



A JUNIOR NATURALIST'S TIME CAPSULE



Former Junior Naturalist
Patrice (Forrester) Doherty

When you think back to your first job, do your memories include kayaking with manatees or concerns about running into alligators? For Patrice Doherty, née Forrester, that was all part of her work as the teenage host of the New Hampshire PBS educational series NATUREWORKS.

“It’s definitely a time capsule. If you could only see my reaction when I watched some of the shows recently,” Patrice laughed. “The glasses and the braces and the wild, curly, frizzy hair. I was rocking all of that with my hiking boots.”

The series, which was released in 2000, “was designed to be a comprehensive natural science series for students in grades three through eight,” said New Hampshire PBS Education Manager Susan Adams, who worked as a writer and education supervisor for the series and still maintains the website that was originally created as a companion to the series.

Patrice hosted alongside Dave Erler of the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center. Erler was the show’s senior naturalist, and the 15-year-old Doherty served as the show’s junior naturalist. “We wanted a young presence that would appeal to students,” said Adams.

Patrice grew up playing in the woods with her siblings, and after seeing a school production of *Godspell*, she fell in love with theatre. Still, when her junior high school drama teacher submitted her name to audition for NATUREWORKS, she was surprised to actually be called in. She was a quiet and shy teenager who had never been in front of a camera before.

“I remember thinking, ‘well, I’m always watching nature shows on PBS,” said Patrice. “I’m just gonna act like what I see when I watch TV.” To her surprise, the tactic worked. “When they told me that I got it, I was really sure that I had misunderstood them!”

Patrice fondly remembers a fun and supportive crew. In particular, the show’s photographer, Bryan Foley, was always trying to make her laugh. “If I was scared, he was the person that just made me calm down somehow.”

Once, after a filming session in a lake, Patrice recalls, “my wader boots had just sunk and suctioned into the mud to the point where I couldn’t get out.” From the boat where he was filming, Foley managed to lift Patrice out of the lake.

Like all good adventures, filming the series took her out of her comfort zone, and maintaining her composure on camera was easier some days than others. “I got to hold a turtle for the first time during one of our segments, and this thing wanted nothing to do with me,” she said. Learning to keep her cool and perform, even when things don’t go according to plan, is a skill she thinks has served her well in adulthood.

It’s not the only thing that’s stuck with her, either. “I’ve had people tell me, ever since NATUREWORKS, that I have this ability to spot an animal that no one else is seeing,” she noted. “And I know a beaver has nose plugs, so water doesn’t get up its nose, because I read it out loud for a voiceover.”

Patrice wasn’t the only student to learn from NATUREWORKS. The series would go on to be shown in classrooms across the country and win several awards. In particular, the NATUREWORKS website continues to grow and flourish, receiving thousands of visits each month, primarily from students and educators doing research, but also from curious nature lovers looking for in-depth information presented in simple language. For the first time in 26 years, the site recently underwent a major redesign to make it more user friendly and accessible. You can look up your favorite nature topic at natureworks.nhpbs.org.

As for Patrice, she still calls New Hampshire home and still loves the outdoors. If she’s catching up with friends, she prefers to do it on a hike. She also loves a good bike ride and is an avid kayaker. She’ll be discussing NATUREWORKS and her love of the outdoors on an upcoming story for WINDOWS TO THE WILD. “It’s just nice to be able to kind of balance and ground yourself from everything else going on.”

Beyond a passion for nature, looking back on her time at NATUREWORKS has fostered a new appreciation for the shy girl who tackled some big adventures. “I’m pretty proud of myself.”

NHPBS PRIMETIME PICKS



Eclipse Outlaw Chase

THU Aug 6 | 9:30 PM NHPBS

Follow photographer Noah David Wetzel and his 250-hour project to capture a singular image: a western outlaw chase scene, complete with five horseback riders, equipped with pistols and rifles, riding full-gallop beneath the total solar eclipse at 1:34 p.m. on April 8, 2024.



