

# Wissahickon Nature Club

## SPEAKER

**SEPTEMBER 4, THURSDAY, 7:30 P.M. THE BRUCE PENINSULA IN JUNE BY DIANNE MACHESNEY.**

THE BRUCE PENINSULA IN CANADA IS NOTED FOR ITS MANY SPECIES OF ORCHIDS, AND FOR ALVAR (LIMESTONE PLAIN) ECOSYSTEMS. THIS IS AN OVERVIEW OF BOB AND DIANNE'S TRIP IN JUNE, 2013, INCLUDING FLORA, WATERFALLS, AND A SIDE TRIP TO FLOWERPOT ISLAND.

ABOUT 30 MINUTES IN LENGTH, IT WILL SPUR YOU TO EXPLORE THE AREA YOURSELF.

THE CLUB IS BEGINNING ITS NEW SEASON ON SEPTEMBER 4 WITH A WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION. WISSAHICKON NATURE CLUB WILL PROVIDE THE WINE. MEMBERS WILL PLEASE PROVIDE AN HORS D'OEUVRES AND CHEESE RATHER THAN DESSERTS. CALL 412-366-7869 TO RSVP.



Rose Pogonia  
by Dianne Machesney

**DON'T MISS OUR NEXT MEETING. SEPTEMBER 18, THURSDAY, 7:30 P.M. ELAINE MAYOWSKI WILL PRESENT DOG TRAINING. ELAINE WILL BRING HER SHETLAND SHEEPDOGS TO TEACH US THE BASICS OF OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY DOG TRAINING. SHELTIES ARE COMFORTABLE WITH AGILITY DUE TO THEIR INTELLIGENCE, SPEED, AND DEXTERITY. TRAINING FOR AGILITY IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS FOR YOU AND YOUR PET TO BOND AND EXERCISE TOGETHER. THROUGH CONSISTENT TRAINING, ANY DOG OWNER WILL SOON NOTICE HOW THE DOG IS MORE ALERT TO YOUR DAY TO DAY COMMANDS.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TREASURER'S REPORT

ACCORDING TO TREASURER **DIANNE MACHESNEY:**

PREVIOUS BALANCE \$1025.01  
DEPOSITS:

DUES FOR 2014/2015  
158.00

DISBURSEMENTS:  
PRINT MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET  
(135.00)

POSTAGE MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET  
(44.10)

NEW BALANCE \$1003.91

### ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE IN SEPTEMBER

INDIVIDUAL \$7.00  
FAMILY \$10.00

### MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WISSAHICKON NATURE CLUB

MAIL TO: DIANNE MACHESNEY,  
TREASURER  
105 LINDLEY LANE,  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15237-1805

### EXHIBIT

OUR EXHIBIT WILL BE LUNA  
MOTH BY MONICA MILLER.

### OUR YOUNGEST NEW MEMBER

MEMBERS ED AND ALISON RICHARDS ARE FIRST TIME PARENTS. RONAN RICHARDS WAS BORN ON AUGUST 2, SUNDAY.

### WORTH REPEATING

LIVE IN THE SUNSHINE, SWIM THE SEA, DRINK THE WILD AIR.  
RALPH WALDO EMERSON

## Officers

Vice President: **Monica Miller** 412-835-6783  
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## Bloggers

**Chuck Tague** <http://ctague.pairserver.com/Natureobserver/Welcome.html>  
**Kate St. John** <http://www.wqed.org/birdblog/>

**Bobby Greene** [www.bobbygreene.com](http://www.bobbygreene.com)  
**Steve Gosser** <http://home.comcast.net/~sgosser/>

CELEBRATE NATURE !



Black-necked Stilt by Chuck Tague

**Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania**

**Loree Speedy** 724.518.6022  
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<http://www.botsocwpa.org/>  
 Meeting

Meetings have moved to a different location. Meet in the **Ford-Mateer Classroom** of Carnegie Museum of Natural History, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA (Oakland).

For details go to <http://www.botsocwpa.org/>

**September 8, Monday, 7:15 p.m. The Landscape of Point State Park** by **Jessica Rohrdanz**, Environmental Education Specialist at Point State Park. Learn more about the native plants beds in Point State Park, including why certain plant species were chosen, and the history of the landscape design for the park. Point State Park is now a part of the Pittsburgh Renaissance Historic District (National Register of Historic Places) due in part to its landscape design as an urban park.

**August 31, Sunday, 1:00 p.m. Ferncliff Peninsula Ohio State Park Fayette County** by **Mark Bowers**.

**September 20, Saturday, 10:00, a.m. Raccoon Creek Wildflower Reserve Beaver County** by **Shane Miller**.

**Three Rivers Birding Club**  
**Bob VanNewkirk, President**

412-366-1694  
[www.3rbc.org](http://www.3rbc.org)

**Outings**

**September 5 and 12, Fridays, 7:30 a.m. Sewickley Heights Borough Park** In collaboration with the Fern Hollow Nature Center by **Bob VanNewkirk**. Meet at Sewickley Heights Borough Park. Be prepared for muddy trails. Bring water and a lunch. Besides birding in the park participants will drive and make stops along Little Sewickley Creek.

**September 14, Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Woodcock Lake** (note date change) by **Shawn Collins**. After visiting the lake Shawn will take participants to **Conneaut Marsh** and then possibly to Pymatuning. Please bring a lunch. Meet at Woodcock Lake Dam Site.

**September 19, Friday 11:00 a.m. Allegheny Front Hawk Watch**. The date should be near the peak of Broad-winged Hawk migration and many other raptor species can be expected. Meet at the Hawk Watch. Directions to the site are located on the 3RBC website [www.3RBC.org](http://www.3RBC.org), Bring a lunch and dress warmly. 2 hours from Pittsburgh.

**September 20, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Presque Isle State Park** by **Bob VanNewkirk**. Meet in the first parking lot (Vista 1) on the right as you enter the park. The park is at the north end of Route 832 just west of the city of Erie. Bring a lunch.

**September 20, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Frick Park** by **Sue and Jack Solomon**. Meet at the **Blue Slide Park entrance** to Frick Park, at the corner of Beechwood Boulevard and Nicholson Street in Squirrel Hill. There's only street parking at the new location.



**Sam McClain-Capezzuto, Director**

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**April Claus, Naturalist**

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<http://www.fhnc.org/>  
**Registration required for programs.**

**September 6, Saturday, 6:00 pm. Family Fishing.** Join FHNC's certified fishing skills instructors for a fun Family Fishing program. Meet at the Nature Center then car pool to **Soggy Bottom Lake**, a private residence on Fern Hollow Road, to fish for Blue Gills, Bass, Carp, and Sunfish. Fern Hollow will provide all of the equipment necessary through our grant from the PA Fish and Boat Commission. \$15 / \$ 5. Pre-registration is required. Call 412-741-6136 or email [fhnc@verizon.net](mailto:fhnc@verizon.net) to register.

**September 13, Saturday, Great Gatsby Event with SHHC, Sewickley Heights History Center.**

**September 20, Saturday, Fall Music Festival.**

Checkered Beetle, "Trichodes apivorus" on Rosy Camphorweed, "Pluchea baccharis" by Chuck Tague

