

## exhibits

Friday, February 1st thru Friday, January 31, 2020

### **“Family Roots”**

**Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349**

Family history is important to many people. Researching the past can reveal fascinating information about one's ancestors. Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker researched his family lines and the exhibit will feature his paternal line back to the arrival of Hendrick Pannebecker in Pennsylvania in 1698 and his marriage to Eve Umstat. The exhibit will highlight artifacts and information that Samuel collected on these family members along with the stories on how he obtained his information in an era without a computer or telephone. It will also contain tips on how one can do their own family research.

*All ages; free, included on all tours.*

Saturday, June 15th thru Thursday, October 10th

### **“War Comes to the Mills”**

**Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349**

Stop by to see a new exhibit that will explore the encampment that took place at Pennypacker Mills during the Revolutionary War. At this location, Washington organized his army for the Battle of Germantown and then retreated back to their old camp, which includes the famous story of George Washington returning General Howe's dog. The exhibit will show artifacts found on the property including an actual order from General Washington and include many of the human interest stories that took place. The exhibit will be in the bedroom where the owner of the property brought Washington a bowl of water each morning to wash with.

*All ages; free, included on all tours.*

## events

### july

**Every Thursday, July through September from 5:30 to 7:00 pm,  
& Saturdays from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm, and 1:30 to 3:00 pm**

### **Bird by Boat**

**John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove • 610-666-5593 x109**

Take a guided canoe tour of the Perkiomen Creek with one of our educators! View birds as they feed along the creek, explore the world of macro invertebrates, and hopefully catch a glimpse of an elusive muskrat! Personal floatation devices (PFDs), canoes, and oars provided. All participants are required to wear a PFD. Registration is required. For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week. RSVP required.

*All ages; \$15 per person.*

**Every Saturday, July to October from 8:00 to 10:00 am**

### **Saturday Morning Bird Walks**

**John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove • 610-666-5593**

Join us for a guided bird walk at Mill Grove. We'll visit the creek, cross the meadows, and hike through the woods on both paved and unpaved trails. Children and beginners are welcome! We have extra binoculars, so don't worry if you forget yours or don't have them. Walks begin in the main parking lot. Our Facebook page will be updated by 7:00 am the day of each walk if we need to cancel due to inclement weather. No registration needed.

*All ages; free.*

**Tuesday, July 2nd from 8:00 to 10:00 am**

### **Morning Bird Walk**

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

Join park staff the first Tuesday of every month for a morning bird walk. Expect to see vireos, flycatchers, and other songbirds, as well as raptors and waterfowl. Bring binoculars if you have them. Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #3.

*All ages; free.*

**Monday to Friday, July 8th to 12th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

### **Junior Naturalist Camp**

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

Students entering 4th through 7th grade in the fall 2019 spend a week learning about the natural world around them through exploration, games, activities, and crafts. Pre-registration is required. Registration forms can be found online at [www.montcopa.org/norristownfarmpark](http://www.montcopa.org/norristownfarmpark). Camp shirts are guaranteed to those registered by June 15th.

*Fee: \$50 per child.*

Friday, July 12th at 10:00 am

## Ladybug, Ladybug

Upper Schuylkill Valley Park • 610-948-5170

Come to the park to learn about this beneficial little insect—the ladybug! Visitors will learn about the life cycle of this beetle and many more interesting facts. This program will include a story and a craft to make and take home. Pre-registration is required; deadline for registration is July 10th.

Ages: 3 to 7; suggested donation \$4 per child.

Saturday, July 13th at 10:00 am

## Creek Critters

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for an investigation into what swims and crawls in the waters of the Perkiomen Creek. We will use nets, pans, and magnifying lenses to better understand the animals and their adaptations to life in moving water. Wear water shoes or old sneakers, we will be getting wet! (No open-toed shoes or sandals, please). Program will meet at the fly-fishing area on Church Road. (1.2 miles east of Kutztown Road). Pre-registration required.

Ages: 5 to adult; free.

Sunday, July 14th at 2:00 pm

## Butterflies and Bugs

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Learn some basics about insects, play a hide and seek game, and explore the butterfly garden with the park naturalist. Insect nets, bug boxes, and identification books will be provided. Learn the names and special adaptations of different insects. All creatures will be released unharmed. Meet near the ranger hut. Pre-registration is required.

All ages; free.