Dolly Parton: Here I Am

SAT Aug 8 | 7:30 PM NHPBS

Did you know Dolly Parton wrote “Jolene” and “I Will Always Love You” in the same day? Take a moving musical journey through the people and places that shaped Parton’s storied career in a film that reveals the spirit, soul and hard work of an inspiring artist.



All Creatures Great and Small: Chapter Six

SUN Aug 9 | 8 PM NHPBS

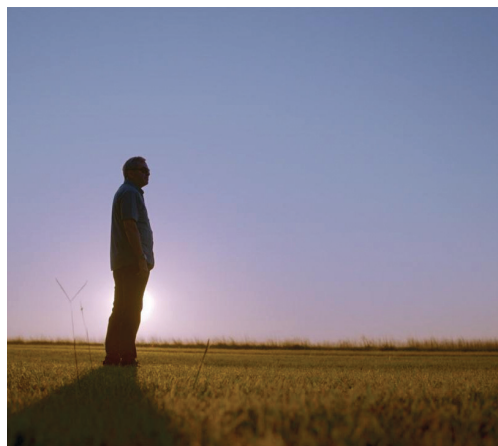
The cast and creators of ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL provide insights into the filming of Season 6 and give their thoughts on the growing Herriot family, Mrs. Hall’s return, Tristan’s new love interest, the impact of war and the importance of community.



The Susan Ryeland Mysteries

SUN Aug 16 | 8 PM NHPBS

Go behind the scenes with the cast and crew of MAGPIE MURDERS, MOONFLOWER MURDERS and the upcoming MARBLE HALL MURDERS. The stylish series’ unique take on cozy mysteries pairs plucky amateur sleuth Susan Ryeland with the brilliant—but fictional—Atticus Pünd.



Resolve to Solve with Miles O’Brien

WED Aug 19 | 10 PM NHPBS

Embark on a global journey seeking solutions to our urgent climate crisis alongside journalist Miles O’Brien. From the Colorado River to the wetlands in Argentina and Antarctica’s doomsday glacier, the answers are closer than we think.



American Masters: Mary Oliver

TUE Aug 25 | 9 PM NHPBS

Celebrate the life and career of Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Mary Oliver. Shaped by a solitary childhood and rising literary fame, Oliver published more than 30 collections of poetry and essays on nature, beauty and the journey towards love.

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GREAT PERFORMANCES AT THE MET: EUGENE ONEGIN

FRI Aug 21 | 9 PM NHPBS

Soprano Asmik Grigorian returns to the Met as Tatiana, the lovestruck young heroine in Tchaikovsky's opera adaptation of Pushkin's novel. Baritone Igor Golovatenko reprises his portrayal of Onegin, who realizes his affection for her all too late. Tony Award winner Deborah Warner directs.



NORTHERN NIGHTS, STARRY SKIES

SUN Aug 2 | 10 PM NHPBS EXPLORE

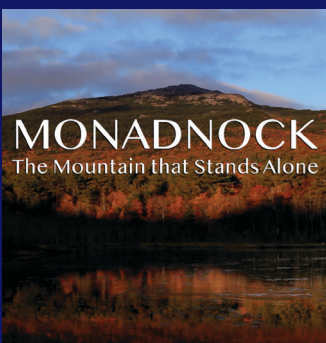
Join photographer Travis Novitsky on a visually stunning exploration of the heavens from the parks and wilderness that comprise the world's largest designated Dark Sky sanctuary. Learn how artificial light is impacting the world during an experience that will transform your appreciation of the North Country's spectacular starry skies.



SEASIDE SUMMER

FRI Aug 7 | 9 PM NH CREATE

Keep cool by the seaside as WEEKENDS WITH YANKEE tours New England's sandy beaches, iconic harbors and lighthouses and lakeside scenery to indulge in food and fun and explore hidden gems. Plus, keep an eye out for WEEKENDS WITH YANKEE SEASON 10, premiering on Create on August 24th.

