

Wissahickon Nature Club

Guest Speaker is June Bernard



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. **June** will provide 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.

DON'T MISS OUR NEXT PROGRAM.

May 4, Thursday 7:30 PM 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.

Announcements

Treasurer's Report
According to Dianne
Machesney, Treasurer
412.366.7869

No activity.
New balance: 974.56

Worth Repeating

We delight in the beauty
of the butterfly, but rarely
admit the changes it has
gone through to achieve
that beauty.

[Maya Angelou quotes](#)

Website

Chuck Tague's photos and
essays are on

www.chucktague.com

Thank you Joan Tague for
keeping his memory alive.

Please add your photos
onto our Facebook page
or send them to Susanne at
mywintermoon@verizon.net



Flowering Dogwood
Photo by Chuck Tague

CELEBRATE NATURE!

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Meetings

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

Dave Koenig, Program Chair

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

April 24, Monday, 6:45 PM. **Trillium Trail, Fox Chapel** by Amanda Haney

April 27, Thursday, 5:30 PM. **Dogwood Trail, Pittsburgh Botanic Gardens**

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 13, Saturday, 10:30 AM. **Linn Run State Park, Westmoreland County** and 1:00 p.m. **Spruce Flats / Wolf Rock Trail**

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 20, Saturday, 10:00 AM. **Ferncliff Peninsula, Ohio State Park**

May 27, Saturday, 10:30 AM. **Presque Isle State Park.**

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.

Environmental Book Club

Kim Metheny

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Chriss O'Lare

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Upcoming Book

May 15, Monday, 7:30 PM. **Ratf**ked** by David Daley. Meet at the southern-most Panera on McKnight Road.

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 Coordinator

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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, (www.arblers@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

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

diannem15237@aol.com

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 Trip Leader.



Green Frogs by Carol Thompson



**Yellow-breasted Chat by
Chuck Tague**

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 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.



**American Woodcock by
Chuck Tague**

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

**Photo by
Steve Gosser**



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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 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.