Monday to Friday, July 15th to July 19th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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Students entering 4th through 7th grade in the fall 2019 will spend a week learning about the natural world around them through exploration, games, activities, and crafts. Pre-registration is required. Registration forms can be found online at [www.montcopa.org/lorimerpark](http://www.montcopa.org/lorimerpark). Camp shirts are guaranteed to those registered by June 15th.

Fee: \$50 per child.

Monday to Friday, July 15th to 19th from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

## Mitte Camp 2019

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

Students entering 1st through 3rd grades in fall 2019 will learn about life during the 1700s at this hands-on camp. Pre-registration required.

Fee: \$100 per child.

Thursday, July 18th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

COMMONWEALTH CLASSIC THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS:

## William Shakespeare's MEASURE FOR MEASURE

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for an evening of theater in the park with the Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company's rendition of Shakespeare's *Measure by Measure*. In Shakespeare's bawdy and witty, dark comedy, questions of mercy, justice, corruption of power, and religious hypocrisy are explored in a thrilling story line seemingly made for today. What are the human consequences of power in the wrong hands? How can the scales of justice and mercy be leveled fairly and humanely? Join us in exploring the questions that lay at the passionate heart of William Shakespeare's timeless and timely work, *Measure for Measure*. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

All ages; free.

Friday, July 19th from 10:00 to 11:30 am

## Storytime on the Mansion Porch

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

"Away We Go!" Meet Morgan & Jonah who take a bicycle ride during the Golden Age of Bicycles and discover who they encounter along the way. Craft included.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, July 20th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

## 18th Century Science Day

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

Science literacy was considered a critical skill for the well-educated 18th-century person. Expand your knowledge of colonial science with Benjamin Franklin and take part in some of his famous scientific experiments. Appreciate how math and science shaped everyday colonial life from surveying land, exploring plant life, and shopping for medicine at the apothecary. Additionally, learn about how some scientific conclusions in the 18th century were not correct. See if you are the next great colonial thinker at Pottsgrove Manor. Rain or shine.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, July 21st from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

## Open House at the Locktender's House

Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park • 610-917-0021

Join the Schuylkill Canal Association for a tour of the Locktender's House at Lock 60.

All ages, children with adult supervision; free, donations gladly accepted.

Sunday, July 21st at 2:00 pm

## Honey Bees

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Come out and meet the park's resident beekeeper, Don George. Find out about the challenges facing modern beekeepers today and the reasons for the decline in the honey

bee population. Learn some bee biology and how you can help the honey bee at home. Participants will see an observation hive first-hand. The equipment used for bee keeping will be showcased. A sign-up sheet will be available for anyone wanting to attend a beginner's course on beekeeping. Taste honey and purchase some if you like. Pre-registration is required. Meet in the Salt Wing next to the park office.

*Ages: adults & children 5 & up; free.*

**Sunday, July 21st from 4:00 to 6:00 pm**

**VICTORIAN TEA:**

### **Alice in Wonderland – The Real Alice and Lewis Carroll**

**Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349**

Join us for tea and meet the real Alice in wonderland. Actress Alisa Dupuy will portray Alice Liddel Hargreaves, the inspiration for the beloved children's story. Alice will tell you about her life, her relationship with Lewis Carroll, and debunk some of the myths and rumors that swirl around the author and the creation of his masterpiece story. Enjoy a three-course tea on the mansion porch. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, July 11th.

*All ages; fee: \$40 per person.*

**Sunday, July 21st from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:**

### **Red Hill Band**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Join us for an evening of music in the park. Come out to Green Lane Park's free summer concert featuring The Red Hill Band. They have entertained crowds of all ages throughout the Montgomery County area since the early 1900s. Their artistic mission is to continue the tradition of band concerts in parks and at civic and social events, playing marches, show tunes, and other traditional concert band music. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

*All ages; free.*

**Friday, July 26th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm**

### **Friday Family Science Nights**

**John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove • 610-666-5593 x 109**

Join us for a Friday family fun night filled with science!! Topics will vary depending on weather and materials, but you can be sure we'll have a blast no matter what we investigate! Specific topic information can be found on the John James Audubon Center Facebook page, or by emailing us at [millgrove@audubon.org](mailto:millgrove@audubon.org) closer to the date of the event. RSVP required.

