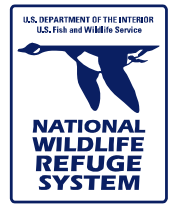


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An Evening at the Hook features The History of Breakwaters of the Delaware Bay

The lecture series, “An Evening at the Hook”, continues the 2009 season with “The History of Breakwaters of the Delaware Bay” on Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Aside from its beauty and natural resources, the Delaware Bay is rich in history. Herb Archdeacon, who is a local historian and author of several articles in the annual journals of the Lewes Historical Society, will take you on a journey through the Bay’s unique past. Topics of discussion will include: exploration of the Delaware Bay and early settlement, pirates on the Bay, pilots, how the Delaware Bay affected the American Revolution, the growth of shipping on the Bay, hazards to shipping and the need for an artificial harbor, the construction of the inner and outer breakwaters, the transition from sails and wood ships to powered steel ships, dredging, lightering, World War II-defense of the Delaware Bay against U-boats, and the Bay today. Join us before the lecture at 6:30pm for light refreshments.

“An Evening at the Hook” is a lecture series that highlights this nation’s abundant and diverse natural resources, particularly close to home at Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge. Featured on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in the Refuge Auditorium, these hour-long programs provide an exciting opportunity to learn intriguing facts about our plants, animals, environment, and cultural history. The lectures are free, open to the public, and fun for the entire family. Seating is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please call the Refuge at (302) 684-8419 for more information.

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