

Wissahickon Nature Club

Guest Speaker

ON APRIL 23, THURSDAY, 7:30 P.M. 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. SHE 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 WILL BE OUR LAST MEETING OF THE SEASON. VISIT OUR WEBPAGE OFTEN TO CATCH UP ON OUTINGS AND FUTURE EVENTS.



Announcements

TREASURER'S REPORT

ACCORDING TO TREASURER
DIANNE MACHESNEY:
DONATION FROM
ALAN SCHICK:

50.00

CURRENT BALANCE: \$912.72

DIANNE BRINGS OUR BANK STATEMENTS TO EVERY MEETING. MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO VIEW THEM.

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

FORESTS ARE THE LUNGS OF OUR LAND, PURIFYING THE AIR AND GIVING FRESH STRENGTH TO OUR PEOPLE.

PRESIDENT FRANKLIN
ROOSEVELT

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->

[follow-three-satellite-tagged-snowy-owls-visiting-michigan-right-now?](#)
[utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=Social&utm_campaign=FBMichiganRadio4968](#)
Chuck Tague, Nature Observer [http://](http://ctague.pairserver.com/Natureobserver/Welcome.html)
Don Weiss www.donweissphotography.com
The Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club
wpamushroomclub.org.

CELEBRATE NATURE !



Trout Lily by Judy Stark

**Botanical Society of
Western Pennsylvania**

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Field Trips

April 25, Saturday, 10:00 AM, Indian Creek Gorge, Fayette County, with the Mountain Watershed Association

April 26, Sunday, 8:00 AM, Events all day, Enlow Fork, Greene County

May 02, Saturday, 10:00 AM, Wolf Creek Natural Area, Butler County, Dianne Machesney Cell: [412-523-0368](tel:412-523-0368)

May 07, Thursday, 10:00 AM, Butler-Freeport Trail, Monroe Rd, Butler County, Dianne Machesney Cell: [412-523-0368](tel:412-523-0368)

May 09, Saturday, 1:00 PM, Roaring Run Armstrong County - 100 year anniversary of BSWP hike! Loree Speedy [724-518-6022](tel:724-518-6022)

May 10, Sunday, Mother's Day Hike at Keystone State Park, Westmoreland County, Mary Ann Pike

August 8, Saturday, 9:30 A.M. Tour of the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden by Kitty Vagley. This is a special tour for members of the Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania. All attendees will be treated to a tour and a complimentary one-year membership to the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden courtesy of donor Bill Lawrence.

Environmental Book Club

Kim Metheny

kmetheny@hotmail.com

Chriss O'Lare colare@comcast.net

Meet at the Panera on McKnight Road.

Upcoming Book

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

Fern Hollow Nature Center

April Claus 412-741-75361901

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 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. Directions: From Pittsburgh take Route 22/30 and exit at Imperial. Take Route 30 west to the Raccoon Creek State Park entrance, and drive through the park to the Roadside West picnic area. In case of inclement weather, we should be able to use the center at the Wildflower Reserve.

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 Community Park 415 Knob Road Wexford, PA 15090

May 1, Friday, 7:30 AM Sewickley Park In collaboration with the Fern Hollow Nature Center by Bob VanNewkirk. Meet at the upper parking lot. Directions to the park can be found on the 3RBC's website (<http://www.3rbc.org>).

May 3, Sunday 8:00 AM, Frick Park Outing Nicholson & Beechwood by Jack and Sue Solomon. Meet at the "Blue Slide Park" entrance, corner of Beechwood Blvd. and Nicholson Street in Squirrel Hill (15217).

May 3, Sunday, 7:30 AM, Buffalo Creek IBA-80 by Larry Helgerman. Meet at the S-Bridge parking area at the intersection of SR-221 and US-40 for a nice walk through a variety of habitats.

May 9, Saturday, 7:00 AM. Forest County. David Yeany will lead us on a car trip of Forest County birding hot spots. Meet at the Sheetz in Brookville located at 300 West Main Street Brookville, PA 15825, at the intersection Route 28 and US 322.

