

WISSAHICKON NATURE CLUB

TONIGHT'S SPEAKER

September 14, **Dianne Machesney** will present **Wetlands 101**. What is a wetland? What is the difference between a marsh, a fen and a bog? What flowers grow there? Are there any examples in the area? Learn the answers to these questions and more.

Wissahickon Nature Club is beginning its new season tonight with our annual Wine and Cheese Reception. The Club will supply the wine. Members, please bring hors d'oeuvres or desserts.



Whiskerville gamelands by
Dianne Machesney.

Worth Repeating

Going birding is not the answer to everything in life. Going birding, however, makes the absence of answers more tolerable.

Jack Solomon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Treasurer's Report

Annual Dues for club year
September 2017 - August 2018
are being accepted now.
Individual \$10.00
Family \$15.00

Please make checks payable to:
Wissahickon Nature Club
Mail to: Dianne Machesney,
Treasurer 412.366.7869
105 Lindley Lane, Pittsburgh,
PA 15237-1805

Previous Balance:	994.56
Print Booklet	(145.00)
Postage booklet	(63.07)
Dues for 2017 / 18	335.00
Cups: S. Varley	<u>(14.48)</u>

New Balance: \$1107.01

In Memorium Joel Platt

Holiday Party

Who will volunteer to
continue our longstanding
tradition of Party Favors?
Please contact Dianne for
ideas.

Don't miss our next meeting.

On Thursday, October 12, 7:30 pm **Walt Schaffer** will present **Birding Merritt Island**. Merritt Island is a census-designated place in Brevard County, Florida, located on the eastern Floridian coast, along the Atlantic Ocean. **Walt** and **Dana** have birded Merritt Island, Florida many times. Learn why it's such a good place to bird as they take us through a tour of the island.



Glassy Winged Sharpshooter
By Chuck Tague

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Meeting

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

Dave Koenig , Program Chair

Monday, October 9, 7:15 p.m. Henry Schumacher will discuss the flora and ecology of the Albetan boreal forest and the environmental impact of Canadian oil sands development.

Field Trip

Saturday, October 14, 10:00 a.m. Duff Park Tree walk Westmoreland County; A trek to learn trees and see the Botanical Society's tree sign on the Eastern Hemlock. Come back for more details.

Fern Hollow Nature Center

1901 Glen Mitchell Road
Sewickley, PA 15143

412.741.6136 April Claus, Naturalist

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

Saturday, September 16, 4:00 pm. Fall Music Festival. \$10 / \$25 or \$20 / \$35. Don't miss the food, children's activities, scavenger hunts and nature walks.

Sunday, September 17, 2:00 pm. Meet at FHNC for a BoBlitz at Wilpen Hall. Members only.

Saturday, October 14, 9:00 am. Fall Mushroom Hike. Meet Ann Berger at FHNC to learn about mushrooms. After the short presentation, continue to Sewickley Heights Borough Park to look for fungi.

Saturday, October 14, 1:00 pm. Fall in the Meadow. Meet at FHNC for a stroll through the beautiful meadow. Members only.

Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights from October 6 to December 2, 7:00 pm. Project OwlNet. Meet Bob Mulvihill at Sewickley Heights Borough Park. www.aviary.org/project-owlnet

Kate St. John Outside My Window
Outings 412.421.1566

www.birdsoutsidemymwindow.org/events/
Sunday, September 24, 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 fall flowers and migrating birds.

Three Rivers Birding Club

Bob VanNewkirk, President

412.366.1694 www.3rbc.org

Outings

Steve Thomas, Outings Director

Saturday, September 16, 7:30 am.

Deer Lakes Regional Park. Todd Hooe and Oliver Lindhiem will lead this outing focusing on fall migrants. Meet at the lot at these GPS coordinates: 40.618722, -79.815371. Meet at the last parking lot. Go to Deer Lakes Park.

Sunday, September 17, 8:30 am.

Presque Isle State Park. Join Bob VanNewkirk at one of the state's prime locations for seeing fall migrants. Meet at in the first parking lot (Vista 1) on the right as you enter the park. Bring a lunch.

Saturday October 7, 8:00 am. Dead

Man's Hollow by David Yeany. This year we will be starting at a different location at the Scene Ridge Road Parking area. GPS coordinates to the parking area:40.320616, -79.857135

Here is a trail map of the Allegheny Land Trust's Dead Man's Hollow: [Dead Man's Hollow Trail Map.](#)

Sunday, October 8, 8:00 am. Frick

Park Environmental Center. Meet Jack and Sue Solomon at the new Frick Environmental Center located at 2005 Beechwood Boulevard, in Squirrel Hill, 15217.

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Pymatuning Area. Meet Bob VanNewkirk at the former site of the Pymatuning Wildlife Learning Center (Waterfowl Museum), 12590 Hartstown Road Linesville, PA (41.635779, -80.436634) for this all day outing.

Photo by Don Weiss

Western Pennsylvania
Mushroom Club

[wpamushroomclub.org.](http://wpamushroomclub.org)

Cecily Franklin <cs4wpmc@gmail.com>

Meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 7:00 p.m. Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, 614 Dorseyville Road. Topic: Capturing Wild Mushroom Cultures. Speaker: Mark Spear, Industrial Mycologist. Free.

Saturday, September 16, 8:00 a.m. Annual Gary Lincoff Foray: Rose Barn, North Park. Enjoy guided mushroom walks, auction, book signing, merchandise sales, and mushroom feast plus presentations by Robert Chang of American Truffle Company and Pittsburgh native Gary Lincoff, \$35 / \$55 / \$15 for students and children.

Saturday, September 23, 10:00 a.m. Mushroom Walk at Harrison Hills Park. Meet WPMC Officer Fluff Berger at the Environmental Learning Center for morning classes, followed by an afternoon mushroom walk on a Harrison Hills trail. Bring a lunch. Free.

Saturday, September 30, 10:00 a.m. Mushroom Walk At Wingfield Pines, Upper Saint Clair. Join WPMC and Allegheny Land Trust for a BioBlitz to catalog the different species found at Wingfield Pines. Meet in the parking lot. Free.

Congratulations to Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club. "Pittsburgh Magazine July 2017" nominated them as "Best Place for Fun with Fungi".

<http://www.pittsburghmagazine.com/Pittsburgh-Magazine/July-2017/Best-of-the-Burgh-Business-Education/>



Wissahickon Exhibit Inventory

<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