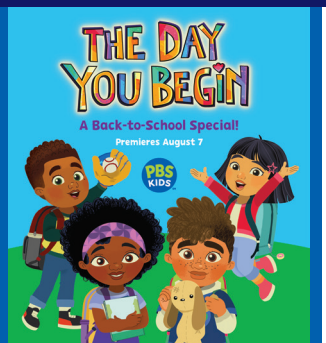


MONADNOCK: The Mountain that Stands Alone

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MON Aug 17 | 8 PM NH WORLD

Discover the story of the second most climbed mountain in the world, Mount Monadnock. The film uses photographs, music, archival footage, poetry and stories from the people who have studied, cared for and cared about the iconic mountain located in southwestern New Hampshire.

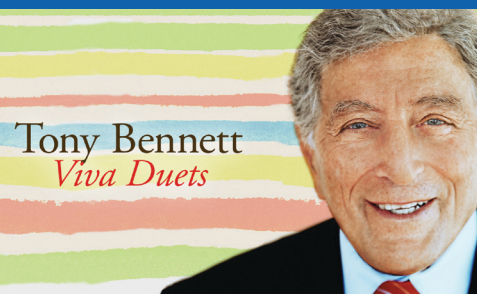


THE DAY YOU BEGIN

FRI Aug 7 | 2:30 PM NHPBS KIDS

It's the first day of school for Angelina, Rigoberto, Minjin and Andre! From excitement to nerves and everything in between, they each have different feelings and experiences in the same classroom. Throughout the day, they learn what makes them unique and what connects them to others.

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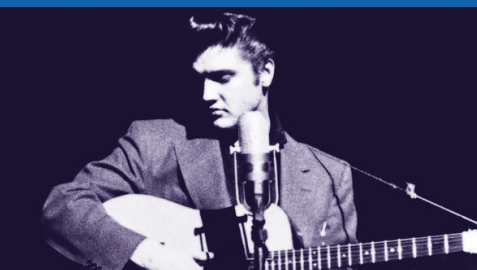
TONY BENNETT: VIVA DUETS
SAT Aug 8 | 7 PM EXPLORE



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LIVE FROM MADISON SQUARE GARDEN
SAT Aug 8 | 9:30 PM NHPBS



