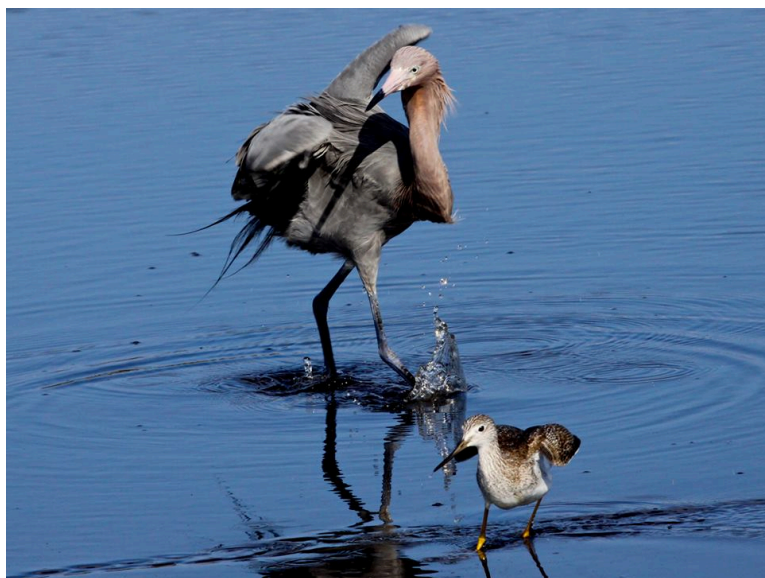


# Wissahickon Nature Club

## Speaker

MARCH 27, THURSDAY, 7:30 P.M. **AFRICA BY NORM SNYDER.** NORM WILL TAKE US ON AN ARMCHAIR TOUR THROUGH THE SCENIC WILDS OF AFRICA. THIS PROGRAM FEATURES AN UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL LOOK AT MANY OF THE WILD ANIMALS MOST OF US HAVE ONLY SEEN AT THE ZOO.



Synchronized pond prancing -- a Reddish Egret, "Egretta rufescens" and a Greater Yellowlegs, "Tringa melanoleuca" by Chuck Tague

DON'T MISS OUR NEXT MEETING. APRIL 10, THURSDAY, 7:30 P.M. **PITTSBURGH BOTANIC GARDENS, BY KITTY VAGLEY, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT PITTSBURGH BOTANIC GARDEN.** THE PITTSBURGH BOTANIC GARDEN IS TRANSFORMING 460 ACRES OF ABANDONED COAL MINING LAND INTO THE REGION'S FIRST COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR BOTANIC GARDEN. LEARN HOW THIS 20-YEAR OLD PROJECT IS DEALING WITH ABUNDANT ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, MOVING FORWARD ON THE FIRST GARDEN, WHICH INVOLVES REFORESTATION AND HABITAT RESTORATION AND ADDING A HISTORIC HOMESTEAD TO THE MIX.

## Announcements

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
ACCORDING TO TREASURER  
**DIANNE MACHESNEY:**  
**NO CHANGE.**  
**NEW BALANCE \$1053.15**

**WORTH REPEATING**  
"AND SPRING AROSE ON THE  
GARDEN FAIR,  
LIKE THE SPIRIT OF LOVE FELT  
EVERYWHERE;  
AND EACH FLOWER AND HERB ON  
EARTH'S DARK BREAST  
ROSE FROM THE DREAMS OF ITS  
WINTRY REST."  
- PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY, THE  
SENSITIVE PLANT

**COOL WEBSITES**  
**KATE ST. JOHN'S BLOG**  
[HTTP://WWW.WQED.ORG/  
BIRDBLOG/2014/03/24/FROZEN/](http://www.wqed.org/birdblog/2014/03/24/frozen/)

**EAGLECAM**  
**Video: Mother bald eagle  
fends off raccoon attack in  
Pennsylvania**  
[www.cbsnews.com](http://www.cbsnews.com)

**FALCONCAM**  
[HTTP://WWW.WQED.ORG/  
BIRDBLOG/2014/03/03/WORKING-  
BOTH-ENDS-OF-TOWN/](http://www.wqed.org/birdblog/2014/03/03/working-both-ends-of-town/)



Corn Snake (Red Rat Snake}, "Pantherophis guttatus" by Chuck Tague

CELEBRATE NATURE



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**APRIL 6, SUNDAY, 2014, 1:00 P.M.**  
**CEDAR CREEK GORGE, BY MARK BOWERS.** MEET AT THE FARTHEST PARKING LOT, NEAR THE GORGE TRAIL.  
**JUNE 28, SATURDAY, 10:00 A.M.**  
**MARKLEYSBURG BOG, FAYETTE COUNTY**  
BY LOREE SPEEDY, 724.518.6022.