*All ages; \$10 per family.*

**Friday, July 26th from 7:30 to 9:00 pm**

### **Bats in Our Backyard**

**Lower Perkiomen Valley Park • 610-666-5371**

Bats are amazing creatures and they have been known to hibernate near Lower Perkiomen Valley Park. Come learn about

the life history of our local bat species, the threats they are facing, and what you can do at home to help the cause. We will visit the bat house that was installed in the park this year. If we are lucky, we may see some bats swooping over the fields as they hunt for insects. Pre-registration is preferred; participants should meet at Pavilion 2; event will be held weather permitting.

*All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult; suggested donation \$2.00 per person.*

**Saturday, July 27th at 1:00 pm**

### **Incredible Insects!**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Join us for a closer look at our 6-legged neighbors, the insects. We will use nets and magnifier boxes to collect our finds in an "insect zoo". All creatures will be released unharmed at the conclusion of our outing. Program will meet at the tennis court parking lot (2298 Green Lane Road, Green Lane, PA 18054). Pre-registration required.

*Ages: 5 to adult; free.*

**Sunday, July 28th at 2:00 pm**

### **Freshwater Investigation**

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

Explore Kepner Creek for aquatic wildlife. We should find insects, fish, frogs, and salamanders. Learn to evaluate water quality using a biotic index. Wear water shoes or old sneakers and expect to get wet! If you have a net, please bring it. All creatures will be released unharmed. Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #3 near the kiosk.

*Ages: adults & children 5 & up; free.*

**Monday to Friday, July 29th to August 2nd from 9:30 to 11:30 am**

### **Wentz Wonder Kids Camp 2019**

**Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104**

Kids ages 4-5 years old will enjoy a half-day camp with hands-on activities related to the historic farmstead. Pre-registration required.

*Fee: \$60 per child.*

## august

**Sundays in August from 1:00 to 4:00 pm**

### **Living History Sundays**

**Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014**

Bring more history to your summer days through Pottsgrove Manor's Living History Sundays. Every Sunday in August will highlight a different colonial trade or skill, from hearth cooking to textile work; from gardening to games and beyond! The entire family can learn and try their hand at different historic skills! Rain or shine.

*All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.*

**Saturday, August 3rd from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**

### **In the Good Old Summertime**

**Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349**

With more leisure time in the early 20th century, Americans found time to socialize, play lawn games, and more. Visit the Mills for a day of old-fashioned fun with lawn games, a visit to the General Store, vintage clothes try-on, mansion tours, and a vintage car show. A highlight of the event will be demonstrations of antique bicycles by the Pennsylvania Wheelmen. This organization promotes the restoration and riding of early cycles and will offer demonstrations during the day wearing vintage clothing of the time period. The Wheelmen focus on all aspects of cycle history, including high wheelers, tricycles, and other early 1900s cycles as part of our American heritage. Food vendor available.

*All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.*

**Sunday, August 4th at 2:00 pm**

### **Knee Deep in the Creek**

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

Explore Harper's Run and the Pennypack Creek with the park naturalist. Search for aquatic insects, crayfish, salamanders, and fish. Bring a net if you have one. All creatures will be released unharmed. Wear water shoes or old sneakers and expect to get wet! Pre-registration is required. Meet by the bridge over Harper's Run.

*Ages: adults & children 5 & up; free.*

**Monday, August 5th at 10:00 am**

**CHILDREN'S NATURE SERIES:**

### **Ladybugs and Lots More**

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

Take a closer look at ladybug beetles and other insects, especially those associated with milkweed. There are quite a variety of ladybugs and they differ in both color and the number of spots. Learn about their life cycle and habitat. Younger children can make an insect craft after the field activity. Elementary and middle-school aged children, as well as adults, interested in insects are encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is required. There is no fee for adults. Meet at the pavilions.

*Ages: 3 to 12 with an adult; fee: \$5 per child.*

**Tuesday, August 6th from 8:00 to 10:00 am**

### **Morning Bird Walk**

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

Believe it or not many birds begin their fall migration in the summer. Join our park staff the first Tuesday of every month to see and hear birds on this guided walk. Bring binoculars if you have them. Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #3.

