



## **The Art of Oika: Nantucket**

Calendar of Events

For events that require registration, please visit [www.mariamitchell.org](http://www.mariamitchell.org).

**Event:** *The Nature of Nantucket* Podcast

**Date:** ongoing

**Description:** Follow *The Nature of Nantucket* podcast for episodes featuring behind-the-scenes conversations with the creative minds of *The Art of Oika: Nantucket*.

**Event:** Opening reception

**Date:** June 15

**Time:** 5:30pm

**Description:** Public opening reception of *The Art of Oika: Nantucket*. Dr. Rich Blundell presents the Oika origin story followed by open dialogue with artists and audience. Refreshments will be served.

**Registration fee:** Free

**Event:** Oika Presentation

**Date:** June 15

**Time:** 6pm

**Description:** In a special opening night event, Dr. Rich Blundell presents a brief origin story of Oika and the "Art of Oika" exhibition. This presentation includes visual, conceptual and narrative elements of cosmic evolution, the story of life on Earth and a deep history of art. There will be a repeat presentation on June 24th.

**Registration fee:** Free

**Event:** *Oika for Artists* course

**Date:** Weekly starting on June 22 for four weeks

**Time:** 6-8pm EST

**Description:** Join our scientist-in-residence, Dr. Rich Blundell, and visiting artist Rita Leduc for an exciting dive into *Oika for Artists*. This 4-week, online course merges a scientific exploration of *life, the universe, and everything* with conversation surrounding artists' roles in the deeply continuous, deeply creative cosmic story. On July 8-9, Rita will offer accompanying on-island experiences that guide participants in direct engagement and co-creation with place. This course is for self-identifying creatives of any discipline.

**Registration fee:** \$150

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**Event:** Oika Presentation

**Date:** June 24

**Time:** 6 PM

**Description:** Dr. Rich Blundell presents the Oika origin story followed by open dialogue.

**Registration fee:** Free

**Event:** Adventures in Nature: Finding Sound Treasures on Nantucket

**Date:** June 26

**Time:** TBD

**Description:** Can you really hear the ocean in a shell? What's the difference between a bird call and a bird song? What tales are the winds whispering in the grass? What sounds and stories are at our feet and above our heads at low and high tide? Join artist Dakota Clearwater La Croix as he discovers the secret (and not-so-secret) sounds of nature in this 2-hour workshop for kids.

**Registration fee:** \$40

**Event:** Nature's Art and Abundance

**Date:** June 30

**Time:** 1-2:30 PM

**Description:** Artist Dena Haden's Nantucket workshop will share her practice as a way to connect through native materials and notice a shared state of awareness. One aspect of her workshop will be focused on the creation of ceremonial rattles to be used in the Wompanoag stomp dance. This workshop is for participants of any age.

**Registration fee:** \$40

**Event:** MMA Speaker Series

**Date:** July 12

**Time:** 7:00-8:00pm

**Description:** Artist Rita Leduc speaks about her creative practice and how it overlaps, intertwines, and expands with and through the work of Oika.

**Registration fee:** Free

**Event:** Stomp Dance for Healing

**Date:** September 16&17

**Description:** In association with Dr. Rich Blundell of Oika, artist Robert Peters is bringing Wampanoag tribe-members to Nantucket to perform a ceremonial stomp dance and invites



public participation in the healing process. *Stomp Day Nantucket* is environmental art and the stomp tradition combined where we stomp a path into the grass. It is a healing dance dedicated to healing the environment, stomping out the culture of addiction, racism, depression, disease and ailments associated with environmental decline. Participants will be smudged and instructed on the dance prior to entering. Upon completion of this inaugural event, artist Robert Peters' design (the impression of the path left by the dancers) will remain and be maintained by continued public use for as long as the community wishes.

**Registration fee:** Free