

# Wissahickon Nature Club

## All Members' Night A Tribute to Chuck



**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 (flash-drive or CD for 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

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No activity.  
New balance:       \$ 974.56

**Worth Repeating**  
*Springtime in Pennsylvania is  
the greatest show on earth.*  
Chuck Tague

**Who?**  
Who wants to "inherit"  
Esther Allen's exhibits?  
Contact Susanne  
412-771-4737 or  
[mywintermoon@verizon.net](mailto:mywintermoon@verizon.net)  
See Page 4 for a  
spreadsheet listing her  
exhibits. First come, first  
serve.

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DON'T MISS OUR NEXT PROGRAM.

On Thursday, September 14, 7:30 PM. Dianne Machesney will present **Wetlands**.

Next season we are going to try something new. We will meet on the second Thursday of the month from September through December and regroup in March through May. Visit our webpage for information about our outings and updates regarding any changes.

CELEBRATE NATURE!



**Blue-winged Warbler.**  
Photo by Chuck Tague

Botanical Society of Western  
Pennsylvania

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[http://www.botsocwpa.org/  
Meetings](http://www.botsocwpa.org/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

May 6, Saturday, 10:00 AM, Hells  
Hollow Trail, McConnells Mill State  
Park by Joe and Bonnie Isaac;  
[IsaacB@CarnegieMNH.org](mailto:IsaacB@CarnegieMNH.org);  
724.944.8770 cell

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

May 20, Saturday, 10:00 AM, Ferncliff  
Peninsula, Ohio State Park  
Fayette County Cosponsored by the  
Maryland Native Plant Society and  
BSWP. Trip information: Loree  
Speedy [loreespeedy@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:andrew.sipple@yahoo.com);  
cell: 814-795-9900.

Meet in front of the main doors into  
the center; carpool to our destination  
within the park.

May 21-25, Sunday to Thursday, Joint  
Field Meeting with The Torrey  
Botanical Society, and The  
Philadelphia Botanical Club. The field  
meeting will include three full days of  
field trips, evening programs, all  
meals, and four nights lodging at the  
Johnsonburg Presbyterian Center,  
Johnsonburg, New Jersey. This  
includes visits to Kittatiny Valley State  
Park, Johnsonburg Swamp Preserve,  
White Lake Natural Resource Area,  
and several other sites. Registration  
for meals, field trips, and evening  
programs only will be available.  
For additional information and  
registration forms contact David  
Austin, [davidaustin@verizon.net](mailto:davidaustin@verizon.net).  
June 2-4, Friday to Sunday, Allegany  
Nature Pilgrimage, Allegany State  
Park, Salamanca, New York 14779,  
sponsored by the Audubon Societies  
of Jamestown, Buffalo, Rochester and  
Erie. There are over 50 different  
walks, talks and programs, including  
birding, botany, astronomy, geology,  
family and adult nature walks, bird  
banding, and fun activities for the  
young and old alike. Online  
registration opens soon at [http://  
www.alleganynaturepilgrimage.com](http://www.alleganynaturepilgrimage.com).  
Reserve your cabins now at  
[www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com) Allegany  
State Park Red House Area.  
Each year the Botanical Society of  
America, The Torrey Botanical  
Society, and The Philadelphia  
Botanical Club sponsor a field  
meeting in different areas of the  
Northeast United States. The 2017  
field meeting will be held in Northern  
New Jersey in and around the historic  
town of Johnsonburg. For additional  
information and registration forms  
contact David Austin,  
[davidaustin@verizon.net](mailto:davidaustin@verizon.net).

**Environmental Book Club**

**Kim Metheny**

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**Chriss O'Lare** [colare@outlook.com](mailto:colare@outlook.com).

**Upcoming Book**

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

Wissahickon Nature  
Club Outings  
Judy Stark, Outings  
Coordinator  
[stark2@aol.com](mailto:stark2@aol.com)  
412.327.9537

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

Loree Speedy

[loreespeedy@gmail.com](mailto:loreespeedy@gmail.com)  
724.518.6022.

June 3, Saturday, 10:00 AM. Buzzard  
Swamp, Wissahickon Outing.  
Please RSVP to leaders Dianne and  
Bob Machesney. 412.523.0368 or

[dianne15237@aol.com](mailto:dianne15237@aol.com)

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

[dianne15237@aol.com](mailto:dianne15237@aol.com)

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.

**Fern Hollow Nature Center**

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

1901 Glen Mitchell Road

Sewickley, PA 15143

412.741.6136 April Claus, Naturalist  
Registration required.

May 21, Sunday, 1:00 PM. Meet at Walker  
Park for Little Sewickley Creek's Watershed  
Day.

June 11, Sunday, 2:00 PM, Family  
Naturalist Hike. Sewickley Heights Boro  
Park.

June 9, Saturday, July 8, Saturday, August  
11, Friday, 6:00 PM. Fishing at Soggy  
Bottom Lake. Meet at Fern Hollow Nature  
Center and carpool to Soggy Bottom Lake.

**Kate St. John Outside My Window Outings 412.421.1566**

[www.birdsoutsidemymywindow.org/events/](http://www.birdsoutsidemymywindow.org/events/)  
May 21, Sunday, 8:30 AM, Schenley Park Bird and Nature Walk. Meet at Schenley Park Cafe and Visitor Center where Panther Hollow Road meets Schenley Drive. We'll see flowers and late migrating birds.

