

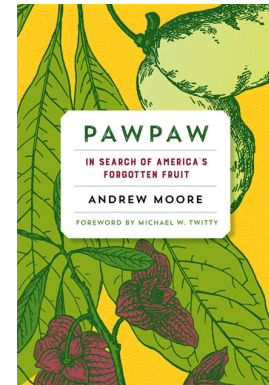
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1) **September 15, Leah Eggers and Ken Crawford** will present **Trout Unlimited Conservation Efforts** followed by **Fly Fishing**. Penns Woods West Trout Unlimited (PWWTU) is constantly working to protect and improve trout waterways in our area. They are presently engaged in a long-term project to make Pine Creek in Pittsburgh's North Hills a blue ribbon trout fishery within just a 30-minute drive from downtown! **Leah Eggers** is the newly elected "Women's Outreach Chair" for PWWTU. This new role was created so

that PWWTU, as a local organization, can better listen to and serve the needs of female anglers.

2) **September 29, Andrew Moore** will present **Pawpaws**. Join **Andrew Moore** as he explores the past, present, and future of this unique fruit, which is described as a cross between a mango and a banana. Enjoy a lively discussion that will be filled with pawpaw lore and knowledge, not only from the plant breeders and horticulturists working to bring the fruit into the mainstream, but also regular folks Andrew met through his travels and research. In addition, Andrew will dig a little deeper, looking into American foodways and how economic, biologic, and cultural forces combine, leading us to eat what we eat, and sometimes to ignore the incredible, delicious food growing all around us.



3) **October 13, Braden Meiter**, Lead Supervisory Park Ranger – Allegheny County Parks, will present **Amphibians in Decline: Causes and Solutions for a Global Mass Extinction**. Amphibians are a key part of our environment, important bio-indicators, and provide countless benefits to our world. In recent years scientists have noticed amphibian populations declining for a variety of reasons but they are taking action to help reverse these processes. There are many factors contributing to amphibian decline but there is hope for saving these amazing species.

4) **October 27, Jeffrey Hall** will present **Great Texas Birding Trail: the Rio Grande Valley**. The Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas teems with unique birds like green jays, chachalacas, Altamira orioles, and kiskadees. It is full of iconic birding spots like Santa Ana and Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuges, South Padre Island, Bentsen-Rio Grande State Park...so many, in fact, that they have now been linked into the "World Birding Center." This program will introduce you to many of the natural wonders of a very special part of our country. <https://flowvella.com/s/aig/Nature--Wildlife-Presentations-by-Jeffrey-Hall/e>





5) November 10, Judy Stark will present **Gardens Around the Globe**. Judy will talk about some of the special features of five gardens from: PA (Longwood), OH (Stan Hywet), Vancouver (VanDusen), HI (National Botanic Garden) and Ireland (Powerscourt).

6) December 1, Tonight's speaker is **Bill Beatty**, Owner/ Director of **Wild & Natural**. Bill is a Nature Photographer and Writer. For a sneak-peek of his work, visit his photo galleries: <http://www.agpix.com/billbeatty> and Nature Blog: www.wvbirders.wordpress.com



7) December 15 Don Weiss will present **A musical tour of North America, its grand views, wildlife and flowers**. Take an armchair tour of the sights and sounds of this beautiful land and its inhabitants set to the music of Dan Gibson's Solitudes and John Denver. From mountain scenes to migrating birds and wonderful wildflowers, sit back and enjoy the wide-open spaces and the tiniest creatures that share our world. [http://](http://www.donweissphotography.com)

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8) March 9, To Be Announced

9) March 23, Mike Fialkovich will present **Nature in Southern California**. From 234 ft. below sea level at the Salton Sea to just over 8000 ft. above sea level in the San Bernardino Mountains, the Channel Islands and deserts, **Mike's** program will show the wide variety of nature southern California has to offer.





10) April 6, Doug Oster will present **Getting Started Early in the Garden**. **Doug Oster** loves telling stories, taking photos and making videos about gardening. Always remember, gardening should be fun.

11) April 20, June Bernard will present **Magical Monarchs**. Join us for a presentation on the magnificent Monarch butterfly by **June Bernard**.

Discover interesting facts about the life cycle of these bright, orange and black butterflies, their amazing metamorphosis and their incredible annual 3,000-mile tri-country migration. Monarchs begin to arrive from Mexico in our area mid-May to early June. Information on where to find eggs and caterpillars, examples of simple equipment needed to raise and release them and gardening tips on which nectar and host plants will attract them. Learn how you can become a citizen scientist by tagging and releasing Monarchs for the fall migration through the University of Kansas' Monarch Watch program. Monarch butterflies are in decline due to rapid loss of habitat across North America. Be a part of the movement to help this "species of concern" and ensure that future generations will continue to enjoy the magic of the Monarch migration.



12) May 4, Our meeting will be All Members Night A Tribute to Chuck Tague. Do you have a favorite picture and story about Chuck? Tonight will be a Slide Celebration to bring homage to his memory. Bring up to 12 slides or digital photos to share with us. What a great way to celebrate the life of a man who has done so much for nature and our environment and especially for the Wissahickon Nature Club.