**MEETING**

**APRIL 14, MONDAY, 7:15 P.M. PLANTS OF THE SHALE BARRENS BY MARTHA OLIVER.** LEARN ABOUT NATIVE SHALE BARRENS PLANTS FROM PA, WV AND MD AND HOW TO GROW THEM LOCALLY.

**Environmental Book Club**

**KIM METHENY**

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**CHRISS O'LAKE** [COLARE@COMCAST.NET](mailto:COLARE@COMCAST.NET)  
MEET AT THE PANERA ON MCKNIGHT ROAD THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 P.M.

**APRIL 21: STOLEN WORLD BY JENNIE ERIN SMITH**

**MAY 19, SECOND NATURE BY MICHAEL POLLAN**

**Fern Hollow Nature Center**

**SAM MCCLAIN-CAPEZZUTO, DIRECTOR**  
**412.741.6136**

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**412.741.7536**

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**APRIL 5, SATURDAY, 6:00 P.M.**  
**AMPHIBIANS OF THE NIGHT.** MEET NATURALIST, **APRIL CLAUS** AT **FERN HOLLOW NATURE CENTER** TO LEARN ABOUT AMPHIBIANS. GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH DIFFERENT AMPHIBIANS. THEN VENTURE OVER TO **SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS BOROUGH PARK** FOR A NIGHT HIKE TO A VERNAL POND TO LISTEN FOR FROG CALLS AND LOOK FOR AMPHIBIAN EGG MASSES. TO

**REGISTER CONTACT APRIL CLAUS**  
AT 412.741.7536. \$5 / \$15 OR \$10 / \$25. DON'T FORGET YOUR BOOTS.

**APRIL 25 AND MAY 2, FRIDAYS, 7:30 A.M.**  
**SPRING BIRD WALKS AT SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS BOROUGH PARK**  
BY **BOB VAN NEWKIRK**. PLEASE MEET IN THE UPPER PARKING LOT AT THE PARK, RAIN OR SHINE. FOR MORE INFO PLEASE GO TO [WWW.3RBC.ORG](http://WWW.3RBC.ORG)

**Three Rivers Birding Club**

**JIM VALIMONT, PRESIDENT**

**412.828.5338** [WWW.3RBC.ORG](http://WWW.3RBC.ORG)

**MEETING**

**APRIL 2, WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P.M.**  
**WHERE HAVE ALL OUR WHIP-POOR-WILLS GONE? BY PATRICK SNICKLES,**  
PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION WCO IN INDIANA COUNTY. MEET AT THE PHIPPS GARDEN CENTER, 1059 SHADY AVENUE IN SHADYSIDE.

**OUTINGS**

**MARCH 29, SATURDAY 8:00 A.M.**  
**PYMATUNING AREA BY BOB VAN NEWKIRK.** MEET AT THE PYMATUNING WILDLIFE LEARNING CENTER (WATERFOWL MUSEUM) FOR THIS ALL DAY OUTING. TAKE I-79 NORTH TO ROUTE 6, AND GO WEST TO LINESVILLE. TURN LEFT AT THE LIGHT IN LINESVILLE WHERE THE SIGN POINTS TOWARD THE PYMATUNING SPILLWAY. SIGN FOR THE CENTER WILL BE ON THE LEFT, PAST THE FISH HATCHERY AND BEFORE THE SPILLWAY. BRING LUNCH OR EAT AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT. DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR THE WEATHER.

**APRIL 5, SATURDAY 8:00 A.M., YELLOW CREEK STATE PARK BY MARGARET HIGBEE.** MEET AT THE PARK OFFICE AT FOR THIS JOINT OUTING OF THE 3RBC AND THE TODD BIRD CLUB.

**APRIL 9 AND 16 WEDNESDAYS 7:30 PM. WOODCOCK WALK MEET BY TOM BYRNES.** MEET AT THE PARKING LOT BEHIND THE PRIMANTI BROTHERS - HARMAR RESTAURANT OFF THE HARMAR EXIT 11 OF ROUTE 28. CARPOOL A SHORT DISTANCE TO A FIELD IN HARMAR TWP. THAT HAS PRODUCED LOTS OF AMERICAN WOODCOCK IN THE PAST. BE PREPARED FOR A MUDDY WALK AND BRING A FLASHLIGHT. BEFORE GOING TO THE FIELD, WE WILL CHECK THE GREAT BLUE HERON NEST.