*All ages; free.*

**Saturday, August 10th from 8:00 to 10:00 am**

### **Invasive Plant Removal**

**Lower Perkiomen Valley Park • 610-666-5371**

Invasive plants are all around us, and they harm our ecosystems by crowding out native species and reducing biodiversity. Come learn from a park ranger how to identify these plants, what the most effective removal methods are, and how to properly dispose of them. Individuals, families and groups are welcome. Be sure to wear long pants and sturdy, closed-toed shoes. This is a hands-on workshop, so please bring work gloves, and be ready to tackle some of these invaders at the park. Pre-registration is preferred; participants should meet at the park office. Rain or shine!

*Ages: 10 and up; free.*

**Saturday, August 10th at 1:00 pm**

### **Butterflies through Binoculars**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Come out and learn to identify and better appreciate the amazing array of butterflies found in our area. We will use binoculars to learn tips and tricks for identifying these graceful, but fast moving creatures. Meet at the fly-fishing area (1023 Church Road, East Greenville, PA 18041). Pre-registration required.

*Ages: 9 to adult; free.*

**Sunday, August 11th at 2:00 pm**

### **Dragons and Damsels**

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

No, it's not story book time! Dragonflies and damselflies represent an ancient order of insects that have been on earth since before the dinosaurs. We'll learn about their life history, territorial behavior, and how to recognize individual species. If you have an insect net and a large bug jar (not made of glass), bring them along. Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #3.

*Ages: adults & children 6 & up; free.*

**Thursday, August 15th at 7:45 pm**

### **Full Moon Hike**

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

Join a park ranger on a walk that will feature the full moon rising. Native Americans called August's full moon the "corn moon." Find out why along with other moon trivia. Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #5.

*Ages: adults & children 8 & up; free.*

**Friday, August 16th from 10:00 to 11:30 am**

### **Storytime on the Mansion Porch**

**Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349**

"Galloping Gertrude" Grandfather takes Timothy and Beth for a drive in his new Pierce-Arrow Touring car where the adventure begins. Craft included.

*All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.*

**Sunday, August 18th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm**  
**Open House at the Locktender's House**

**Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park • 610-917-0021**

Join the Schuylkill Canal Association for a tour of the Locktender's House at Lock 60.

*All ages, children with adult supervision; free, donations gladly accepted.*

**Sunday, August 18th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:**

**Deja Groove Band**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Join us for an evening of music in the park. Come out to Green Lane Park's free summer concert featuring the Deja Groove Band. Deja Groove has become one of Philadelphia's favorite wedding bands, delivering high-energy renditions of today's music, along with your favorite Top 40, Motown & Old-School hits. They also cover jazz instrumental favorites from the standards to the contemporary. They play the music that creates the ambiance you want. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

*All ages; free.*

**Sunday, August 18th at 6:00 pm**

**Evening Discovery Walk**

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

Join a park ranger on a walk in the early evening. There will be no particular theme, but you are sure to see some wildlife and learn some interesting things about plants and the animals that call Norristown Farm Park home. Bring binoculars if you have them and wear your walking shoes. The walk will be at least two miles. Pre-registration is required. Meet at the park office.

*Ages: adults & children ages 5 & up; free.*

**Tuesday, August 20th at 8:00 am**

**Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks**

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

Join us for our late-summer bird walk. We can expect to see many of our summer resident and juveniles before they migrate south. We will walk south along the Pennypack Trail through Bethayres Swamp. This walk will start at the parking lot access to the Pennypack Trail located at Terwood and Welsh Roads. For more information contact: Leigh Altadonna at [wyncoteaudubonsociety@gmail.com](mailto:wyncoteaudubonsociety@gmail.com) or Jennifer Sherwood at [eac.abington@gmail.org](mailto:eac.abington@gmail.org). Please pre-register.

*All ages; free.*

**Friday, August 23rd from 6:00 to 7:30 pm**

**Friday Family Science Nights**

**John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove • 610-666-5593 x 109**

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page, or by emailing us at [millgrove@audubon.org](mailto:millgrove@audubon.org) closer to the date of the event. RSVP required.

*All ages; fee: \$10 per family.*

**Saturday, August 24th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Fun in the 1900s History Center!**

**Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349**

Visit the History Center for interactive fun for the whole family. Discover how breaker boys worked in Pennsylvania's coal mines; visit the General Store and explore what could be purchased for 5 cents; try your hand at grinding grain and using an old-fashioned scale.

