



## 2017 TRUST TALK SCHEDULE

*Please Note: Trust Talks will take place at the Boarding House with BMP members' social gathering taking place around 4:30 p.m. Talks begin promptly (sometimes!) at 5:00 p.m. and last for about an hour.*

- 25 May**      ***Wear a Bear, Oops, Bear Aware:*** *With new members on the mountain and, as a refresher for those who've forgotten, this first Trust Talk of 2017 is a primer on how to deal with one of our largest native charismatic megafauna models. Our local bear biologist, Mike Carraway, will be here to wax scientifically about these magnificent omnivores. (Bring your pic-a-nic baskets to this talk, Boo-Boo!)*
- 8 Jun**        ***Honey, I Drank It with the Bees:*** *Join Phyllis Stiles, director of Bee City USA; Until they started declining, pollinators were taken for granted. Now elite national and international task forces are producing pollinator status reports and strategic plans to sustain them. This talk is a snapshot of the invaluable ecosystem services they provide—it's much more than honey--and what each of can do to help. [www.beecityusa.org](http://www.beecityusa.org) (Bring your respective honey to this talk!)*
- 22 Jun**       ***Okay, Now, Smile for the Pencil:*** *We're excited to have one BMP's own – Cindy Long-Schuppert, will be our Artist-in-Residence this year and will also provide the Trust Talk for this week. She welcomes visitors for conversations about art. We have Bob Farquharson and Jan Kohl to thank for donating their cottage time for Cindy's residency. Check out her work @: <http://www.legacygallery.com/portfolio/cindy-long> (Bring your #2 pencils for Cindy to sign. ☺)*
- 6 Jul**         ***Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire...Not!*** *You'll want to listen to this conservation success story in the guise of what the American Chestnut Foundation is doing to bring back, what once was, the most common deciduous hardwood tree in the eastern United States. Vic Hutchinson of the Foundation will enlighten us about the progress being made with this symbol of nature's strength. Go to their website for more information: <http://www.acf.org/> (Jack Frost shouldn't be nipping at your nose if you come to this great program.)*
- 20 Jul**        ***An Island of Hope:*** *Trust AmeriCorps Service Member Bethany Sheffer and her sister Sarah Waud will take you beneath the waves and into the pristine barrier reefs of Roatan, Honduras. Sarah participated in various research projects in Roatan through the Marine Science program at Eckerd University. Both will discuss the importance of Marine Protected Areas and the many ways in which Roatan has become a global model for environmental sustainability and ocean conservation initiatives. Additionally, you'll get to experience the magic of Roatan's waters through the pair's underwater photos! (You won't even need to hold your breath during this program.)*
- 3 Aug**         ***The Monarch of the Realm:*** *Join Kim Bailey, local monarch butterfly expert, as she takes you on a journey in the life of this charismatic insect. Kim has worked with monarchs for over 20 years and has visited their overwintering sites in Mexico 9 times. She owns Milkweed Meadows Farm in Hendersonville where she grows food for humans and butterflies alike. We think it's a pretty magical place! Kim will share her up close and personal experiences with these animals as well as what we can do to help protect them. Visit her website @ [www.gardensthatmatter.com/mind-blowing-miracle-butterflies-farmer-kim-bailey/](http://www.gardensthatmatter.com/mind-blowing-miracle-butterflies-farmer-kim-bailey/) (Your presence is required as the Sovereign head of the Milkweed Kingdom addresses his/her subjects.)*

21 Aug

*Yes, It's Okay to Go Towards the Light (But Don't Look at It):* Join our resident astronomer Jim Stratigos as he takes us on a truly solar journey to witness a total solar eclipse. He will bring proper telescopes and glasses to view one of the truly amazing celestial events to which residents of Earth can bear witness. (Note: This program is on a **Monday** instead of the normal **Thursday** and we may go to near Murphy, NC or stay on the Preserve and meet on fairway #14 – we'll keep you posted as we get closer to the date.) (No human or animal sacrifices will be allowed at this event.)

31 Aug

*Going Batty:* While some of them do live in bat-caves, these critters don't need fancy utility belts to achieve "super" status. Wildlife biologist Josh Parris will unmask the mysteries of the Preserve's caped, eth...winged crusaders with a little help from bat detection devices. (No rabies shot required for this informative program.)