

Wissahickon Nature Club

www.wissahickonnatureclub.com

MARCH 31, 2016

Announcements

Don't miss our next meeting

April 14, Norm Diebold will present **Bees**. Don't miss this up close and personal presentation. Not to worry –the bees will be behind a glass demonstration frame. Learn about bees in general, their hierarchy, and how Norm manages their hives at Fern Hollow Nature Center. Norm will definitely show us some captured drones (males) & workers (females) and is hopeful that the Queen will be among them.

Treasurer's Report

According to Treasurer **Dianne Machesney**
Previous balance: 1081.02
No activity
Current Balance: \$1081.02

83% of our members have renewed.

Worth Repeating

Let thy kitchen be thy apothecary; and,
let foods be your medicine.
- Hippocrates



Tonight's Speaker

March 31, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Adam Haritan will present **Foraging For Wild Medicines**. Adam is a wild food enthusiast, researcher, and forager who will discuss the importance of developing a medicinal strategy based on wild plants and mushrooms. Learn how to make home-made medicines — including teas, decoctions, and tinctures — using wild species that grow locally in Western Pennsylvania.



On the 'net

Sign up for LearnYourLand.com for a sortable calendar of nature outings, meetings, and other events.

Cool Webcams

Pittsburgh Hays Bald Eagle Cam, and
Pittsburgh Peregrine Falcon Cam
<http://www.aviary.org/nestcams>



Southern Toad, *Bufo terrestris*
Port Orange, FL, by Chuck Tague

Celebrate Nature

Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania

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

Field Trips

May 21, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Moraine State Park, 528 Trailhead, Prospect exit, by Bonnie Isaac. Walk is less than 3 miles, but includes going up and down hills. Dress for the weather and rough terrain, bring your own pack lunch, snacks, and water. Meet at the North Country/Glacial Ridge Trailhead on 528, across from upper 528 launch (no facilities).

Fern Hollow Nature Center

1901 Glen Mitchell Road

Sewickley, PA 15143

412.741.6136 **April Claus, Naturalist**

Pe-register.

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

April 9, May 14, June 4, Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Herpetological Hotspots, Amphibians of the Night and New Wetland Grand Opening. FHNC Staff will take you to see the newly hatched salamander larvae and frog tadpoles enjoying their new home. Free. Meeting places given to those who register.

Kate St. John Outings

412.421.1566 <http://>

www.birdsoutsidemymywindow.org/events/

April 15, Friday, 5:00 p.m. Presque Isle Audubon Erie, PA. Kate will describe the Peregrines' breeding strategy, the history of their crash and recovery, and notable breeding sites and Peregrine dynasties in western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio.

April 24, Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Schenley Park Bird and Nature Walk. Meet at Schenley Park Cafe and Visitor Center where Panther Hollow Road meets Schenley Drive.

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

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Please visit the individual club websites - especially ours - for updates and changes. You don't want to miss a thing.

Three Rivers Birding Club

Bob VanNewkirk, President

412.366.1694 www.3rbc.org

Outings

April 2, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Yellow Creek State Park by Margaret Higbee. Meet at the park office for this joint outing of the 3RBC and the Todd Bird Club. The park office is located on Route 259 just off Route 422 east of Indiana.

April 17, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Riding Meadow Park (Fox Chapel) by Cecelia Hard. Directions: From PA-28 take Exit 8 for Freeport Rd. Turn left onto Fox Chapel Rd (1.1 mile). Slight left onto Squaw Run Rd (1.1 mile). Turn right onto Squaw Run Rd East (0.8 mile). Riding Meadow Park will be on the left. Please park in the lot on the right directly opposite the entrance to the park.

April 23, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Raccoon Creek State Park by Ryan Tomazin, joint bird, wildflower walk and picnic with the Brooks Bird Club. 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 (at least), and bring your own plates, cutlery and drinks.

April 24, Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Frick Park - Nicholson & Beechwood by Jack and Sue Solomon. Meet at the "Blue Slide Park" entrance, corner of Beechwood Boulevard and Nicholson Street in Squirrel Hill (15217). You will need to park on the street.

April 29, Friday, 7:30 a.m. Sewickley Park by Sheree Daugherty in collaboration with the Fern Hollow Nature Center. Meet at the upper parking lot. Be prepared for muddy trails. Bring water and a lunch. 3RBC

Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club

wpamushroomclub.org.

Outing

April 16, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Murrysville Community Park, by Pia Van de Venne.

April 30, Saturday, Pine Ridge Lodge by Bob Sleight.

Meeting

April 19, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. The Story of Smugtown Mushrooms by Olga Tzogas. Meet at Beechwood Farms (Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania) 614 Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

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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 16, Saturday, 11:00 a.m. Core Arboretum by Sarah Buffington. Meet in the parking lot. Use bathroom at the welcome center/rest area once you cross the WV border. Google directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/F4urTRxs7zq> (This says 1 hr 16 minutes, but I'd allow at least 1 hr 30). Take 79 S for 70.3 miles to Exit 155 for Morgantown, .4 mi to Chaplin Road, go .7 mi to Rt.19, Monongahela Boulevard, go 1.6 miles to the Core Arboretum Parking lot.

April 23, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Boyce-Mayview by Judy Stark. Directions: 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.

April 26, Tuesday, Little Beaver Creek near East Liverpool, OH by Paul Brondner. Call Paul at 412-882-9255 or Judy Stark for time, directions and meeting place.

May 1, Sunday, Enlow Fork by Wheeling Creek Watershed Conservancy.

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

June 3, Friday, 10:00 a.m. Buzzard Swamp, Marionville, by Bob Machesney. This will be for dragonflies and butterflies. Bring a net. Dress for ticks. 4 mile loop. Bathroom available in parking lot. No picnic tables.

June 11, Saturday, Wissahickon Annual Picnic, Mingo Creek State Park.

June 24, Friday, 10:00 a.m. Wiskerville Gamelands by Bob Machesney. This will be for dragonflies and butterflies. Bring a net. Dress for ticks. 4 mile loop. No bathrooms. Rain date will be June 26.

August 6, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Jennings Prairie by Dianne Machesney.