*All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.*

**Saturday, August 24th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Butterfly Celebration**

**Upper Schuylkill Valley Park • 610-948-5170**

Come and help us celebrate this amazing little insect—the butterfly! This annual program will include information on tagging, feeding, and raising butterflies. This year the park will be hosting Sandra Sweeney, Master Gardener, from the Montgomery County Penn State Extension. Sandra will be sharing her knowledge about planting your butterfly garden with native plants and common cooking herbs. There will be hands-on activities for the kids and much more. If the weather allows, we will be releasing the tagged monarchs at the end of the program so they can begin their migration south. In the event of inclement weather, activities will be reduced.

*All ages; suggested donation \$4 per person.*

**Saturday, August 24th at 1:00 pm**

**"Bugs and Blooms" Photography Outing**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

The park's meadows are alive with blooming wildflowers and a host of insect visitors. This program allows participants a chance to hone their macro-photography skills on living subjects. Photographers of all skill levels are welcome! Our target species will be bees and butterflies, but you may be surprised at all the amazing creatures that rely on native plants. Meet at the fly-fishing area (1023 Church Road, East Greenville, PA 18041)

*Ages: 9 to adult; free.*

**Sunday August 25th at 1:00 pm**

**Outdoor Skills: Fire-building**

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

Sharpen one of the most important camp craft skills at this workshop. Learn how to make a beginning or foundation fire for cooking, or just for warmth. Find out the difference between tinder, kindling, and fuel wood. Build a basic tepee or crisscross-fire foundation. What types of wood work best? Enjoy a friendly contest to see which group or individual can start their campfire with the least matches. Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #5.

*Ages: adults & children 12 & up; free.*

Saturday, August 31st at 2:00 pm

## The Spotted Lanternfly

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Spotted Lanternflies are congregating on trees, especially the tree-of-heaven, but also on other species such as fruit trees, maples, and grapevines. This insect is native to China and has become a major pest. Weeping wounds are left on trees. In late fall adults will lay egg masses on host trees and nearby smooth surfaces such as outdoor furniture, vehicles, etc. Learn what you can do to help combat this threat to our trees. Each season of the year requires a different approach, as the Lanternfly goes through its life stages. Help stop the spread of this invasive species. Pre-registration is required. Meet in the Salt Wing.

Ages: adults & children 12 & up; free.

# september

Tuesday, September 3rd from 8:00 to 10:00 am

## Fall Migration Bird Walk

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

The fall migration of birds is in full swing now. Join our regular first-Tuesday-of-the-month guided walk to look for resident and migrant birds, especially hawks. Bring binoculars if you have them. Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #3.

All ages; free.

Sunday, September 8th at 8:00 am

## Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Join us for this late summer walk. We hope to see many of our summer residents and juveniles before they migrate to their wintering grounds. We also expect to see some of our fall migrants stopping over on their southward journey. Of course we will see our year-round resident birds. This walk will start from the main parking lot at 183 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006. For more information contact: Leigh Altadonna at [wyncoteaudubonsociety@gmail.com](mailto:wyncoteaudubonsociety@gmail.com) or Jennifer Sherwood at [eac.abington@gmail.org](mailto:eac.abington@gmail.org). Please pre-register.

All ages; free.

Sunday, September 8th at 2:00 pm

## Nature Scavenger Hunt

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Come on a nature scavenger hunt that is bound to challenge you. You'll either find natural things or answer questions. Prizes will be awarded to the first groups, families, or individuals to finish with all the required items. Hiking is required. Pre-registration is required. Meet near the ranger hut.

All ages; free.

Tuesday, September 10th at 1:00 pm

CHILDREN'S NATURE SERIES:

## Seed Travelers

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Seeds travel in many different ways to find suitable growing conditions to thrive and reproduce. Learn about hitchhikers, exploding catapults, and parachute seeds, as well as those heavy seeds that are moved around by animals. Bring an old sock that will fit over your shoe. Make a seed craft after the walk. Pre-registration is required. Meet at the pavilions.

Ages: 3 & up with an adult; fee: \$5 per child.

Thursday, September 12th at 7:30 pm

## Nearly Full Moon Hike

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0216

Late summer's harvest moon is the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox. The moon looks orange due to its closeness to the horizon. Join a park ranger on a walk in the park past sunset. Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #5.

Ages: adults & children 8 & up; free.

