



A Sense of Wonder: Rachel Carson's Legacy

Sponsored by The Friends of the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC)



This online book club is hosted by the Friends of NCTC in conjunction with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's efforts to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Rachel Carson's birth.

Beginning in March 2007, and continuing through November 2007, participants will read books written by and about Rachel Carson. Titles include:

- Silent Spring
- Lost Woods
- Always, Rachel
- The Edge of the Sea
- Under the Sea-Wind
- Courage for the Earth
- The Sense of Wonder
- The Sea Around Us

Prominent guest facilitators will moderate the discussions. For more details, see the back of this flyer.

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For more information on how the U.S. Fish and Wildlife is celebrating Rachel Carson's legacy, please visit
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Rachel Carson is considered by many to be the mother of modern-day ecology. This year, to mark the 100th anniversary of Rachel Carson's birth, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will celebrate the achievements of its most notable employee.

A highlight of the centennial celebration is the *Rachel Carson Online Book Club*, beginning in March and continuing through November 2007. The forum will focus on the life and work of Rachel Carson including her role as a female leader in science and government.

Distinguished guest moderators will participate in the online discussions. Author and Carson biographer, Linda Lear will launch the first session on March 1. Other moderators in the line-up are: Patricia DeMarco, Rachel Carson Homestead Executive Director; Thomas Dunlap, author and Professor of History; John Elder, author and professor of Environmental Studies at Middlebury College; Maril Hazlett, Independent Scholar; H. Patricia Hynes, author and Professor of Environmental Health; Jim Lynch, Northwest author; Mark Lytle, author and Director of Historical Studies at Bard College; Mark Madison, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service historian; Tom Schaefer, educator and historian; Deanne Urmey, Houghton Mifflin Executive Editor; and Cindy Van Dover, marine biologist and Director of Duke Marine Laboratory.

Each month, a moderator will start the book discussion with an opening statement. Then, in dialogue with book club participants, the moderator will provide weekly installments and add comments on the discussion throughout the month. Discussions will encompass current environmental issues like global warming and will extend to personal attitudes toward the natural world.

Titles in the schedule range from Carson's first book, *Under the Sea-Wind*, in which she reveals her unique ability to present intricate scientific material in clear poetic language that captivates readers; to the soon-to-be-released, *Courage for the Earth: Writers, Scientists, and Activists Celebrate the Life and Writing of Rachel Carson*, an anthology edited by Peter Matthiessen.

Silent Spring, Carson's most well known book which alerted the public to the dangers of pesticides and sparked a firestorm of controversy in its wake, will be showcased as well as some of her lesser known texts on the sea, and the truly inspirational *The Sense of Wonder*.

The Rachel Carson Online Book Club is sponsored by The Friends of National Conservation Training Center (NCTC). Participation in the online book club is open to everyone.

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