.

Session 1

Interpretive Volunteers- Set the Stage for Success with Act 1

Presenter: Nancy Bowley, Guest Engagement Docent Manager at Longwood Gardens (retired)

Description: Successful interpretive volunteers start with professional and engaging onboarding.

Time: 40 min Limit: 30 participants

DIY Unique Displays on a Budget!

Presenter: Kara Okonewski, CIG, Kent County Parks – Howell Mill Nature Center

Description: Learn, share and create with this DIY display session. At the end, each participant will learn a traditional Native American way to wrap the feather for display.

Time: 40 min Limit: 30 Participants

Session 2

Increasing Minority Visitation to National Parks – What Are Park Partners Saying?

Presenter: Susan Newton, Consultant and Doctoral Candidate at University of Missouri-St. Louis, Heritage Leadership program

Description: Preliminary findings from research into the barriers to, and potential solutions for, increasing visitation to national parks from under-represented communities. Findings suggestion actions for creating real equity and inclusion in national parks and partner communities.

Time: 40 min Limit: N/A

Creating Community Connections: Engaging Middle School Students to Deliver Urban Historical Programming

Presenters: Kaitlyn Dykes: Interpretive Programs Manager, Sarah Zimmerman: Park Superintendent, Amanda Cinque: Teacher, First State Heritage Park, DE

Description: The First State Club was created to get Dover students involved in their “local” state park. Learn how the program started and how the program continues to expand each school year.

Time: 40 min Limit: 30 Participants

Session 3

Creating Connection in your Community

Presenter: Angela Yau, Nature Program & Facility Manager, Locust Grove Nature Center, Montgomery Parks

Description: Do you know who you serve? Do you know how they want to be served? We'll explore how to know your community, create connections, and reap the rewards!

Time : 80 min Limit: N/A

Acquiring and Managing Outreach Animal Collections

Presenter: Katie Fisk, Educator and Animal Curator, Briar Bush Nature Center

Description: Learn how to start or manage an existing education animal collection including permitting, where to get animals, housing, diets, and how to maximize with your budget cost-saving tips.

Time: 80 min Limit: N/A

Session 4

The Art of Constant Improvement: Creating and Maintaining Excellent Programming Through Constructive Feedback, Evaluation, and Support

Presenter: Carya (Mike) Cornell, Naturalist Educator – Interpretive Specialist, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy – Frick Environmental Center

Description: Develop the best programs and the finest interpreters by creating a culture of constant, supported improvement. Participants will gain tools and techniques to begin cultivating this type of supportive culture at their sites.

Time: 40 min Limit: 30 participants

It's Pawpaw Y'all: A Native Gem in an Urban Forest

Presenters: Liz Androskaut, Interpretive Programs Manager Alapocas Run and Wilmington State Parks and Barbara Woodford, Interpretive Programs Manger White Clay Creek State Park

Description: The Pawpaw, a native tree with rich folklore, inspires programs in urban Alapocas Run and Wilmington State Parks. Join us for an overview of interpretive programs and sample pawpaw products!

Time: 40 min Limit: 40