

Wissahickon Nature Club

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MARCH 17, 2016

Announcements

Don't miss our next
meeting

March 31, Foraging For Wild Medicines by **Adam Haritan**. 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.

Treasurer's Report

According to Treasurer **Dianne Machesney**

Previous balance:	1031.02
Ck to Monica to reserve Mingo	-45.00
Deposit dues:	65.00
Deposit raffle income:	<u>30.00</u>
Current Balance:	1081.02

83% of our members have renewed.

Worth Repeating

AN IRISH BLESSING

"May the wings of the butterfly
kiss the sun.

And find your shoulder to light on.

To bring you luck, happiness and riches.

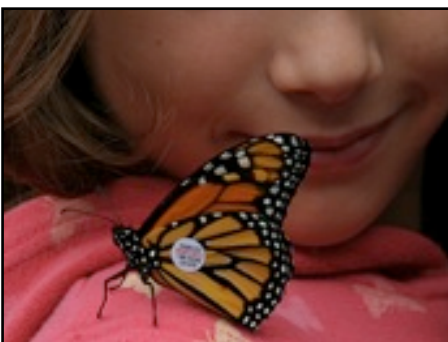
Today, tomorrow and beyond."



Photo submitted by **Andrew Zadnik**

Tonight's Guest Speaker

March 17, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. 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. **Andrew Zadnik** will present **Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's Land Stewardship Program: Caring for Protected Lands**. WPC's Land Stewardship program is

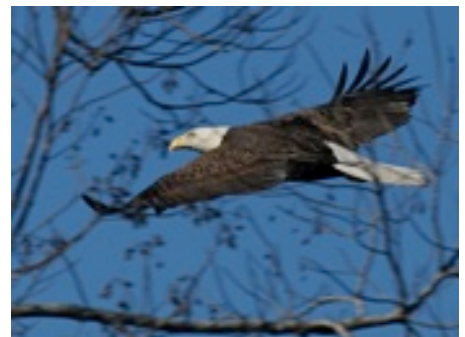


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Cool Webcams

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

Pittsburgh Peregrine Falcon Cam
<http://www.aviary.org/nestcams>



Celebrate Nature

Kate St. John

birdsOutsideMyWindow.org

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www.birdsoutsidemymwindow.org/events/



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Field Trips

March 20, Sunday, 1:00 p.m. Sewickley Creek Sandstone Cliffs at Hutchinson, Westmoreland County by Mark Bowers; 724-454-4012; 4beagles@verizon.net Meet at West Newton trailhead of the GAP trail. Directions : Take the PA Turnpike east to Exit 75 New Stanton. Head west on I-70 to Exit 51B for PA 31 West. Follow PA 31 (becomes PA 136) about 4 miles west to West Newton and cross the bridge over the Youghiogheny. Meet at the trailhead on the left. Or travel PA 51 south to PA 136 and head east (left at ramp) for about 4 miles to West Newton. Turn right into the trailhead parking lot just before the bridge. We will caravan to the small village of Hutchinson to hike an old railroad grade for about two miles to impressive cliffs along the Sewickley Creek for Snow Trillium.

May 21, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Moraine State Park, 528 Trailhead, Prospect exit, by Bonnie Isaac. This hike follows a portion of the Glacier Ridge Trail, also part of the North Country National Scenic Trail. Out and back will be less than approx 3 miles, but includes going up and down hills left in the glacial moraine. 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).

Can you spell "shillelagh"?

March 20, Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Duck Hollow and Lower Frick Park. Meet at Duck Hollow Parking Lot at the end of Old Browns Hill Road.

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.

Three Rivers Birding Club

Bob VanNewkirk, President

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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.

Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club

wpamushroomclub.org.

Outing

April 16, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Murrys ville 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

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 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 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.

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.