

Programs for 2009 - 2010
Programs begin at 7:30 at McConnell Hall at
Nolde Environmental Education Center

September 25, 2009 **Friday 7:30 PM**
"Ghost of the Woods and other Summer Wildflowers"
by Frank Plucinsky. As the tree canopy thickens the progression of woodland wildflowers continues with interesting and some unusual flowers. The program will look at fascinating wild flowers of woods and meadows.

October 23, 2009 **Friday 7:30 PM**
"United States Highpointing: The quest for the highest elev. of each the 50 States" by Bill Wentzel
See a view (or no view) and enjoy a challenging hike. All are unique and off the beaten path. Bill Wentzel has achieved 42 hps and Diane Paxson, 36. As long time hikers, they became focused on the state high points beginning 12 years ago and joined the Highpointers Club, national org. The PowerPoint lecture will be followed by our annual **Wildflower Seed Exchange and Giveaway** plus this year we include plants as well.

November 10, 2009 **Tuesday 7:30 PM**
"The Complete Works of Charles Darwin, Abridged"
by Dr. Barton Smith. An in-depth look at Darwin's life and work, including the prominent people he associated with and influenced. Joint meeting with the Berks. Mineralogical Society and **held at the READING MUSEUM!**

December 11, 2009 **Friday 7:30 PM.**
"Enraptured by Re-Captures" by Paul Karner
Back by popular demand! Paul will be presenting a program on all recaptures and returns from all species of his banded birds. The data is remarkable since he live traps hawks all fall, maintains one of the few spring Saw-Whet banding stations, and spends all his waking hours in May banding migrating passerines. Joint meeting with Baird Ornithological Club.

January 22, 2010 **Friday 7:30 PM**
"Member's Night" Short programs by members of the Society. Your chance to participate and share your interests with fellow members.

February 26, 2010 **Friday 7:30 PM**
"TBA"

March 26, 2010 **Friday 7:30 PM**
"Florida" by Ken Lebo. Lebo's family trip to Florida, including the Everglades, Keys and Dry Tortugas. Beach, butterflies, birds and bugs.

April 23, 2010 **Friday 7:30 PM**
"The Regal Fritillary" by Mark Swartz, Monitoring Biologist and Virginia Tilden, Conservation Biologist, at Fort Indiantown Gap. Learn about this rare butterfly and the efforts to improve its habitat and population at the "Gap" and about reintroduction plans. Lecture followed by our annual **Wildflower Exchange and Giveaway**.

May 21, 2010 **Friday 6:30 PM**
Annual Mengel Dinner at Chef Allen's American Bistro, Gathering at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Program to be announced

Field Trips for 2009 – 2010

(BOC = Joint event with Baird Ornithological Club)

Trips will be confirmed and leaders announced in the bimonthly newsletter. You may call the leader or 610 777-2333 to confirm the trip or for other information including weather cancellation status. Most trips last under 2 hours.

October 4, 2009 **Sunday 1:00 PM**
"Gentian walk near Natural Lands Trust" Leader: Rich Bonnett 610 582 8656. Approximately 2 miles of easy walking then a bit of weedy bushwhacking. Wear foot wear appropriate for wet meadow walking. Good area for butterflies also if anyone wants to bring a net. You must be a Mengel member or join (\$10) at meeting point. Meet at Maple Springs Swim Club on Rt 345 in Birdsboro. From Exxon in Birdsboro, go east on 724, turn South on 345 toward FCSP. Swim club parking area is on left before D. Boone High School. Carpool from there. Limited parking at our access point.

Early March 2010 **Date and time to be announced**
Vernal Herps
Date will be emailed as weather permits vernal herps to emerge. If you are interested in the best local natural event of early spring but are not on Lori Sorapar's Herp Helper email update, contact her at woodswoman333@aol.com and put 'herp helper' in the subject line.

April 19, 2010 **Sunday 1:00 PM**
State Game Lands 52 - Spring Ephemerals led by Ryan Woolwine 610-777-2333 & Mike Slater 610-775-3757. A good spot for spring ephemeral wildflowers along the Head waters of Black Creek. The area where we will hike is a boulder filled woods and a little bit of rock hopping is required other wise it is an easy walk. Meet at large parking lot on west side of MapleGrove Rd. about 2.5 miles south of Maple Grove Dragway and just north of the bridge over the Turnpike.

April 24, 2010 **Saturday 10:00 AM**
Neversink Mt. - Butterflies, Birds and Botany.
(BOC) Meet at S 10th St. & South St. in Reading. Park on South St. Leaders are Ryan Woolwine 610-777-2333, Ken Lebo 610-856-1413, and Karl Gardner 610-987-3281.

April 25, 2010 **Sunday 1:00 PM**
"Nodding Trillium Walk in French Creek SP"
Meet at Maple Springs Swim Club Parking Lot on 345 just south of Birdsboro Rich Bonnett 610 582 8656
This is a lovely 3 mile round trip hike into a hidden glen within the park. We will look at many spring ephemerals and a small group of Nodding Trillium. Bring your binoculars for deep forest migrants arriving.

July 10, 2010 **Saturday 6:30 PM to ?**
Picnic and Moth Night at Nolde Env. Edu Center.
(BOC) Bring picnic dinner and enjoy the Katydid's with friends and family as leaders bait trees and hang sheets to bring in the night insects. Soft drinks provided. Meet at picnic area behind Nolde Headquarters. Leaders are Ryan Woolwine 610-777-2333, Ken Lebo 610-856-1413.

August 7, 2010 **Saturday 10 AM**
Butterfly Identification Walk at Lake Ontelaunee.
(BOC) Meet at dam breast on Rt 73. We will drive to nearby location. Leaders Karl Gardner 610-987-3281, Ken Lebo 610-856-1413

September 4, 2010 **Saturday 10 AM**
Butterfly Identification Walk in Wyomissing Fields
(BOC) From Museum, go west on Parkside Drive south to Old Mill Rd., turn right and continue a few blocks, park on left on gravel lot near stone building. Leaders Karl Gardner 610-987-3281, Ken Lebo 610-856-1413