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A PANEL DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

THURSDAY, JUNE 13 6PM-8:30PM

SANDWICH CENTER FOR ACTIVE LIVING 70 QUAKER MEETINGHOUSE RD, SANDWICH

Join us at the Center for Active Living in Sandwich for the 3rd in a series on Thornton Burgess Nature Books for Children, part of a year-long celebration of Burgess' 150th birthday. This event will feature three noted conservation authorities and moderator, author Christie Palmer Lowrance.

WAYNE R. PETERSEN is Director of the Massachusetts Important Bird Areas (IBA) Program at Mass Audubon. He is co-author of *Birds of Massachusetts* (1993), a coeditor of *The Massachusetts Breeding Bird Atlas* (2003), and a New England Regional Editor for *North American Birds* magazine and the New England Christmas Bird Count. In 2005 Wayne was the recipient of the American Birding Association's Ludlow Griscom Award for outstanding contributions in regional ornithology.

CHRISTOPHER NEILL is an ecologist and Senior Scientist at the Woodwell Climate Research Center in Falmouth, MA, and former Director of the Ecosystems Center of the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole. He studies the consequences of deforestation and expanding agriculture in the Brazilian Amazon and works with land managers on biodiversity, management and restoration of grasslands, shrublands and wetlands in coastal Massachusetts.

LUANNE JOHNSON is a conservation biologist and the founder of BiodiversityWorks, a non-profit on Martha's Vineyard focused on wildlife research, monitoring, and community outreach. She has been working to recover endangered species and to prevent others from being listed for over 30 years.

CHRISTIE PALMER LOWRANCE (moderator) is the author of Nature's Ambassador: The Legacy of Thornton W. Burgess. Her definitive biography describes Burgess' pioneering role in 20th century conservation, wildlife advocacy, and environmental education. Her illustrated children's book The Last Heath Hen: An Extinction Story will be released in early June. www.christielowrance.com.

Admission is Free / Reservations Recommended

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