Saturday, September 14th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

## Bookbinding 1 Workshop

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

Ramon Townsend teaches about the basics of book binding and paper marbling at this workshop. Books were expensive in the 18th century and as you learn how to hand-bind a single book, the reason why becomes clear. Participants will be able to then take home their very own hand-bound book, a great keepsake from their new historic skill. Payment and registration due by September 7th, class size limited, participants should bring a bagged lunch.

Ages: 14 & up; materials fee: \$75 per person.

Saturday, September 14th at 1:00 pm

## Tree ID Made Easy

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Don't know a beech from a birch? Join us for a close-up look at our native trees and shrubs. We will use leaves, bark, fruit, and other clues to learn how to identify woody plants with confidence. We will also learn some fun facts about the uses of these plants in past and modern times. Program will meet outside Park Office (2144 Snyder Road, Green Lane PA 18054). Pre-registration required.

Ages: 9 to adult; free.

Saturday, September 14th at 2:00 pm

## The Eastern Coyote

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

The Eastern Coyote has quietly colonized the city and suburbs of Philadelphia. Whereas wolves and bears were decimated in this area, the adaptable coyote has filled the vacancy at the top of the

food chain. Our local coyotes stick to a field diet of young deer, mice, voles, rabbits, and fruit, but they are not averse to eating pet food and garbage. Learn about the natural history of the elusive coyote. Pre-registration is required. Meet in the Salt Wing.

*Ages: adults & children 7 & up; free.*

**Tuesday, September 17th at 8:00 am**

### **Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks**

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

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*All ages; free.*

**Saturday, September 21st at 10:00 am**

### **Tailwaggers' Trot**

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

Join one of the park rangers and his dog for a pleasant stroll. Bring your favorite four-legged friend or come by yourself. Time will be spent letting the dogs get to know each other. Proper dog walking etiquette, signs of aggression, and safety will be discussed. The walk should last about an hour. Be sure to bring water. Dogs must be leashed. Pre-registration is required. The walk is limited to 15 dogs. Meet in the office parking lot.

*Ages: adults & children 8 & up; free.*

**Saturday, September 21st from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm**

### **Craft Marketplace**

**Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349**

The Friends of Pennypacker Mills' 8th Annual Craft Marketplace is THE place to come for unique, one-of-a-kind crafts from over 85 vendors! Great fall and Christmas gifts, specialty foods, jewelry, knitted items, artwork, woodwork, and much more! The mansion is open for guided tours. Visit: [www.friendsppm.org](http://www.friendsppm.org) for general information or to register as a crafter. Food vendor available.

*All ages; free admission & parking.*

**Saturday, September 21st from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**

### **Camp Pottsgrove**

**Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014**

While the town of Pottsgrove was situated in the heart of the countryside during the 18th century, it was not immune to the

impacts of the Revolutionary War. From September 18th to the 26th, 1777, Washington and his troops regrouped and resupplied, camping for several days on the land outside the town of Pottsgrove. Come and visit with soldiers at Camp Pottsgrove to learn about the Philadelphia Campaign and camp life among the Continental troops. Rain or shine.

*All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.*

**Sunday, September 22nd from 1:00 to 4:00 pm**

### **Discussion on the British Invasion of Phoenixville and Skirmish at Jacob's Ford (1:00 - 2:30 pm)**

### **Followed by a discussion on the Schuylkill Navigation System**

**Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park • 610-917-0021**

Join the Schuylkill Canal Association as it discusses the circumstances which lead up to the little known skirmish of Jacob's Ford (near Rt. 29 Bridge) and the British march to Philadelphia. Meet at the Locktender's House.

*Ages: 10 & up; children with adult supervision; free, donations gladly accepted.*

**Sunday, September 22nd at 2:00 pm**

### **Nature's Colors: Natural Dyes Hike**

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

Plants provide us with a myriad of colors that can be used as natural dyes. Goldenrod flowers, marigolds, black walnuts, and pokeweed berries are just a few of the color-producing plants that we will find on our walk. Learn how to turn these materials into natural dyes. Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #3.

*Ages: adults & children 10 & up; free.*

**Friday, September 27th at 10:00 am**

### **Oh Brothers!**

**Upper Schuylkill Valley Park • 610-948-5170**

Now that fall is here, come and meet the park's resident canid brothers, Hunter and Scout, our grey wolves, and Shyler and Little Grey, our red foxes. Their fur is getting thicker to help them stay warm in the cooler temperatures. Visitors will learn about the similarities and differences of these canine cousins. This event will include a craft to make and take home. Pre-registration is required; deadline for registration is September 25th; weather permitting...most activities will be outdoors.

