

Wissahickon Nature Club

Guest Speaker is Doug Oster



Photos by Doug Oster

April 6, Thursday, 7:30 PM. 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. Doug Oster is an Emmy Award winning producer, writer and television host. His latest book, *Tomatoes, Garlic Basil* is a labor of love that covers how to grow, cook and love these favorites from the garden. Doug Oster is an author, radio and television host, writer

Announcements

Treasurer's Report
According to Dianne
Machesney, Treasurer
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No activity.
New balance: 974.56

Worth Repeating

*Love the earth and sun and
animals, Despise riches,
give alms to everyone that
asks, Stand up for the
stupid and crazy, Devote
your income and labor to
others... And your very flesh
shall be a great poem.*

--Walt Whitman

Website

Chuck Tague's photos and
essays are on
www.chucktague.com

Thank you **Joan Tague** for
keeping his memory alive.

DON'T MISS OUR NEXT PROGRAM.

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. Learn 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.



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CELEBRATE NATURE!

Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania

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

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

Dave Koenig, Program Chair

April 10, Monday, 7:15 PM. **Wildcrafting and Growing Medicinal Herbs in Pennsylvania's Appalachia** by Michelle Soto

May 8, Monday, 7:15 PM. **An Unnatural History of the Banana: Genetics, Aesthetics, and Environmental Change** by Dr. John Soluri

June 12, Monday, 7:15 PM. Dr. Abigail Mazie

Field Trips

April 9, Sunday, 1:00 PM. **Crouse Run (aka Grouse Run), Hampton Township, Allegheny County** by Adam Haritan; email: adam@learnyourland.com

April 23, Sunday, 1:00 PM. **Great Gorge Trail, Ohio State Park, Fayette County** by Mark Bowers; 4beagles@verizon.net; cell: 724.454.4012

April 29, Saturday, 1:00 PM. **Erie Bluffs State Park, Erie County** by Andrew Sipple andrew.sipple@yahoo.com; cell: 814.795.9900.

April 30, Sunday, All Day. **Enlow Fork Natural Area (EFNA), Greene County**. Contact **Larry Helgerman**, bobolink1989@gmail.com, to help, or for more information.

May 6, Saturday, 10:00 AM. **Hells Hollow Trail in McConnells Mill State Park, Lawrence County** by Joe and Bonnie Isaac; IsaacB@CarnegieMNH.org;

724.944.8770 (cell) GPS coordinates: 40.9314, -80.2402.

May 20, Saturday, 10:00 AM. **Ferncliff Peninsula, Ohio State Park, Fayette County** Cosponsored by the Maryland Native Plant Society and BSWP. Loree Speedy; loreespeedy@gmail.com; 724.518.6022

May 27, Saturday, 10:30 AM. **Presque Isle State Park, Erie County** by Andrew Sipple; andrew.sipple@yahoo.com; cell: 814.795.9900

Field Trips in Progress – Watch your e-mail for notifications of these trips.

Trillium Trail in Fox Chapel, Allegheny County - Amanda Haney will lead a weekday evening walk (Trillium vespers) to Trillium Trail in Fox Chapel. We will be assessing the early April weather to determine the best time to visit this spectacular site for Trilliums in either the 3rd or 4th week in April.

May 13, Saturday, **Robert Coxe** will lead a field trip between Venango and Allegheny County. Site to be determined.

Environmental Book Club

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Chriss O'Lare

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Upcoming Book

April 17, Monday, 7:30 PM. Sue Broughton will speak at The Edgeworth Club for Fair Districts PA.

May 15, Monday, 7:30 PM. **Ratf**ked** by David Daley.

Fern Hollow Nature Center

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

1901 Glen Mitchell Road

Sewickley, PA 15143

412.741.6136 April Claus, Naturalist

April 22, Saturday, 7:00 PM **Amphibians of the Night**. Learn about Salamanders, Toads and Frogs. \$5 / \$15. \$10 / \$25.

April 28, Friday, 7:30 AM. **Spring Bird Walk** by Bob VanNewkirk and Sheree Daugherty. Meet at Sewickley Heights Boro Park. Free.

April 29, Saturday, 6:00 AM. **Big Day of Birding**.

April 29, Saturday, 6:00 AM. **Spring Wildflower Walk**. Member only free. Please Register.

Wissahickon Nature Club Outings

Judy Stark, Outings

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April 22, Saturday, 9:30 AM. Raccoon Creek State Park, Joint bird, wildflower walk and picnic with the **Brooks Bird Club**. Meet **Ryan Tomazin (412.220.9726, (wvwarblers@hotmail.com))** at the **Roadside Picnic Area West**. We will drive to the beach and around the lake after checking out the picnic parking lot area. Potluck lunch will be between 12:30-1:00. Please bring a dish to feed 6-10 people (at least), and bring your own plates, cutlery and drinks.

April 30, Sunday, 10:00 AM. Enlow Fork by **Wheeling Creek Watershed Conservancy** enlowfork.tripod.com

May 20, Saturday, 10:00 AM. Ferncliffe by **Botanical Society**.

Loree Speedy

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June 3, Saturday, 10:00 AM. Buzzard Swamp, Wissahickon Outing by **Dianne and Bob Machesney**. 412.523.0368 or

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July 8, Saturday, 10:00 AM. Sandy Lake Wissahickon Outing by **Dianne and Bob Machesney**. 412-523-0368 or

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July 29, Saturday, 10:00 AM. Jennings Prairie, Wissahickon Nature Club.

