

## Programs for 2018 - 2019

Programs begin at 7:30 pm at McConnell Hall at Nolde Environmental Education Center (2910 New Holland Road, Reading, PA.)

**September 28, 2018** **Friday 7:30 PM**  
"The Plants of Georgia and the Caucasus" by Dr. Susan Munch, retired botany professor at Albright College. The program is based on her March 2018 visit to Georgia, an ancient country between Russia and Armenia, and will include some comparisons to spring flowers in our area. The program will be followed by our **Fall Native Plant Exchange and Give-away**.

**October 26, 2018** **Friday 7:30 PM**  
"Hans Wilkens - German - Lutheran - Bachelor - Botanist" by Bill Uhrich. A look at Berks County's most unlikely botanist along with the Patronyms of Berks. The program will be followed by our **Fall Seed Exchange and Give-away**.

**November 13, 2018** **TUESDAY 7:30 PM**  
"The Iron Mines of Berks and Chester Counties" by Ron Sloto. Ron is an honorary professor at West Chester University and author of more than 80 books and scientific papers. Joint meeting with the Berks Mineralogical Society. Auditorium of the READING MUSEUM! Enter at the rear sign in.

**December 14, 2018** **Friday 7:30 PM**  
"Audubon At Home - Beyond Bird Feeding" by Steven Saffier. Focused on creating bird-friendly habitat in backyards, *Audubon At Home* is now under the umbrella of National Audubon's "Bird Friendly Communities" initiative. Joint meeting with the Baird Ornithological Club on their meeting night with Baird hosting.

**January 25, 2019** **Friday 7:30 PM**  
"Member's Night" "Programs by our members. See an officer if you have a program to share with our members."

**February 22, 2019** **Friday 7:30 PM**  
"To be announced."

**March 22, 2019** **Friday 7:30 PM**  
"Living the Island Life" by David Barber, Research Biologist at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. David will discuss Hawk Mountain Sanctuary's research on the ecology and conservation of the near threatened Striated Caracara on the Falkland Islands.

**April 26, 2019** **Friday 7:30 PM**  
"Bat Woman to the Rescue: Rehabilitating Bats in Pennsylvania" by Steph Stronsick. Steph Stronsick is the founder of Pa Bat Rescue, a nonprofit organization, which focuses on the rehabilitation of injured and abandoned bats so that they may be returned to the wild. Learn why bats are vital to the health of our environment. Lecture will be followed by our annual **Spring Wildflower Exchange and Giveaway**.

**May 10, 2019** (Time and details later) **Friday**  
"Annual meeting and banquet." Berkshire Country Club, 1637 Bernville Rd. Reading, PA.  
"John Bartram and Pennsylvania's Natural History" a multi-media live drama performance by Kirk Brown. America's first and foremost horticulturist and plant collector is again on the speaking circuit. None other than the great Carl Linnaeus called him "the world's greatest natural botanist!" Close friends with Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and George Washington, he is credited with introducing more than 200 of America's native plants to the international trade. Joint meeting with the Baird Ornithological Club.

## Field Trips for 2018 – 2019

(BOC) = Joint event with Baird Ornithological Club

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

**March Herp Helper Night for Spotted Salamanders.** Contact Lori Soraparau ([Woodswoman333@aol.com](mailto:Woodswoman333@aol.com)) to volunteer and get on e-mail contact list. Emergence is weather dependent. Often a windy or foggy night, always rainy. 610-790-7422.

**April 27, 2019** **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: Ryan Woolwine 610-777-2333, Ken Lebo 610-856-1413, and Karl Gardner 610-987-3281.

**June 1, 2019** **Saturday 10 AM** **FIELD TRIP**  
"Butterfly Identification Walk" at Green Hills Preserve (550 Gunhart Rd. Mohnton, PA 19540) (BOC) Take PA-10 south to PA-568. Turn right (west) for 1/2 mile to Gunhart Rd. Turn right. Park on right in about 1/4 mile. Joint walk with Baird Ornithological Club. Leaders: Karl Gardner 610-987-3281, Ken Lebo 610-856-1413, and Ryan Woolwine 610-777-2333.

**June 22, 2019** **Saturday 8:00 PM to ?**  
Moth Night at Nolde Environmental Education Center. (BOC) Enjoy the Katydid's with friends and family as leaders bait trees and hang sheets to bring in the night insects. Meet at main parking lot. Leaders are Ryan Woolwine 610-777-2333, Ken Lebo 610-856-1413, and Jim Eckert 610-373-1064.

**July 20, 2019** **Saturday 10 AM**  
Butterfly Identification Walk: Blue Marsh Lake. (BOC) Meet at the Blue Marsh Visitor's Center off Palisades Drive. Leaders Karl Gardner 610-987-3281, Ken Lebo 610-856-1413.

**August 10, 2019** **Saturday 10 AM**  
"Dragonflies - Bartram Trail/Kernsville Dam" (BOC) Rte 61 north, right on Jetson Dr (across from Cabelas), right on Industrial Dr, left on Kernsville Dam Rd. The parking area is on the right. (25 Kernsville Dam Rd.) Coordinators: Ken Lebo 610-856-1413.

**August 24, 2019** **Saturday 10 AM**  
Butterfly Identification Walk at Angelica Park (BOC) Take PA-10 south from Lancaster Avenue 1-1/4 miles. The park entrance road is on the right at the big masonry sign for Alvernia University. Turn right and park at the first parking area on the right. (575 St. Bernardine Street) Leaders: Karl Gardner 610-987-3281, Ken Lebo 610-856-1413, and Ryan Woolwine 610-777-2333.