*Ages: 3 to 7; suggested donation \$4 per child.*

**Saturday, September 28th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**

### **9th Annual Upper Perkiomen Bird & Wildlife Festival**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Bring the entire family out for a day of fun and learning at Green Lane Park. This event features environmental exhibits, free hayrides, live animal presentations, live music, food and merchandise

vendors, and much more. Visit our Eco-raffle table to win cool merchandise donated by local vendors. The event will be held in the amphitheater area of Green Lane Park (2298 Green Lane Road, Green Lane, PA 18054). Come celebrate the rich wildlife heritage of our region at this important community event.

*All ages; free.*

**Sunday, September 29th at 1:00 pm**

### **Outdoor Skills: Low Impact Recreation**

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

What is low impact? It is often used in sports to describe a non-jarring activity. In the environmental sense 'low impact' is actually an attitude of respect for the outdoors and for our fellow recreationists. Trampled vegetation and erosion are just two of the problems that people have unwittingly created. Activities like fishing, camping, hiking, trail running, and biking have effects on the land and water that we should be aware of. Proper outdoor ethic will be the focus of this indoor program. Pre-registration is required. Meet in the Salt Wing.

*Ages: adults & children 12 & older; free.*

**Sunday, September 29th at 2:00 pm**

### **Wild Mushrooms**

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

There are many varieties of colorful, interesting fungi, but they are not as easy to identify as wildflowers. Increase your general knowledge of mushrooms and learn why fungi are an important part of our ecosystem. Learn which mushrooms are better eyed than fried. Pre-registration is required. Meet in the classroom.

*Ages: adults & children 8 & up; free.*

**Monday, September 30th at 1:00 pm**

### **Art Inspired by Nature**

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

There is a unique harvest of craft materials at each season of the year provided by Mother Nature. Use leaves and other natural things to create art projects. Bring a smock or wear old clothing. Meet in the Salt Wing. Pre-registration is required.

*Ages: adults & children 4 & up; fee: \$5 per person.*

## october

**Tuesday, October 1st from 8:00 to 10:00 am**

### **Fall Migration Bird Walk**

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

The fall migration of birds is in full swing now. Join our regular first-Tuesday-of-the-month guided walk as we search the park for resident and migrant birds, especially hawks. Bring binoculars if you have them. Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #3.

*All ages; free.*

**Tuesday, October 1st at 7:00 pm**

### **Star and Sky Watch**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Join members of the Bucks Mont Astronomical Association for an evening under the stars. Using telescopes and other optics, they will share their vast knowledge of the night sky with participants. NOTE: In the event of rain or extensive cloud cover, the program will be rescheduled for Thursday, October 24th at 6:30 pm.

Program will meet in the Red Trail parking lot (2005 Knight Road, Green Lane, PA 18054).

*Ages: 6 to adult; free.*

**Wednesday, October 2nd at 10:00 am or 1:00 pm**

**CHILD'S PLAY SERIES:**

### **Spices**

**Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104**

Preschoolers will learn about the origins of spices and then prepare a sachet of a common spice mix. Dress to get dirty! Pre-registration required.

*Ages: 3 and up & accompanied by an adult; fee: \$5 per child.*

**Friday, October 4th tours begin at 7:30 pm**

### **Night Life – Fall and Winter 1777**

**Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104**

What happened at the Wentz House as General Washington and his military family prepared for the Battle of Germantown? Explore night time during the autumn of 1777 and what it meant for residents of a home like the Wentz family's and the military travelling in the area. Tours offered at 7:30 / 7:50 / 8:10 / 8:30 / 8:50; Preregistration required.

*Ages: 12 & up; suggested donation \$2 per person.*

**Saturday, October 5th at 1:00 and 3:00 pm**

### **Flight of the Falcon – Live birds of Prey**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Cheryl Heimbach of Baywing Falconry returns with her amazing birds of prey program. Join her as she unravels the life history and ecology of hawks, falcons, and owls. Learn about the special adaptations of these highly adapted aerial hunters. At least one of the birds will be flying. Meet near the park amphitheater. (2298 Green Lane Road, Green Lane, PA 18054)

*All ages; free.*

**Saturday, October 5th from 1:00 to 2:30 pm**

### **Storytime on the Mansion Porch**

**Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349**

"George Washington and the General's Dog" Hear the true story of what happened at Pennypacker Mills in the fall of 1777 when General Washington and his troops returned from the Battle of Germantown. Craft included. The mansion will be open for tours.