**APRIL 27, SUNDAY, 8:00 A.M., ENLOW FORK EXTRAVAGANZA** THE MORNING BIRD WALK WILL START AT LEAD BY **MARGIE HOWARD** (AND MAYBE RALPH BELL, 99 THIS YEAR). THE FLOWER WALK WILL BE AT 10:00AM... LEAD BY MEMBERS OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN PA. THERE WILL BE OTHER THINGS HAPPENING INTO THE EARLY AFTERNOON, SO BRING A CHAIR. SOME FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE EVENT.

**Wissahickon Nature Club**

**OUTINGS CHAIR JUDY STARK**

**H: 412.363.0462**

**C: 412.327.9537**

**APRIL 19, SATURDAY, 1:00 P.M.**  
**DUFF PARK, BY LOREE SPEEDY.**

**DIRECTIONS:** FROM PITTSBURGH, TAKE I-376 EAST (PARKWAY EAST) TO ITS END AT US 22 EAST - MURRYSVILLE. TRAVEL US 22 FOR 5 MILES TO A TRAFFIC LIGHT AND SHEETZ AT SCHOOL ROAD. TURN RIGHT ONTO SCHOOL ROAD, TRAVELING ABOUT 1/8 OF A MILE, CROSS THE BRIDGE OVER TURTLE CREEK, AND PARK IN THE PARKING LOT ON THE RIGHT.

**APRIL 22, TUESDAY, 10:00 A.M. EARTH DAY! WOLF CREEK NARROWS, BUTLER COUNTY, BY DIANNE MACHESNEY.** FROM PGH TAKE I-79 NORTH TO EXIT 105. TURN LEFT ON PA 108. TRAVEL EAST ON PA 108 FOR ABOUT 0.7 MILES TO WEST PARK RD (DAIRY QUEEN ON THE RIGHT). TURN LEFT ONTO WEST PARK ROAD (SR 1015) AND DRIVE NORTH ABOUT 1.8 MILES TO SR 1020 (YOU CAN SEE SOME LARGE SILOS ON THE RIGHT). TURN RIGHT ON SR 1020 (MILLER RD) AND DRIVE ABOUT 1.7 MILES TO THE SMALL PARKING LOT ON THE RIGHT. (SR 1020 IS A WINDING ROAD AND AT AN ALMOST T INTERSECTION, TURN RIGHT TO STAY ON SR 1020.) IF YOU REACH THE BRIDGE, YOU HAVE GONE TOO FAR. THE PARKING LOT IS JUST BEFORE YOU REACH THE BRIDGE OVER WOLF CREEK.

**MAY 3, SATURDAY, 10:00 A.M. FOXBURG, CLARION COUNTY BY DIANNE MACHESNEY**  
[DIANNEM15237@AOL.COM](mailto:DIANNEM15237@AOL.COM);

**C: (412) 523-0368;** 8N THROUGH BUTLER TO 68N TO 268 N THROUGH THE TOWN OF PARKER. TURN RIGHT OVER THE FOXBURG BRIDGE. TAKE FIRST RIGHT AFTER THE BRIDGE INTO THE PARKING LOT. GO TO THE FAR END AND PARK. IF USING GPS, USE THE ADDRESS FOR THE FOXBURG INN: 20 MAIN STREET, FOXBURG, PA 16036.

**MAY 24, SATURDAY, 10:00 A.M. PRESTON PARK, BUTLER BY DAVE HELTZELL.** DIRECTIONS: TRAVEL I-79 NORTH TO EXIT 83 - PA 528 TOWARD EVANS CITY. TRAVEL PA 528 NORTH FOR 2.6 MILES TO A T. TURN RIGHT AT THE T AND CONTINUE EAST ON PA 68 FOR 9 MILES TO WHITESTOWN RD (THE FIRST TRAFFIC LIGHT AFTER THE BUTLER FARM SHOW ON THE RIGHT). TURN RIGHT ONTO WHITESTOWN RD AND CONTINUE 1 MILE TO TURN RIGHT ONTO SOUTH EBERHART ROAD. PARK ENTRANCE WILL BE ON THE LEFT. THE GPS ADDRESS IS 415 SOUTH EBERHART ROAD, BUTLER, PA 16001.

**MAY 31, SUNDAY, 8:00 A.M. BOTANIC GARDENS BIRD WALK BY BOB MULVIHILL, DIRECTIONS TBA.**