

Wissahickon Nature Club

GUEST SPEAKERS

ON MARCH 5, 2015, THURSDAY, 7:30 P.M. GLENN DAVIS & DONNA BILLINGS WILL PRESENT NATIONAL PARKS QUEST. GLENN AND DONNA WILL TAKE US ON AN ARM CHAIR TOUR TO SOME OF THE LESSER-KNOWN PARKS. THEY WILL ENTERTAIN US WITH PICTURES FROM THE SOUTHWEST PARKS, CONGAREE, THEODORE ROOSEVELT, SEQUOIA, KINGS CANYON, AND A FEW OTHERS. IF WE TWIST HER ARM A LITTLE, MAYBE DONNA WILL TELL US ABOUT HER BOOK "RED AND PURPLE HIKING BOOTS".



Photo from American Samoa by Glenn Davis

DON'T MISS OUR NEXT PROGRAM. ON MARCH 19, THURSDAY, BOB ALLNOCK WILL PRESENT PURPLE MARTINS. PURPLE MARTINS ARE THE LARGEST SWALLOWS IN NORTH AMERICA. THEY EAT THOUSANDS OF INSECTS DAILY AND THEY NEST IN COMPACT COLONIES. EASTERN POPULATIONS ARE ALMOST ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON MAN-MADE BIRDHOUSES AND THOUSANDS OF BIRDERS INCLUDING BOB ALLNOCK BECOME PURPLE MARTIN "LANDLORDS".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

ACCORDING TO TREASURER
DIANNE MACHESNEY:
PREVIOUS BALANCE \$751.72
DEPOSIT DUES \$97.00
CURRENT BALANCE: \$848.72

WE NEED IDEAS

WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT INTERESTS **YOU**, OUR MEMBERS MAY HAVE FOR OUR **CLUB**. IS THERE A PARTICULAR **SPEAKER** WHO WOULD SUIT OUR MEETINGS? CONTACT **SUSANNE** 412-771-4737 OR MYWINTERMOON@VERIZON.NET DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR AN **OUTING**, OR WOULD LIKE TO LEAD OR CO-LEAD ONE? CONTACT **JUDY** 412-363-0462 OR STARKJ2@AOL.COM

WORTH REPEATING

IT IS OFTEN DIFFICULT TO JUDGE HOW OUR ACTIONS AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT ARE LIKELY TO AFFECT OTHERS. WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT WE ARE THE ONLY SPECIES WITH THE POWER TO DESTROY THE EARTH. BIRDS AND INSECTS HAVE NO SUCH POWER, NOR DOES ANY OTHER MAMMAL. AND YET IF WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DESTROY THE EARTH, WE ALSO HAVE THE CAPACITY TO PROTECT IT. I BELIEVE WE HAVE AN URGENT RESPONSIBILITY TO DO SO.
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Bloggers & Websites

Bald Eagle Cam

<http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/hays-bald-eagle-cam/>

Steve Gosser <http://home.comcast.net/~sgosser/>

Bobby Greene bobbygreene.com

Amanda Haney <https://www.flickr.com/photos/61181150@Noo/sets/>

Tom Pawlesh www.blurb.com/bookstore/search?search=pawlesh&commit=Search

Peregrine Falcon Gulf Tower Cam

<http://www.pixcontroller.com/falcons/gulf.htm>

Kate St. John <http://www.wqed.org/birdblog/>

Chuck Tague, Nature Observer <http://>

ctague.pairserver.com/Natureobserver/Welcom.html

Don Weiss www.donweissphotography.com

CELEBRATE NATURE !



Photo: Caribou by Glenn Davis

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<http://www.botsocwpa.org/Meeting>
Meeting

March 9, Monday, 7:15 p.m. **Jason Kilgore, Ph.D., Ecologist and Associate Professor of Biology at Washington & Jefferson College,** will speak to us at the March meeting. Jason manages the W&J Greenhouse and Herbarium in the department. He also worked as a wetland ecologist and forest planner. Please check back soon to learn this speaker's topic.

March 27, Friday, Ohio Botanical Symposium, Villa Milano • Columbus, OH. Online registration is now open for the 2015 Ohio Botanical Symposium.

The lineup of speakers includes world-renowned fern expert and author, Robbin Moran. To register online visit <https://www.cmnh.org/obs>. Or download this [brochure that includes the registration form](#) if you prefer to send your payment by mail. *Pre-registration is required and space is limited.*

Environmental Book Club

Kim Metheny kmetheny@hotmail.com

Chris O'Lare colare@comcast.net

Meet at the Panera on McKnight Road.