May 9, Saturday 8:30 AM. Harrison Hills. Meet co-leaders **Steve Gosser** and **MaryAnn Thomas** at the river cliff playground / picnic area at the top of the hill in the park. See tinyurl.com/HarrisonHills for directions

The Western Pennsylvania

Mushroom Club

wpamushroomclub.org.

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412-781-6581

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. Admission to all walks and meetings is free. For more information, email cs4wpmc@gmail.com or visit wpamushroomclub.org.

Wissahickon Nature Club

Officers

Vice President: **Monica Miller**

412-835-6783

Treasurer: **Dianne Machesney**

412-366-7869

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

Wissahickon Nature Club April 2015 Outings

Registration is not required. Everyone is welcome, including non-members. Trips last 3 to 4 hours but one can leave at any time. For questions, call the field trip leader or

Loree Speedy h 724.872.5232; c 724.518.6022 or loreespeedy@gmail.com.

Or **Judy Stark** 412.327.9537

STARKJ2@aol.com

April 25, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. Indian Creek Wildflower Walk, by **Lisa Smith** rain or shine. We cover about a mile and a half at a very gentle pace on relatively flat terrain. The walk normally lasts until around 12:00 noon. Directions: Turnpike to Donegal, Left on 31, Right on 711, Left on 381 at Normalville (T), go 2 miles, cross Iron Bridge, Right at sign for Camp Christian go to end of road and park to the right by gated trail. Bring sturdy walking shoes, water, and an umbrella, if necessary.

Come enjoy the beautiful Indian Creek Gorge with us!

(And lunch, if you like.)

April 26, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Enlow Fork Wildflower Walk by **Wheeling Watershed Conservancy**.

Alternate directions from Pittsburgh and points North:

Take I-79 south to I-70 west at Washington, Pa. Get off I-70 west onto Route 40 east. Turn right onto Franklin Farms Road just past Washington Crown Center. After a mile or so, you'll make a right onto Route 18 south.

Follow Route 18 south through Prosperity and Old Concord into Greene County. About a mile after you enter Greene County, Route 18 makes a very sharp curve to the left at Beulah Church. Make a right onto the road where there's a sign pointing to Ryerson Station State Park (be careful not to take the first right turn) just before the cemetery. Follow that road to Graysville (there is a point where the main road goes to the right, so be sure to stay on that).

When you come to a T in Graysville, make a right on an unnamed street and look for the signs that point to Route 21 west. Take Route 21 west for a couple miles toward Wind Ridge. Right before Wind Ridge, make a right onto Nebo Ridge Road (there is a farmhouse here on the right with stone siding on it).

Follow Nebo Ridge Road for several miles. The road will make a sweeping curve to the left and you'll come to a group of houses (old cars and junk lying around). Turn right onto Walker Hill Road. Go about 1/8th mile, make a sharp left onto Smoky Row Lane (formerly a rugged dirt road; paved in 2014!) at the sign for the state game lands; follow that to down the hill, through an S curve at the coal mine facility, then onto Enlow Fork. Go as far as you can go till you come to a gate and parking lot. Do not stop at the first lot on the left or you'll have a few hundred yards of walking to do.

Alternate directions from Morgantown, W.Va., and points south and east:

Take the Waynesburg exit off I-79 and get on Route 21 west. After about a mile, Route 21 merges with U.S. Route 19 north. Follow that into and through Waynesburg. Be sure to stay on Route 21 west.

April 30, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. Raccoon Creek State Park Wildflower Reserve by **Dianne Machesney** cell 412.523.0368.

Meet at the parking lot of the Wildflower Reserve in Raccoon Creek State Park for this outing in search of early spring migrants, early wildflowers, courting amphibians and other signs of spring.

Everyone is welcome! Please dress for the cold, be prepared for wet ground and bring a lunch.

Directions To the Wildflower Reserve:

About 25 miles from Pittsburgh, The Raccoon Creek Wildflower Reserve is Beaver County, in Hookstown, PA. Take Parkway W to US 22, exit to Rt 30. Stay on Rte 30 to a right hand turn into the wildflower parking lot. There is a sign immediately before the turn. Meet in the parking lot.

Please note: -Can't use the old directions because the Clinton Road exit isn't there anymore.

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