

Wissahickon Nature Club

Guest Speaker

ON APRIL 9, 7:30 P.M. TERRY LOBDELL WILL PRESENT BATS AND BAT HOUSES. BATS ARE HELPFUL CREATURES. THEY ARE SAFE AND BENEFICIAL TO HAVE IN YOUR BACKYARD. BAT HOUSES PROVIDE A SAFE HOME FOR BATS AND ARE EDUCATIONAL AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. BATS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF PEST INSECTS IN YOUR BACKYARD AND HELP FARMERS AND GARDENERS BY EATING INSECT PESTS. AN INDIVIDUAL BAT CAN EAT THOUSANDS OF INSECTS IN JUST ONE NIGHT! WHY USE PESTICIDES WHEN BATS CAN DO THE JOB.



Big Brown Bat by Chuck Tague

DON'T MISS OUR NEXT PROGRAM. **ON APRIL 23, SHIRLEY MUTZ** WILL PRESENT **NATURE CRAFTS**. INCREASE YOUR ENJOYMENT OF NATURE BY GATHERING MATERIALS FROM YOUR YARD OR DURING YOUR WALKS TO USE IN MAKING DECORATIONS FOR YOUR OWN HOME OR TO GIVE AS GIFTS. THESE ARE WONDERFUL ITEMS TO SELL AT CHURCH BAZAARS OR CRAFT SHOWS. **SHIRLEY** WILL HAVE SAMPLES OF HER CRAFTS FOR DISPLAY. LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN WREATHS, CENTERPIECES, ORNAMENTS, NOTE CARDS, NATURE PRINTING, AND YARN DYEING.

THIS IS OUR FINAL MEETING FOR THIS SEASON.

Bloggers & Websites

Steve Gosser <http://home.comcast.net/~sgosser/>
Bobby Greene bobbygreene.com
Amanda Haney <https://www.flickr.com/photos/61181150@Noo/sets/>
Peregrine Falcon Gulf Tower Cam
<http://www.pixcontroller.com/falcons/gulf.htm>
Kate St. John <http://www.wqed.org/birdblog/>
Snowy Owl <http://michiganradio.org/post/you-can->

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Chuck Tague, Nature Observer [http://](http://ctague.pairserver.com/Natureobserver/Welcome.html)
ctague.pairserver.com/Natureobserver/Welcome.html
Don Weiss www.donweissphotography.com
The Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club
wpamushroomclub.org.

Announcements

TREASURER'S REPORT

ACCORDING TO TREASURER **DIANNE MACHESNEY**:

NO ACTIVITY.

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

THANK YOU, MEMBERS

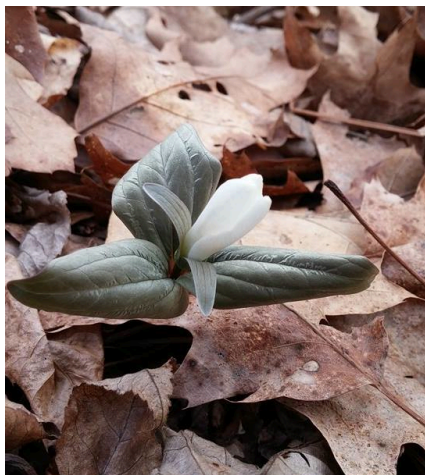
FRANK IZAGUIRRE THANKS WISSAHICKON FOR THE GET WELL CARD. HE IS IN REMISSION AND JUST GOT MARRIED TO ADRIENNE.

WORTH REPEATING

WALK LIGHTLY IN THE SPRING; MOTHER EARTH IS PREGNANT.

KIOWA WISDOM

CELEBRATE NATURE !



Snow Trillium by Dianne Machesney

**Botanical Society of
Western Pennsylvania**

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Meeting

April 13, Monday 7:15 p.m. An Introduction to Ethnobotany: the relationship between people and plants by Chris Massimino. The field of Ethnobotany is an interdisciplinary inquiry into people and plants through many fields of science. Chris had the esteem delight of learning the field of ethnobotany at a University level, with participation in numerous research conferences around the country. Having the chance to see these presentations and learn from many cutting edge researchers in this field has been inspiring. In college he focused on forest ecology including a native medicinal plant *Actaea racemosa* (Black Cohosh). Research topics included population dynamics and in vitro cultivation for genotyping. I also had an opportunity to interview farmers and craftsman for inquiry into their practices.

