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Ornithologist Roger Pasquier presents talk at Saint Ann's Griswold Forum, Sept 22, 9:30am on book, Birds in Winter

Ornithologist Roger Pasquier will present a talk on his book *Birds in Winter, Surviving the Most Challenging Season* on Sunday September 22 at 9:30am at Saint Ann's Episcopal Church in the Griswold Room. The talk, part of Saint Ann's Griswold Forum series of lectures, will be illustrated with a power point presentation.

As Pasquier reflects, "September may still feel like summer, but in Old Lyme many birds are already preparing for winter. Blue Jays and chickadees are caching nuts and seeds they will retrieve months from now. Woodpeckers are drilling new roost holes for themselves. Male Mallards are molting into the plumage they will use to court females in December. At Goose Island, Tree Swallows are massing before they head south to avoid the cold. Look around, and you can see birds anticipating the future season. "

Pasquier will describe the winter season's distinct challenges for birds that winter where they have bred and for migrants to distant regions. And as global warming is altering the nature of winter itself, Pasquier will discuss how birds are adjusting to a rapidly changing climate.

All are welcome to attend this talk. Books will be available for sale and can be signed by the author.



Roger Pasquier is an ornithologist with the American Museum of Natural History in New York. A life-long birder, Roger's career has been in conservation, with the World Wildlife Fund, Environmental Defense Fund, and National Audubon Society. He is the author of several books on birds and art history, including *Masterpieces of Bird Art, Birds at Rest* and *Painting Central Park*.

Saint Ann's is an Episcopal parish in Old Lyme, CT that invites and welcomes all visitors. Saint Ann's is located at 82 Shore Road (Rt. 156), two miles off 195, Exit 70. Parking is adjacent to the ADA compliant church. For information about the parish, contact Kathy Rowe at 860-434-1621, via email at office@saintannsoldlyme.org, or visit Saint Ann's online at www.saintannsoldlyme.org.