

Wissahickon Nature Club

GUEST SPEAKER

ON NOVEMBER 13 **STEVE LEITKAM** WILL PRESENT **WILDLIFE, NATURE AND NATURAL HISTORY**. STEVE ENJOYS MANY ASPECTS OF NATURE AND SPENDS MUCH OF HIS TIME OUTDOORS. OFTEN HE FINDS HIMSELF IN SEARCH OF THINGS MANY PEOPLE FEEL ARE A BIT UNUSUAL, AND HE LOVES TO SEEK OUT THE OFTEN OVER-LOOKED. WILDLIFE, NATURE AND NATURAL HISTORY IS PREDOMINATELY WHAT STEVE PHOTOGRAPHS. WHILE HE STRIVES TO PRODUCE IMAGES THAT ARE AESTHETICALLY PLEASING STEVE WILL, ON OCCASION, INCLUDE IMAGES OF A LESSER QUALITY IF HE FEELS THAT THE SUBJECT OR CONTENT IS OF SUFFICIENT INTEREST TO SOMEWHAT OVERSHADOW THE QUALITY DEFICITS. AS A SPECIAL EXHIBIT, STEVE WILL BRING IN HIS PET VINEGARON AKA: WHIP SCORPION.



Resinous Polypore (*Ischnoderma resinosum*) by Steve Leitkam

DON'T MISS OUR NEXT PROGRAM. ON DECEMBER 4, THURSDAY, **AMANDA HANEY** WILL PRESENT **SOUTHEAST UTAH: A SLIDE TOUR OF NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS**. HIGHLIGHTED WILL BE SPECTACULAR ROCK FORMATIONS OF ARCHES, CAPITOL REEF, AND CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARKS. SCENERY OF THE COLORADO RIVER, GLEN CANYON, NATURAL BRIDGES AND MONUMENT VALLEY WILL BE INCLUDED. SHE WILL ALSO PRESENT INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL BIRDS, PLANTS AND ANIMALS AS WELL AS HISTORIC RESIDENTS OF THE AREA.

FROM **SARAH LYLE**, OUR SPEAKER FROM OUR LAST MEETING ON **ARACHNIDS**. HERE IS SOME OF THE INFO THAT PEOPLE WERE ASKING FOR AFTER THE PRESENTATION.

FAVORITE FIELD GUIDE: SPIDERS OF THE NORTH WOODS. NOW THERE IS ALSO A 2ND EDITION OUT.

WEBSITES:

1. WWW.BUGGUIDE.ORG<[HTTP://WWW.BUGGUIDE.ORG](http://WWW.BUGGUIDE.ORG)>
2. THE ONLINE MASSIVE ONLINE OPEN COURSES (MOOCs) THAT SARAH TOOK WERE AT WWW.COURSERA.ORG<[HTTP://WWW.COURSERA.ORG](http://WWW.COURSERA.ORG)>. THERE ARE OTHER SITES WITH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

ACCORDING TO TREASURER **DIANNE MACHESNEY**:
PREVIOUS BALANCE \$719.72
DEPOSITS 32.00
CURRENT BALANCE: \$751.72

FOR CURRENT AND PAST NEWSLETTERS AND MUCH MORE, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: WWW.WISSAHICKONNATURECLUB.COM

INPUT

WE LIKE TO SEE WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE DISCOVERING. IF YOU HAVE A PHOTO TO SHARE, PLS. EMAIL IT TO MYWINTERMOON@VERIZON.NET

WORTH REPEATING

A FEW DAYS AGO I WALKED ALONG THE EDGE OF THE LAKE AND WAS TREATED TO THE CRUNCH AND RUSTLE OF LEAVES WITH EACH STEP I MADE. THE ACOUSTICS OF THIS SEASON ARE DIFFERENT AND ALL SOUNDS, NO MATTER HOW HUSHED, ARE AS CRISP AS AUTUMN AIR.

