10 years of Teaching for OLLI at URI

PRENTICE STOUT

Prentice Stout has devoted his career to teaching, lecturing, wildlife photography, and writing. He has taught at all levels — K-12, university, graduate school, and public education classes. He began teaching for Olli in 2009 and has taught over 20 classes!

Prentice grew up in New York City and did his undergraduate studies at Denison University. His career in education began at Hotchkiss School where he was a high school instructor in geology and biology. He went on to teach at several other schools teaching marine biology, botany, physics, chemistry, earth science, and astronomy. Prentice spent a couple of additional years in New Jersey as an education director for the American Littoral Society. His efforts in the state were recognized by the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Science Education.

Prentice served as marine education specialist for URI’s Graduate School of Oceanography. In this position he conducted classes for all ages on local marine flora and fauna, he presented public lectures illustrated by his own photography, and he authored several articles on science education, marine topics, and natural history. For example, his book, Lands of Fire, presents the natural history of the Potowomut River estuary, in East Greenwich, R.I. While in Rhode Island, Prentice served as naturalist and lecturer for Save The Bay; he was president of Biological Media Services, a nonprofit company dedicated to science education, and he was executive director of the National Marine Education Association for four years and editor of its journal.

As a staff member at the National Audubon Society Camp in Maine, he worked with Helen Gere Cruickshank, a respected naturalist and bird photographer, to learn natural history photography. He has shared his photographic talents with more than 50,000 adults and young people during his presentations. Over the years, he and his wife Patty have guided natural history trips to the Galapagos Islands, Costa Rica, Botswana, and elsewhere. His photographs of these locations and in Norway, Ireland, Scotland, Turkey, and the Yucatan have enhanced his professional lectures.

We are so thankful he has shared his passion and knowledge with us through the years!

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**Course** | **Semester**
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Exploring the Marine Environment &nbsp; | Summer 2009
Marine Science and the Environment: Eden Under Siege &nbsp; | Spring 2010
Rhode Island’s Salt Pond Ecology &nbsp; | Fall 2011
The voices of Nature &nbsp; | Spring 2012
Learning in the Mud and Sand: marine Field Trips &nbsp; | Fall 2013
Mud and Water: New England Salt marsh &nbsp; | Spring 2013
Survival in the Marine Environment &nbsp; | Fall 2013
Iguanas, Penguins, Moose: Challenges in Environ. Adap &nbsp; | Fall 2014
Audobon’s Labrador &nbsp; | Spring 2015
Hanging on for Dear Life, Mermaid’s Purses, and Killifish &nbsp; | Spring 2015
A Moose for Charlie: A Vermont Odyssey &nbsp; | Fall 2015
Biofouling Organism &nbsp; | Fall 2015
The Okavango Desert &nbsp; | Fall 2015
The Crystal Desert—Antarctica. In danger! &nbsp; | Spring 2016
Shrimp, Shiners, and Silversides &nbsp; | Fall 2016
Charles Darwin’s Contribution to Science &nbsp; | Spring 2017
For the Beauty of Earth &nbsp; | Spring 2018
A Witness to Nature &nbsp; | Spring 2018
Seabird Islands, Labrador Canada 1976 &nbsp; | Spring 2018
The Salt Marsh Awakens &nbsp; | Summer 2018
Succotash Marsh Exploration &nbsp; | Fall 2018