

Wissahickon Nature Club

Tonight's
Guest Speaker



Grey Tree Froglet just out of the water by Braden Meiter

October 13, 2016, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. 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.

Announcements

Annual Dues for club year
September 2016 -
August 2017
are being accepted now.
Individual \$10.00
Family \$15.00

Make checks payable to:
Wissahickon Nature Club
Mail to: Dianne Machesney,
Treasurer 412-366-7869
105 Lindley Lane,
Pittsburgh, PA 15237-1805

Previous balance: \$1028.36
Dues 2016/2017 70.00
Expenses (30.35)

New Balance \$1068.01

Worth Repeating
"What is life? It is the flash of a firefly in the night. It is the breath of a buffalo in the wintertime. It is the little shadow which runs across the grass and loses itself in the sunset."
--Crowfoot, Native American,

DON'T MISS OUR NEXT MEETING.

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>



Photo by Dianne Machesney

Kate St. John Outside My Window Outings 412.421.1566
www.birdsoutsidemymywindow.org/events/

October 16, Sunday, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Schenley Park. Bartlett Shelter. See this link for details on both: <http://www.birdsoutsidemymywindow.org/events/>

Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club

wpamushroomclub.org.
 Cecily Franklin <cs4wpmc@gmail.com>

Meeting

October 18, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, 614 Dorseyville Road. **Topic: WPMC Photo Contest Winners & Election of Officers.**

Walks

October 15, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Deer Lakes Park. Meet WPMC member **Jim Wilson** at the parking lot between the first and second lakes.

October 22, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Hartwood Acres. Meet WPMC Officer **Barbara DeRiso** at the Mansion parking lot.

Three Rivers Birding Club

Bob VanNewkirk, President
 412.366.1694 www.3rbc.org

Outings

Steve Thomas, Outings Director

October 30, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Moraine State Park Annual 3RBC Picnic and Bird Walk. Meet in the Day Use Area (South Shore) in the first parking lot on the right. After the morning outing, we will have the pot-luck picnic at a park pavilion near McDanel's Boat Launch. Please bring a dish that will serve 4-6 people.

November 5, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Yellow Creek State Park. This outing will be a joint outing of the 3RBC and the Todd Bird Club. Meet **Margaret Higbee** at the park office located on Route 259 just off Route 422 east of Indiana. Allow an hour and 30 minutes to drive from Pittsburgh.

November 20, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Moraine State Park. Meet at the Moraine State Park day use area (south shore) in the first parking lot on the right. Allow one hour driving from Pittsburgh.



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