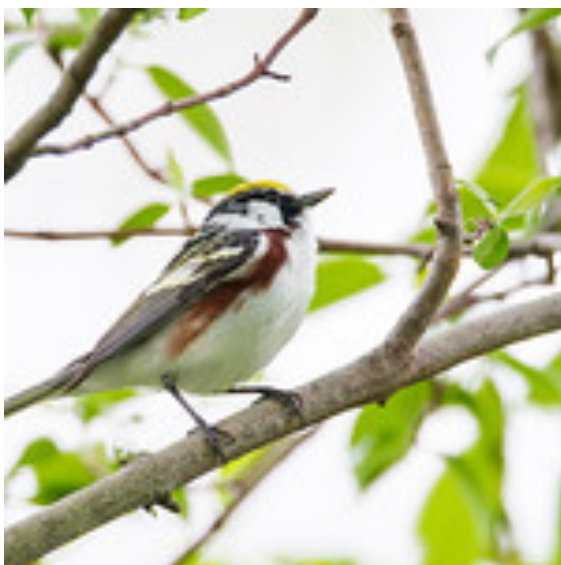


# Wissahickon Nature Club

## GUEST SPEAKER

ON **OCTOBER 2**, THURSDAY, 7:30 P.M. **BOBBY GREENE** WILL PRESENT **BIRDING**. HIS FATHER INTRODUCED HIM TO THE ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY AT A YOUNG AGE. ADVANCES INTO THE DIGITAL WORLD GAVE HIM THE ITCH TO GET BACK INTO PHOTOGRAPHY AFTER A 20-YEAR ABSENCE. THIS TIME HE'S PHOTOGRAPHING NATURE. FOR A SNEAK-PEEK ABOUT THIS PROGRAM VISIT **BOBBY'S WEBSITE** AT [BOBBYGREENE.COM](http://BOBBYGREENE.COM)



Chestnut-sided  
Warbler by  
Bobby Greene

DON'T MISS OUR NEXT MEETING. ON **OCTOBER 16**, THURSDAY **HARLAN CLARE** WILL PRESENT **FLORESCENT MINERALS**. MANY COMMON MINERALS CAN BE FLORESCENT OR GLOW UNDER AN ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT. LEARN HOW FLORESCENT MINERALS WERE DISCOVERED, WHAT CAUSES THEM TO GLOW, AND HOW WE USE FLORESCENCE IN OUR EVERYDAY LIVES. HEAR HOW FLORESCENT MINERALS HELPED THE UNITED STATES DURING WORLD WAR II. SEE HOW FLORESCENCE IS USED TODAY IN FORGERY PREVENTION, ADVERTISING, FORENSICS, OPTICAL BRIGHTENERS, MAIL PROCESSING, AND ENTERTAINMENT. EACH PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A FLORESCENT MINERAL AND ULTRAVIOLET DETECTING GLOW BEADS.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TREASURER'S REPORT

ACCORDING TO TREASURER  
**DIANNE MACHESNEY:**

PREVIOUS BALANCE: \$647.72

DEPOSIT DUES: \$72.00

EXPENSES: 0

CURRENT BALANCE: \$719.72

### THINKING AHEAD

OUR MEETING OF DECEMBER 18 WILL INCLUDE OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS / HOLIDAY PARTY AND COOKIE EXCHANGE. WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEBODY TO MAKE HOLIDAY FAVORS. IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER TO KEEP THIS IMPORTANT TRADITION ALIVE PLEASE CONTACT MONICA OR DIANNE.

### WORTH REPEATING

IT IS NOT THE LANGUAGE OF PAINTERS BUT THE LANGUAGE OF NATURE WHICH ONE SHOULD LISTEN TO.... THE FEELING FOR THE THINGS THEMSELVES, FOR REALITY, IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE FEELING FOR PICTURES.

VINCENT VAN GOGH

## Officers

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## Bloggers

**Chuck Tague** <http://ctague.pairserver.com/Natureobserver/Welcome.html>  
**Kate St. John** <http://www.wqed.org/birdblog/>  
**Steve Gosser** <http://home.comcast.net/~sgosser/>  
**Amanda Haney** <https://www.flickr.com/photos/61181150@Noo/sets/>

CELEBRATE NATURE !



Frog by Bobby Greene

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**Meeting**

**October 13, Monday, 7:15 p.m.**  
**October 13, Monday, 7:15 p.m. The Jennings Prairie — an Ecological Oasis by Wil Taylor.** He will discuss the challenges of managing an ecological anomaly — a western Pennsylvania prairie. Discover why there is a prairie in Butler County as Wil shares the story of its discovery by Otto E. Jennings and the subsequent effort to preserve this botanical gem. Learn the about the “desirables” such as Culver’s root, big bluestem, blazing star and, believe it or not, a rattlesnake! Wil Taylor has been the manager of Jennings Environmental Education Center since 2010. Prior to being manager, he was the program coordinator for the Center. Wil is a graduate of Slippery Rock University. Meetings are held in the Ford-Mateer Classroom of Carnegie Museum of Natural History, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA (Oakland).

**Outing**

**October 26, Saturday, Native Plant and Sustainability Conference, Phipps Garden Center Mellon Park highlighted by Jim McCormac** <http://jimmccormac.blogspot.com/>  
For details visit [phipps.conservatory.org/exhibits-and-events/](http://phipps.conservatory.org/exhibits-and-events/)

**Environmental Book Club**

**Kim Metheny** [kmetheny@hotmail.com](mailto:kmetheny@hotmail.com)

**Chriss O'Lare** [colare@outlook.com](mailto:colare@outlook.com)

Meet at the Panera on McKnight Road.

Upcoming Book

**October 20, Monday, 7:30 p.m. Zoo Story.**

**Three Rivers Birding Club**

**Bob VanNewkirk, President**

412-366-1694

[www.3rbc.org](http://www.3rbc.org)

**Outings**

**October 26, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Moraine State Park lucky 13th annual Picnic** bird walk. Meet in the Moraine State Park day use area (south shore) in the first parking lot on the right. After the morning outing, we will have the pot-luck picnic at one of the park pavilions near the McDaniel's boat launch. Please bring a dish that will serve 4-6 people to share. Allow one hour driving from Pittsburgh.

**November 1, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Yellow Creek, joint outing with the Todd Bird Club** led by **Meet Margaret Higbee.** Meet at the park office located on Route 259 just off Route 422 east of Indiana. Allow an hour and 30 minutes to drive from Pittsburgh. Yellow Creek State Park has been the prime outing location for the Todd Bird Club since the club was created. The park has a wide variety of habitats and a large lake that attracts a wide variety of waterfowl and sometimes exciting rarities.



Brown Thrasher by Bobby Greene



**Sam McClain-Capezzuto, Director**

**412.741.6136**

**April Claus, Naturalist**

**412.741.7536**

**412.716.5520**

**<http://www.fhnc.org/>**

**Registration required for  
programs.**

**October 11, Saturday, 5:00 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.