Upcoming Book

March 16, Monday, 7:15 p.m. *The Book of Barely Imagined Beings* by Caspar Henderson

April 20, Monday, 7:15 p.m. *Grass, Soil, Hope* by Courtney White

Fern Hollow Nature Center

Sam McClain-Capezuto, Director

412.741.6136

April Claus, Naturalist

412.741.7536

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

March 7, Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Maple Sugar Celebration and Pancake Breakfast. Enjoy traditional or buckwheat pancakes, maple syrup from the Beaver County Conservation District, sausage and beverage. Learn about the tradition and history of maple sugaring. \$7/ \$5 or \$9 /\$7. To purchase tickets call 412-741-6136 or visit <http://www.fhnc.org/>

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

412-366-1694

www.3rbc.org

March 22, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Lake Arthur Moraine State Park. Meet at the Moraine State Park day use area (south shore) in the first parking lot on the right. From I-79, take route 422 east toward Butler and exit at the Moraine State Park exit. At the end of the ramp, turn left and go straight into the park until you see the first major parking area on your right. One hour from Pittsburgh.

March 25, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Woodcock Walk, Meet **Tom Byrnes** at the Ladbroke (now The Meadows) parking lot behind the Primanti Brothers restaurant off the Harmar exit 11 of Route 28. Carpool a short distance to a field in Harmar Township. Be prepared for a muddy walk and bring a flashlight.

March 28, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Pymatuning Area by Bob Van Newkirk. Pymatuning Wildlife Learning Center (Waterfowl Museum). 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. The sign for the center will be on the left, past the fish hatchery and before the spillway. Lunch will be arranged in the morning for those who wish to eat at the Spillway Inn. Dress appropriately for the weather.



Photo: Peregrine Falcon by Chuck Tague

Wissahickon Nature Club Officers

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

Treasurer: **Dianne Machesney** 412-366-7869

Secretary: **Nancy Madeoy** 412-364-0195

Recruiter: **Marlow Madeoy** 412-364-0195

Hospitality: **Joel Platt** 412-521-5244

Outings Coordinator: **Judy Stark** 412-363-0462

Program Coordinator and Wissahickon Nature Club bulletin by **Susanne Varley** 412-771-4737

Wissahickon 2015 Outings
***Joint with Botanical Society**

Please check our website
www.wissahickonnatureclub.com
for directions, changes or weather-related postponements.

Date	Day	Time	Place	Leader	Special Features
March 29	Sunday	1:00	*Cedar Creek	Mark Bowers + Loree Speedy 724-518-6022	Snow Trillium, Twin Flower
April 12	Sunday	1:00	Montour Woods Conservation Area	Sean Brady	Spring Wildflowers, Amphibians
April 19	Sunday	1:00	*Linn Run	Mark Bowers + Loree Speedy 724-518-6022	Spring Wildflowers, Round-leafed Violet
April 25	Saturday	9:00	Indian Creek w Mtn Watershed Assn.	Judy Stark Cell: 412-327-9537	Spring Wildflowers + Ramps
April 26	Sunday	8:00	Enlow Fork	Wheeling Watershed Conservancy	Birds, Creek life, Blue-eyed Mary
April 30	Thursday	10:00	Raccoon Creek	Dianne Machesney Cell: 412-523-0368	Spring Wildflowers
May 2	Saturday	10:00	Wolf Creek	Dianne Machesney Cell: 412-523-0368	Spring Wildflowers
May 7	Thursday	10:00	Butler-Freeport Monroe Rd	Dianne Machesney Cell: 412-523-0368	Spring Wildflowers
May 9	Saturday	1:00	*Roaring Run, Armstrong Co.	Loree Speedy Cell: 724-518-6022	
May 22	Friday	10:00	Hartwood	Marlow Madeoy Cell: 703-509-2827	Trees, summer Wildflowers
June 13	Saturday	10:00	Nichol Road, Raccoon Creek State Park	Judy Stark Cell: 412-327-9537 and Susanne Varley	Summer Wildflowers, Hackberry Emperor
July ?		10:00	?	Sarah Lyle	Spider Walk
August 1	Saturday	10:00	Jennings Prairie	Dianne Machesney Cell: 412-523-0368	Blazing Star, Purple Fringed Orchid
September 14	Monday	10:00	Moraine Park from bike concession	Kim Metheny and Susanne Varley Cell: 412-913-9614	Nodding Ladies Tresses, Asters