Field Trip

April 11, Saturday, 8:30 a.m. 2015 Pennsylvania Rare Plant Forum Room 112 Forest Resources Building Penn State University, State College, PA Please check the [Rare Plant Forum page on the PA Botany site](#) for more event information as it develops.

Environmental Book Club

Kim Metheny

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Meet at the Panera on McKnight Road.

Upcoming Book

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

May 18, Monday, 7:15 p.m. The Highest Tide by Jim Lynch (this is a novel)

Fern Hollow Nature Center

1901 Glen Mitchell Road, Sewickley, PA 15143

May 1, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Join us tonight if you have any questions about the **Big Day of Birding**. A short meeting with light refreshments will get you ready for tomorrow's BIG DAY!

May 2, Saturday, Join Fern Hollow's **Big Day of Birding!** Teams will sign up pledge sponsors then spend the day searching for birds in the Quaker Valley area. The day will end with a celebration bonfire at Fern Hollow where the teams with the highest species total and most funds raised will receive prizes. Teams with over half of the members under 18 will compete in the youth category. This fundraiser will help to support environmental education projects at Fern Hollow Nature Center such as purchase of educational materials for our "Birds and Their Habitats" and "Feathered Friends" school programs and speaker fees for bird programs at summer camps.

Three Rivers Birding Club

Bob VanNewkirk, President

412-366-1694

www.3rbc.org

April 15, Wednesday, 7:00 PM. - Woodcock Walk. Meet **Tom Byrnes** at the Ladbroke's (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.

April 25, Saturday, 9:00 AM. Woodcock Lake (Meadville) by **Shawn Collins.** Afterwards the outing will continue to the **Pymatuning** area. Please bring a lunch. Meet at Woodcock Lake Dam Site.

April 25, Saturday, 9:30 AM. Raccoon Creek State Park, joint bird, wildflower walk and picnic with the **Brooks Bird Club** led by **Ryan Tomazin.** Meet at the Roadside Picnic Area West. We will drive to the beach and around the lake after checking out the picnic parking lot area. Lunch will be between 12:30-1:00, and will be potluck. Please bring a dish to feed 6-10 people and bring your own plates, cutlery and drinks. There are ample picnic benches there under the giant oaks.

April 29, Wednesday 8:00 AM. Knob Hill Community Park by **Karyn Delaney.** Meet in the second parking lot on the left on Knob Road for this spring trip to Knob Hill Park.

The Western Pennsylvania

Mushroom Club

wpamushroomclub.org.

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Meeting

April 21, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, 614 Dorseyville Road. Guest speaker: **Dr. Sarah Meiss** from California University of Pennsylvania Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences.

Walks

April 18, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Hampton Community Park, Allegheny County by **Dick Dougall.**

April 19, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Hartwood Acres, Allegheny County by **Jim Wasik,** Mansion parking lot.

April 25, Saturday, 12:00 p.m. at **Ryerson Station State Park,** Greene County. Meet **Brian Davis** and **La Monte Yarroll** at the ranger station. There should be morels.

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-leaved 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

Dear Members,

Wissahickon Nature Club would like to provide donations to Wildbird Recovery in Valencia. Please bring your items to FHNC on [April 23](#). [Stacey Widenhofer](#) will shuttle them to Wildbird Recovery. This will not come from the Wisahickon Nature Club treasury, but from your own personal generosity. Thank you very much.

Also another easy way to help and then the items are shipped directly through her are via our amazon wish list. Beth McMasters included some very specific things she needs for this year. [Amazon.com: BETH W. MCMASTER: Wildbird Recovery](#)

Here are a list of some other items that are always needed (the items marked with an * are specific brands/sizes that work best for us):

Gift Certificates

Lowes
Home Depot
Walmart
Target
Staples/Office Max

Cleaning Supplies

We have chosen these particular supplies because of each company's commitment to environmentally friendly practices as well as no testing on animals. It is a small request to make a huge difference.

- * Seventh Generation Paper towels
- * Method laundry detergent
- *Seventh Generation Disinfecting wipes

Food

- * White Millet
- * fresh and frozen berries (Wymans Wild Blueberries (Walmart)
- * Frozen corn
- * sunflower hearts
- * earthworms
- * waxworms
- * crickets
- * mealworms (In the summer we go thru tens of thousands per month!)
- * mixed wild bird seed

Office Supplies

- * printer paper
- * envelopes
- * stamps

Medical/Veterinary Supplies

- * sterile gauze pads 4x4
- * paper tape 1" wide



Fledglings Red-eyed Vireo and Scarlet Tanager by Chuck Tague