CARPENTERS: CLOSE TO YOU
MON Aug 10 | 7:30 PM NHPBS



ELVIS '56
FRI Aug 14 | 9 PM NHPBS



VICENTE FERNÁNDEZ:
UN AZTECA EN EL AZTECA
SAT Aug 15 | 10:30 PM NHPBS

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	6:30 PM	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:30 PM	9:00 PM	9:30 PM	10:00 PM
Sat. 8/1	Seniority Authority	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries		Father Brown		Sister Boniface Mysteries		Flesh and Blood On Masterpiece**
Sun. 8/2	Granite State Challenge	Chatsworth Through Time		Patience		Grantchester On Masterpiece		Downton Abbey Season 3 On Masterpiece
Mon. 8/3	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Joseph Rosendo's Steppin' Out	Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		P.O.V.** The Gas Station Attendant
Tue. 8/4	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	In The Americas with David Yetman	Finding Your Roots Love & Basketball		Once Upon A Time In Space		NOVA** Universe Revealed: Alien Worlds
Wed. 8/5	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild Guardians of the Wild	Nature Big Little Journeys: Bloodlines		NOVA Return to the Moon		Once Upon A Time In Space*
Thu. 8/6	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Eons: Life and Death On Pangea	Windows to the Wild Strong Kids, Wild Places	Granite State Challenge	Gathered In Darkness	Eclipse Outlaw Chase	NOVA** Great American Eclipse
Fri. 8/7	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Chasing The Moon: American Experience** Magnificent Desolation		
Sat. 8/8	Easy Yoga for Arthritis with Peggy Cappy		Dolly Parton: Here I Am				Reba McEntire Live from Madison Square Garden**	
Sun. 8/9	Our Favorite Things About Grantchester			All Creatures Great and Small: Chapter Six			Downton Abbey Season 3 On Masterpiece**	
Mon. 8/10	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Carpenters: Close to You (My Music Presents)			Barbra Streisand: Timeless - Live In Concert**		
Tue. 8/11	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	The Statue of Liberty			Thomas Jefferson**		
Wed. 8/12	PBS News Hour*	Nature Woodpeckers: The Hole Story			Ken Burns: The National Parks			Memory Makeover with Daniel Amen, MD**
Thu. 8/13	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Eons: Life and Death On Pangea	Windows to the Wild River Runs and Nightfall Trails	Red White and Rock (My Music Presents)**			
Fri. 8/14	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Elvis '56		
Sat. 8/15	Billy Joel: The 100th: Live at Madison Square Garden				50 Years with Peter, Paul and Mary			
Sun. 8/16	Solving The Puzzles of the Marlow Murder Club			The Susan Ryeland Mysteries			Barbra Streisand: Timeless - Live In Concert**	
Mon. 8/17	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Joseph Rosendo's Steppin' Out	Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		Inside The Court of Henry VIII**
Tue. 8/18	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	In The Americas with David Yetman	Finding Your Roots Westward Bound		American Masters** Starring Dick Van Dyke		
Wed. 8/19	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild River Runs and Nightfall Trails	Nature Lions of the Skeleton Coast		NOVA Cat Tales		Resolve to Solve with Miles O'Brien**
Thu. 8/20	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Eons: Life and Death On Pangea	Windows to the Wild When The Wild Needs Us	Granite State Challenge	Here Am I, Send Me: The Journey of Jonathan Daniels		Niagara Movement: The Early Battle for Civil Rights**
Fri. 8/21	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Great Performances at the Met Eugene Onegin		
Sat. 8/22	Seniority Authority	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries		Father Brown		Sister Boniface Mysteries		Death In Paradise**
Sun. 8/23	Granite State Challenge	Death In Paradise		Mr Bates vs The Post Office On Masterpiece		Mr Bates vs The Post Office On Masterpiece		Downton Abbey Season 3 On Masterpiece**
Mon. 8/24	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Joseph Rosendo's Steppin' Out	Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		P.O.V.** How to Build A Library
Tue. 8/25	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	In The Americas with David Yetman	Finding Your Roots Family Harmonies		American Masters Mary Oliver: Saved by the Beauty of the World		
Wed. 8/26	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild When The Wild Needs Us	Nature Grizzly 399: Queen of the Tetons		NOVA Dog Tales		Resolve to Solve with Miles O'Brien**
Thu. 8/27	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Eons: Life and Death On Pangea	Windows to the Wild Trailkeepers & Trailblazers	Granite State Challenge	Call of the Canyon: Zion National Park		Southwestern Gems: Our Desert National Parks**
Fri. 8/28	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Great Performances Vienna Philharmonic Summer Night Concert 2026		
Sat. 8/29	Seniority Authority	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries		Father Brown		Sister Boniface Mysteries		Death In Paradise**
Sun. 8/30	Granite State Challenge	Death In Paradise		Mr Bates vs The Post Office On Masterpiece		Mr Bates vs The Post Office On Masterpiece		Downton Abbey Season 3 On Masterpiece**
Mon. 8/31	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Joseph Rosendo's Steppin' Out	Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		P.O.V.** Arrest the Midwife

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Sun. 8/2	Antiques Roadshow*	Nature Big Little Journeys: Survival		NOVA Pluto and Beyond		Once Upon A Time In Space		Northern Nights, Starry Skies**
Mon. 8/3	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Miss Austen On Masterpiece		Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries		Astrid**
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Mon. 8/10	60s Pop, Rock & Soul (My Music Presents)*	PBS News Hour		Rick Steves' Europe: Great German Cities				Making of the American Revolution
Tue. 8/11	Rick Steves Mighty Alps	PBS News Hour		The Forsytes: An Inside Look		Downton Abbey Season 3 On Masterpiece		Downton Abbey Season 3 On Masterpiece**
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