

Wissahickon Nature Club

www.wissahickonnatureclub.com

MARCH 3, 2016

Announcements

Don't miss our next meeting

March 17, Thursday, **Andrew Zadnik** will present **Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's Land Stewardship Program: Caring for Protected Lands**. WPC's Land Stewardship program is responsible for monitoring and managing over 12,000 acres of land owned by WPC, and for monitoring almost 36,000 acres protected by conservation easements.

In Memoriam

Bob Morgan February 13, 2016

Treasurer's Report

According to Treasurer **Dianne Machesney**

Previous balance:	1006.02
Deposit dues:	<u>25.00</u>
Current Balance:	1031.02

76% of our members have renewed.

Worth Repeating

One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.

Shakespeare



Painted Bunting by Chuck Tague

Tonight's Program

March 3, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. All Members will present **Nature-stuff Raffle**. What a great way to clean your bookshelves during this coming winter! Please save up and donate nature-related items which you no longer need such as books, posters, birdhouses, etc. to place on the auction tables. We will provide raffle tickets, five tickets for a dollar. Purchase as many tickets you want to toss into the hat. The tickets will be drawn and, when your name is called, you may choose an item. You must take home any of your items which remain unclaimed.



Blue Land Crab by
Chuck Tague



Visit learnyourland.com for a sortable calendar of nature outings, meetings and events.

Celebrate Nature



Shiny Blueberry, "Vaccinium myrsinites",
by **Chuck Tague**

Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania

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

Meeting

Meetings have moved to the **Ford Mateer Classroom** of Carnegie Museum of Natural History, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA (Oakland).

For details go to <http://www.botsocwpa.org/>

March 14, Monday, 7:15 p.m. Pawpaw: In Search of America's Forgotten Fruit by **Andy Moore**. Andrew Moore has written a book dedicated solely to the pawpaw called "Pawpaw: In Search of America's Forgotten Fruit". He combines natural history with an investigation into pawpaw's prospects as a commercial crop.

Outing

April 3, Sunday, Hutchinson by **Loree Speedy**. Meet at West Newton trail-head.

Fern Hollow Nature Center

1901 Glen Mitchell Road
Sewickley, PA 15143

412.741.6136 **April Claus, Naturalist**
<http://www.fhnc.org/>

Registration required for programs.

March 12, Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Maple Sugar Celebration and Pancake Breakfast. Enjoy traditional or buckwheat pancakes, real maple syrup from the Beaver County Conservation District, sausage and a drink. \$7/\$5 or \$9/\$7.

Three Rivers Birding Club

Bob VanNewkirk, President
412.366.1694 www.3rbc.org

Outings

March 20, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Lake Arthur Moraine State Park leaderless. 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. Allow one hour driving from Pittsburgh.

March 26, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Pymatuning Area by **Bob Van Newkirk**. Meet at the Pymatuning Wildlife Learning Center (Waterfowl Museum) for this all day outing. 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 at the Spillway Inn for those interested. Dress appropriately for the weather.

Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club

wpamushroomclub.org.

Outing

March 12, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. South Park, by **La Monte Yarroll**, WPMC mycologist. Meet at the South Park Nature Center to collect mushrooms for our first meeting of the year.

Meeting

March 15, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Expanding the Rachel Carson Trail by **John Stephen**. The 35.7-mile Rachel Carson Trail connects North Park and Harrison Hills Park. John Stephen, Project Director for the Rachel Carson Trails Conservancy and founder of Friends of the Riverfront, will present the Conservancy's plans to expand the current Rachel Carson Trail to link with several other trails, including those at Deer Lakes Park and Beechwood Farms. Meet at Beechwood Farms (Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania), 614 Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

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Outings

Judy Stark, Outings Chair
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Outings are not exclusive to members. Everybody is welcome. There is no fee to attend our outings or meetings. Dress appropriately for the weather. Wear hiking shoes and a hat. Bring sun block, field guides and binoculars. Bring a lunch. Don't forget water and snacks for the trail. If you have any questions please call the trip leader.

April 23, Saturday, Boyce-Mayview by **Judy Stark**. Directions to Boyce-Mayview: Take 79 S to exit 54 for PA 50 E., next R on Washington Pike, L on Boyce Rd. Go past Ardolina's Pizza and turn left into the park.

May 1, Sunday, Enlow Fork by **Wheeling Creek Watershed Conservancy**. Time and directions TBA

May 7, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Raccoon Creek State Park Wildflower Reserve, by **Dianne Machesney**. Picnic lunch.

Kate St. John Outings
birdsOutsideMyWindow.org
412.421.1566 <http://www.birdsoutsidemymwindow.org/events/>

March 20, Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Duck Hollow and Lower Frick Park.

May 22, Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Schenley Westinghouse fountain.

