

Wissahickon Nature Club

GUEST SPEAKER

ON OCTOBER 30, THURSDAY, 7:30 P.M. **SARAH LYLE** WILL TREAT US TO A SPECIAL PROGRAM ABOUT **ARACHNIDS**. ARE YOU WARY ABOUT OUR 8-LEGGED FRIENDS? OR DO YOU NEED A NEW PERSPECTIVE FOR OBSERVING THE VARIOUS TYPES OF SPIDERS FOUND IN PENNSYLVANIA? MANY LIVE AND PRESERVED SPECIMENS, PICTURES, STORIES, AND BOOKS WILL INTRIGUE EVERYONE FROM THE SPIDER ENTHUSIAST TO THE CAUTIOUS. AS A SPECIAL TREAT, OBSERVE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TRUE SPIDERS AND TARANTULAS FIRST HAND BY HANDLING LIVE TARANTULAS IF YOU WISH. TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON, IT WOULD BE FUN FOR EVERYBODY TO WEAR SPOOKY, HALLOWEEN GARB OR SPIDER JEWELRY.



Black and Yellow Garden Spider by Odie Cowden

DON'T MISS OUR NEXT PROGRAM. ON NOVEMBER 13 **STEVE LEITKAM** WILL PRESENT **WILDLIFE, NATURE AND NATURAL HISTORY**. STEVE ENJOYS MANY ASPECTS OF NATURE AND SPENDS MUCH OF HIS TIME OUTDOORS. OFTEN HE FINDS HIMSELF IN SEARCH OF THINGS MANY PEOPLE FEEL ARE A BIT UNUSUAL, AND HE LOVES TO SEEK OUT THE OFTEN OVER-LOOKED. **WILDLIFE, NATURE AND NATURAL HISTORY** IS PREDOMINATELY WHAT STEVE PHOTOGRAPHS. WHILE HE STRIVES TO PRODUCE IMAGES THAT ARE AESTHETICALLY PLEASING STEVE WILL, ON OCCASION, INCLUDE IMAGES OF A LESSER QUALITY IF HE FEELS THAT THE SUBJECT OR CONTENT IS OF SUFFICIENT INTEREST TO SOMEWHAT OVERSHADOW THE QUALITY DEFICITS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

ACCORDING TO TREASURER **DIANNE MACHESNEY**:

NO ACTIVITY

CURRENT BALANCE \$719.72

THE TRIP REPORT FROM FRIDAY'S HARTWOOD ACRES TREE ID HIKE IS POSTED TO OUR WEBSITE.

FOR DIRECTIONS, CURRENT AND PAST NEWSLETTERS AND MUCH MORE, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: WWW.WISSAHICKONNATURECLUB.COM

INPUT

WE LIKE TO SEE WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE DISCOVERING. IF YOU HAVE A PHOTO TO SHARE, PLS. EMAIL IT TO MYWINTERMOON@VERIZON.NET

WORTH REPEATING

"LIKE DELICATE LACE,
SO THE THREADS INTERTWINE,
OH, GOSSAMER WEB
OF WOND'ROUS DESIGN!
SUCH BEAUTY AND GRACE
WILD NATURE PRODUCES...
UGHH, LOOK AT THE SPIDER
SUCK OUT THAT BUG'S
JUICES!"

— BILL WATTERSON, CALVIN
AND HOBBS: HOMICIDAL
PSYCHO JUNGLE CAT

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Meeting

November 10, Monday, 7:15 p.m. **Why does Pittsburgh need another botanic garden?** presented by **Greg Nace**, President of the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden. The Pittsburgh Botanic Garden is transforming 460 acres of abandoned mining land into a world-class botanic garden. Once completed, the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden will be one of the largest botanic gardens in America. Meetings will be held in the Ford-Mateer Classroom of Carnegie Museum of Natural History, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA (Oakland).

Field Trip

November 7-8, Friday and Saturday, **Pennsylvania Botany Symposium Penn State Conference Center, State College, PA.** The program and links to registration and lodging at a reduced group rate can be accessed by going to <http://pabotany.org/2014-pa-botany-symposium/>.

Direct any questions you may have to Lisa at pabotany1@gmail.com.

Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities are still available.

Environmental Book Club

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Meet at the Panera on McKnight Road.

Upcoming Book

November 10, Monday, 7:30 p.m. **When the Killing's Done** by T.C. Boyle.

December's book is **Spillover**, **David Quammen**, a timely book about pandemics.

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

412-366-1694

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Outings

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. One hour and 30 minutes 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 large lake that attracts a wide variety of waterfowl and sometimes exciting rarities.

November 16, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. **Montour Woods Conservation Area.** Meet **Sean Brady**, Executive Director of the Hollow Oak Land Trust for a bird outing to the Montour Woods Conservation Area. Spend the morning birding and hiking the wooded trails through the conservation area. Explore the stream valley of Meeks Run, one of the cleanest streams in Allegheny County. Trails have uneven surfaces and some hills. Meet at the Conservation area located at 1901 Hassam Road, Moon Township. Directions: From 79 head north on Route 51 into Coraopolis and turn left onto Montour Street, which becomes Montour Street extension. Montour Street Extension ends at Hassam Road. Turn left on to Hassam Road and go about 1/2 mile and look for the parking lot on the right as you go downhill. If you reach the Montour Trail at the bottom, turn around and go back 100 yards.



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November 3, Monday, **November 5**, Wednesday and **November 7**, Friday, 8:00 p.m. **Saw-whet Owl Banding by Bob Mulvihill.** meet in the main parking lot of Sewickley Heights Borough Park. Meet at picnic table area. Banding will not take place if it is raining or very windy. Banding will take place on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday night from dark until 12 midnight until December 5. They usually start packing up at 11:30 pm. (Banding will not take place on October 31).

Barred Owl by Chuck Tague