June 18, Sunday, 8:30 AM, Duck Hollow and lower Frick Park, Bird and Nature Walk. Meet at Duck Hollow parking lot at the end of Old Browns Hill Road. Bring your dad. It's Fathers' Day.

July 30, Sunday, 8:30 AM, Schenley Park Bird and Nature Walk. Meet at the Westinghouse Memorial Fountain. We'll walk Serpentine Drive or the nearby Falloon Trail, keeping our eyes open for birds and flowers.

August 27, Sunday, 8:30 AM, Schenley Park Bird and Nature Walk. Meet at Bartlett Shelter on Bartlett Street near Panther Hollow Road. We'll look for meadow birds, flowers and butterflies at Bartlett, then explore the woodland trails.

**Three Rivers Birding Club**

Bob VanNewkirk, President  
412.366.1694 [www.3rbc.org](http://www.3rbc.org)  
Outings

Steve Thomas, Outings Director  
May 6, Saturday and May 7 Sunday, Barking Slopes. Todd Hooe (hooe@verizon.net; 412-805-6909) will lead this outing along the Allegheny River above Oakmont. Given the difficult terrain and sometimes narrow and undeveloped trails in parts of Barking Slopes, as well as limited parking, two separate walks, each with a target of 12-15 individuals, are scheduled. One will be on May 6th and a second on May 7th. Please email or text message Todd with your interest in either of these walks.

May 7, Sunday. Tom's Run Nature Reserve David Yeany 814.221.4361 will lead us on a field trip to Tom's Run Nature Reserve, 317 acres in Kilbuck and Ohio Townships acquired by WPC

in several parcels between 1977 and 1991. The property offers some rough trails, which WPC stewardship staff are working to improve, and includes some nice oak and northern hardwoods forest as well as some forest which has been heavily impacted by invasive understory shrubs like multiflora rose. Parking for Tom's Run Nature Reserve is located along Tom's Run Rd, just east of I-79 and northwest of Emsworth in Allegheny County.

Here is a google map of the property location: [here](#) Travel North on Route 65 past Emsworth and before the entrance to 79 where Tom's Run Road is on the right. Travel Tom's Run Road just to past Duff road to enter the parking lot. GPS: 40.5223963,-80.1099652.

May 12, Friday, 7:30 AM, Sewickley Park Note Date Change!! by Sheree Daugherty ([shereedaugherty@gmail.com](mailto:shereedaugherty@gmail.com)). Meet at the upper parking lot. Directions to the park can be found on the 3RBC's website (<http://www.3rbc.org>). Muddy trails.

May 13, Saturday, 8:00 AM, Harrison Hills. Meet Jim Valimont 412.828.5338 at this county park off Freeport Road between Natrona Heights and Freeport. As you enter the park, bear right and proceed to the parking lot at the end of the road. The parking lot is near the pond. Dress for wet grass and mud. Previous spring outings have produced a nice variety of warblers, Philadelphia and Yellow-throated Vireos, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, and Scarlet Tanagers. See 3RBC birding locations website for directions.

May 20, Saturday, 8:00 AM, Presque Isle by Bob Van-Newkirk (412.366.1694 or email at [van126@comcast.net](mailto:van126@comcast.net)). Meet at at the first parking lot on the right after entering the park. Please bring a packed lunch.

May 20, Saturday, 9:00 AM, Breeding Birds of Crawford

County. Visit several of Shawn Collins' favorite spots around Game Lands 213. These locations have always turned up great birds on territory. Take I79 North until you get to the Geneva/Cochran Exit. Exit here. Once you get off the exit, turn LEFT. There will be a flashing Red Light...go THROUGH the Red Light, and on the Left hand side after you go through that light there is a PARK AND RIDE (It's a gravel lot). Pull in here and we will meet and carpool. The Lot is right after you go through the flashing Red light...you cannot miss it. Any questions email Shawn at [pabirder1974@gmail.com](mailto:pabirder1974@gmail.com) or text/call 412-721-2526.

Rain date Saturday - June 3.

June 24, Saturday, 7:00 AM, Ohio State Park by Mike Fialkovich. Meet at the Dairy Queen at the Donegal Exit (#91) of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The park is 20 miles from the meeting place. Allow 45 minutes driving time from the Monroeville Exit of the turnpike to the meeting location at Donegal. Option, meet the group at the Fern cliff Peninsula parking lot at 7:30 AM.

**Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club**  
[wpamushroomclub.org](http://wpamushroomclub.org)

Cecily Franklin <[cs4wpmc@gmail.com](mailto:cs4wpmc@gmail.com)>  
412.781-6581

**Meeting**

May 16, Tuesday, 7:00 PM. Cultivation night—you must be a member to receive a kit to grow your own Oyster or Shiitake mushrooms. Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, 614 Dorseyville Road.

**Walk**

May 6, Saturday, 10:00 AM, Frick Park. Meet WPMC Identifier and Past-President Dick Dougall at the parking lot for the Frick Environmental Center. Free.

| Wissahickon Exhibit Inventory |                   |
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| <u>Box #</u>                  | Category          |
| 1                             | Pine Cones 1      |
| 2                             | Pine Cones 2      |
| 3                             | US Seed Pods      |
| 4                             | Misc Pods         |
| 5                             | Nature's Patterns |
| 6                             | Orchids           |
| 7                             | Galls             |
| 8                             | Polypores         |
| 9                             | Aquatic           |
| 10                            | Twigs             |
| 11                            | Insect Signs      |
| 12                            | Skulls            |
| 13                            | Nuts              |
| 14                            | Lichens           |