ERIC SLOANE

MOOCs, THAT IS JUST THE ONE THAT SHE CHOSE DUE TO COURSE OFFERINGS.

3. WWW.INSECTIDENTIFICATION.ORG<[HTTP://WWW.INSECTIDENTIFICATION.ORG](http://WWW.INSECTIDENTIFICATION.ORG)>

4. [HTTP://WWW.SWIFTINVERTS.COM/](http://WWW.SWIFTINVERTS.COM/) IS WHERE SARAH ORDER HER TARANTULAS. IT IS A GREAT RESOURCE IF YOU JUST WANT TO LEARN MORE TOO!

ALSO, YOU ARE WELCOME TO EMAIL PICS OR QUESTIONS TO SARAH DIRECTLY AT MSBIOGEEK@GMAIL.COM.

CELEBRATE NATURE !



Pipevine Swallowtail Caterpillar (Battus philenor) by Steve Leitkam.

Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania

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mousemapper@verizon.net
<http://www.botsocwpa.org/>

Meeting

December 8, Monday, 7:15 p.m. Holiday Party. Members are to bring up to 12 slides to share. Meetings will be held in the Ford-Mateer Classroom of Carnegie Museum of Natural History, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA (Oakland).

**Environmental Book Club
Kim Metheny**

kmetheny@hotmail.com

Chris O'Lare colare@comcast.net

Meet at the Panera on McKnight Road.

Upcoming Book

December 15, Monday, 7:15 p.m. Spillover, by **David Quammen**, a timely book about pandemics.

**Fern Hollow Nature Center
Sam McClain-Capezuto, Director**

412.741.6136

April Claus, Naturalist

412.741.7536

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

November 17, 19, 21, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:00 p.m. Saw-whet Owl Banding by Bob Mulvihill. Meet in the main parking lot of **Sewickley Heights Borough Park**. Meet at picnic table area. Banding will not take place if it is raining or very windy. Banders will pack up at 12 midnight.

**Three Rivers Birding Club
Bob VanNewkirk, President**

412.366.1694

www.3rbc.org

Meeting

December 10, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Annual Slide Slam, the old-fashioned name for the extravaganza of our photographers' favorite pictures. Nowadays, of course, we see them not on slides but in dazzling digital format. Phipps Garden Center, 1059 Shady Avenue in Shadyside.

Outings

November 16, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Montour Woods Conservation Area. Meet **Sean Brady, Executive Director of the Hollow Oak Land Trust** for a bird outing to the Montour Woods Conservation Area. Spend the morning birding and hiking the wooded trails through the conservation area. Explore the stream valley of Meeks Run, one of the cleanest streams in Allegheny County. Trails have uneven surfaces and some hills. Meet at the Conservation area located at 1901 Hassam Road, Moon Township. Directions: From 79 head north on Route 51 into Coraopolis and turn left onto Montour Street, which becomes Montour Street extension. Montour Street Extension ends at Hassam Road. Turn left on to Hassam Road and go about 1/2 mile and look for the parking lot on the right as you go downhill. If you reach the Montour Trail at the bottom, turn around and go back 100 yards.

November 23, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Moraine State Park. Meet at the Moraine State Park day use area (south shore) in the first parking lot on the right for this leaderless outing.

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Looking Ahead**

December 18, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Meg Scanlon will present Nature Is All Around Us. Explore Latodami Nature Center in North Park with **Meg Scanlon, Interpretive naturalist.** Latodami Nature Center is a sanctuary to more than 500 species of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and insects. Through her stunning photography, knowledge and experience Meg will edify us about some of the animals and plants commonly found around the nature center.

This will be our annual **Christmas / Holiday Party and Cookie Exchange.** There is no required minimum or maximum dozens of cookies to bring. Take home as many cookies as you bring. Bring your friends. This is a great time to introduce new folks to our Club.



Wild Turkey, *Meleagris gallopavo* by Chuck Tague