September 16, Saturday, 10:00 AM. Moraine State Park, Wissahickon Nature Club by **Judy Stark**

For details please contact appropriate Trip Leader.

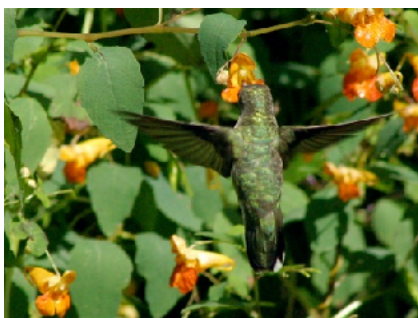


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Kate St. John Outside My Window Outings 412.421.1566

www.birdsoutsidemymywindow.org/events/

April 30, Sunday, 8:00 AM. (note the early start) **Schenley Park Bird Walk** in conjunction with **Three Rivers Birding Club**. Meet at Bartlett Shelter on Bartlett Street near Panther Hollow Road.

Three Rivers Birding Club

Bob VanNewkirk, President
412.366.1694 www.3rbc.org

Outings

Steve Thomas, Outings Director

April 12 and April 19, Wednesdays, 7:00 PM. Woodcock Walk. Meet **Tom Byrnes** at the Ladbroke's (now The Meadows) parking lot behind the Primanti Brothers restaurant off the Harmar exit 11 of Route 28. We will carpool and drive to a field in Harmar Township that has produced lots of American Woodcock.

April 22, Saturday, 9:30 AM. Raccoon Creek State Park, joint bird, wildflower walk and picnic with the Brooks Bird Club. Meet leader **Ryan Tomazin** at the Roadside Picnic Area West. We will drive to the beach and around the lake after checking out the picnic parking lot area. Potluck lunch will be between 12:30-1:00. Please bring a dish to feed 6-10 people (at least), and bring your own plates, cutlery and drinks. There are ample picnic benches there under the giant oaks. If there is any interest, and if the weather holds, we can bird and botanize the Wildflower Reserve. It should be the perfect time for wildflowers. If you have any questions,

or would like to RSVP, please feel free to contact Ryan (412-220-9726, wwwarblers@hotmail.com). Directions: From Pittsburgh take Route 22/30 and exit at Imperial. Take Route 30 west to the Raccoon Creek State Park entrance, and drive through the park to the Roadside West picnic area. In case of inclement weather, we should be able to use the center at the Wildflower Reserve.

April 28, Friday, 7:30 AM. Sewickley Heights Park. Meet **Bob VanNewkirk** at Sewickley Heights Borough Park in the upper parking lot. Directions to the park can be found on the 3RBC's website (<http://www.3rbc.org>). Muddy trails. Bring water and a lunch.

April 29, Saturday 8:00 AM. Frick Park Environmental Center by **Jack and Sue Solomon**. Meet at the newly rebuilt Frick Environmental Center located at 2005 Beechwood Boulevard in Squirrel Hill, 15217.

April 30, Sunday 8:00 AM. Riding Meadow Park (Fox Chapel). Meet **Cecelia Hard** inside the park entrance. Directions: From PA-28 take Exit 8 for Freeport Rd. Turn left onto Fox Chapel Rd (1.1 mi). Slight left onto Squaw Run Rd (1.1 mi). Turn right onto Squaw Run Rd East (0.8 mi). Riding Meadow Park will be on the left. From the north, take Fox Chapel Rd, turn right onto Squaw Run Rd East, go past Shadyside Middle School and the entrance to Christ Church. The park will be on the right. Park in the lot directly opposite the entrance to the park. GPS coordinates: 40.523676, -79.891976



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Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club

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Meeting

April 18, Tuesday, 7:00 PM. Bugs 'n Mushrooms by **Britt Bunyard**, Publisher & Editor-in-Chief of **FUNGI Magazine**. Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, 614 Dorseyville Road.

Walks

April 1, Saturday, 10:00 AM. Todd Nature Reserve, Sarver (Butler County) by WPMC Officer **Adam Haritan**. Meet at the parking lot on Kepple Road.

April 15, Saturday, 10:00 AM. Settler's Cabin Park. Meet WPMC Mycologist **Jim Tunney** at the parking lot near the Tomahawk Pavilion. Free.

April 19, Wednesday, 10:00 AM. Bushy Run Battlefield State Park, Westmoreland County. Meet WPMC Mycologist John Plischke III and FUNGI Magazine Editor Britt Bunyard across from the Visitor's Center. Free.

April 22, Saturday, 1:30 and 3:00 PM. Earth Day in Frick Park. Meet WPMC Mycologist **Jim Tunney** at the Frick Environmental Center for one of two afternoon walks. Free.

April 29, Saturday, 10:00 AM. Wingfield Pines, Mayview Road, Upper St. Clair. Join the Allegheny Land Trust Stewardship and Education staff for the second of four BioBlitzes. Meet WPMC Mycologist **La Monte Yarroll** in the parking lot for a walk to identify as many species of fungus as possible. Free.

April 29, Saturday, 12:00-3:00 PM. Presentation and Walk: Pine Ridge Lodge, Blairsville. WPMC Identifier **Bob Sleight** will give a presentation on Morels and lead a walk at Pine Ridge County Park. Free, but pre-registration is required at 724.463.8636.