

Wissahickon Nature Club

Guest Speaker



December 1, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Tonight **Bill Beatty**, Owner/Director of **Wild & Natural**, will present **Discovering Life Through Birds**. This program will highlight bird-related stories from his recent book, **Rainbows, Bluebirds and Buffleheads...** <https://wvbirders.wordpress.com/2016/08/06/rainbows-bluebirds-and-buffleheads/> 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

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

Beginning Balance	\$1068.01
Donation to FHNC	300.00
Monica for Christmas	
Favors	25.09
Deposit Dues	147.00
New Balance	\$889.92

Worth Repeating

"The thinking man must oppose all cruel customs no matter how deeply rooted in tradition or surrounded by a halo. We need a boundless ethic which will include the animals also."

--Albert Schweitzer,

DON'T MISS OUR NEXT MEETING.

December 15, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. **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://www.donweissphotography.com>

CELEBRATE NATURE!

Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania

Loree Speedy 724.518.6022
loreespeedy@gmail.com
<http://www.botsocwpa.org/>

Meeting

Meetings are held in the Ford-Mateer Classroom of Carnegie Museum.

Dave Koenig, Program Chair

December 12, Monday, 7:00 p.m. **Holiday Party** at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Ford-Mateer Classroom. Please bring foods made from something found in the wild. This is also Member's Night. After feasting, we'll share our botanical sightings. Bring up to 12 digital photos. A digital projector will be available. If you need, a slide projector please call Bonnie Isaac at 412.622-3253.

Field Trip

January 1, Sunday, 1:00 p.m. **North Park, Irwin Road**, by **Richard Nugent**: rmnugent@live.com. If weather conditions are uncertain, please call Richard at 412-487-5549 the day of the hike.

Environmental Book Club

Kim Metheny
kmetheny@hotmail.com
Chriss O'Lare
colare@outlook.com

Meet at the Panera on McKnight Road.

Upcoming Books November 21 and December 19, Mondays, *The Gene* by **Siddhartha Mukkerjee**.

Fern Hollow Nature Center

1901 Glen Mitchell Road
 Sewickley, PA 15143
 412.741.6136 **April Claus, Naturalist**
 For upcoming events visit:
<http://www.fhnc.org/>

Nature Night Out

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. ages 5 - 10
 Enjoy a night out while the staff of FHNC entertain the kids. They'll take hikes, do crafts and have an evening of exploration.

December 16, Friday, Work on some fun nature crafts to take home and give as gifts for the holiday season. Bring a peanut-free snack and enjoy some time with friends. \$12 / \$15

**Wissahickon Nature Club
 Special Event**

The Holidays are coming! **December 15** will be our Annual Holiday / Christmas, Party and Cookie Exchange. There is no required minimum or maximum dozens of cookies for you to bring. Bring cookies. Eat cookies. Take home cookies. Bring your friends. This is a great time to introduce new folks to our Club.

Three Rivers Birding Club

Bob VanNewkirk, President
 412.366.1694 www.3rbc.org

Meeting

December 7, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. **Slide Slam**. Phipps Garden Center, 1059 Shady Avenue in Shadyside. Photographers must pre-register by emailing Debbie Kalbfleisch at d.kalbfleisch@hotmail.com or by calling her at 724.651.5426 by Wednesday, November 30.

Special Event

**Christmas Bird Count
 December 31, Saturday**

Please contact the Pittsburgh CBC leader nearest you for details about how to participate:

Fox Chapel	Brian Shema	412-963-6100	bshema@aswp.org
Franklin Park & Ohio Twp	Stacy Widenhofer	412-991-3657	stacey.fhnc@gmail.com
Hampton Twp.	Al Werling	412-487-8581	Not available
Indiana Twp.	Steve Gosser	412-855-5220	sgosser@comcast.net
Kilbuck & Ohio Twp (S)	Paul Brown	412-963-1979	pmbrown1944@gmail.com
North Park	Sheree Daugherty	412-322-5371	shereedaugherty@gmail.com
Oakmont & Harmar Twp.	David Yeany	814-221-4361	dyeany@paconserve.org
O'Hara Twp.	Steve Thomas	412-782-4696	thomassj22@verizon.net
Penn Hills & Verona	Mike Smith	412-526-8360	skeetor72@yahoo.com
Frick & Highland Parks	Mark Vanderven	425-273-1786	nevrednav@gmail.com
Pittsburgh (rest of city)	Mike Fialkovich	412-731-3581	mpfial@verizon.net
McCandless and Ross Twp.	Bob Machesney	412-366-7869	remach@aol.com
Shaler	Joyce Hoffman	412-487-0921	ibird@juno.com

Many other CBC's occur in western Pennsylvania and we are looking for participation for each of them! The compiler and date for additional count circles are listed below.

Pittsburgh South Hills	December 17	Nancy Page	412-221-4795
Buffalo Creek (Butler)	December 17	George Reese	724-353-9649
South Butler	January 7	Chris Kubiak	412-963-6100