*All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.*

**Sunday, October 6th at 8:00 am**

### **Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks**

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

Join us for this bird walk scheduled for the mid-fall. We hope to see a few of our summer residents that have not yet left for their wintering grounds. We also expect to see some of our fall migrants stopping over on their southward journey. Of course we will see our year-round resident birds and the arrival of some of our early arriving winter resident species. This walk will start at the main parking lot at 183 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006. For more information contact: Leigh Altadonna at [wyncoteaudubonsociety@gmail.com](mailto:wyncoteaudubonsociety@gmail.com) or Jennifer Sherwood at [eac.abington@gmail.org](mailto:eac.abington@gmail.org). Please pre-register.

*All ages; free.*

**Sunday, October 6th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**

### **War Comes to Worcester 1777**

**Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104**

Learn how in October 1777 the Wentz family coped with General Washington and his staff using the house as a military headquarters during the busy harvest season. Experience camp life of the British and Continental Armies that were battling and travelling throughout the region during the Philadelphia Campaign.

*All ages; free.*

**Sunday, October 6th at 2:00 pm**

### **Animal Habitat Restoration**

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

Looking for a service project? Join Ranger Mike Seasholtz in the on-going effort to remove invasive plants from the park. Individuals, families, and groups are welcome. Bring work gloves. Loppers, pruning implements, and trowels are handy if you have them. We'll also be planting some native species which will help improve animal habitat in the park. Pre-registration is preferred. Meet at the park office.

*Ages: adults & children 9 & up; free.*

**Wednesday, October 9th at 1:00 pm**

**CHILDREN'S NATURE SERIES:**

### **Squirrel Tales**

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

Why do squirrels and chipmunks seem so busy now? Find out the answers to these questions and more, as we explore the fall season and learn about a very acrobatic mammal. Listen to a squirrel story, make a craft, and walk to find squirrel signs. Pre-registration is required. Meet at the pavilions.

*Ages: 3 & up with an adult; fee: \$5 per child.*

**Friday, October 11th & Saturday, October 12th at 6:30 pm**

### **By the Light of the Moon**

**Upper Schuylkill Valley Park • 610-948-5170**

Visit Upper Schuylkill Valley Park and enjoy a moonlit tour of the

resident animals. Visitors will learn about their evening habits and hopefully hear the sounds of our nocturnal and night-hunting friends. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the tour. Pre-registration is required; deadline for registration is October 9, 2019; weather permitting...all activities will be outdoors; visitors should dress for the temperature and bring flashlights. Some terrain may be uneven with a slight slope on unpaved areas.

*All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.*

**Saturday, October 12th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, and 1:00 to 3:00 pm**

### **Thankful Sage Farm School Candle Making Workshop**

**Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014**

Prepare your home for the long winter hours with handmade candles. Nichole Gerding, owner of Thankful Sage Farm School, lends her expertise at making beeswax candles. Learn about the different types of candles in the 18th century while creating your own. Participants will have several candles to take home at the end of the day. Payment and registration for the morning or afternoon session is due by October 5th, class size limited, rain or shine.

*Ages: 10 & up; materials fee: \$15 per person.*

**Saturday, October 12th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm**

### **Digital Scavenger Hunt**

**Lower Perkiomen Valley Park • 610-666-5371**

Bring your cell phone/cameras, your walking shoes and a good sense of observation, as we send you out into the park and nearby trails to find different natural and man-made objects. Take a photo of the object, and then come back and share in order to claim a prize when you find them all! Pre-registration is required by October 4th; participants should meet at the park office to start the adventure. Rain or shine!

*All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult; suggested donation \$2 per person.*

**Saturday, October 12th from 6:30 to 9:30 pm**

### **Haunted Hayride**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Join us for our 2nd Annual Haunted Hayride in the park. Enjoy a hayride through our spooktacular and creepy campground. Festive crafts and tasty snacks will also be offered at this family-friendly event. No pre-registration needed.

*All ages; free.*

**Sunday, October 13th at 6:30 pm**

### **Full Moon Hike**

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

Enjoy an opportunity to be in the park past sunset. Take a hike by the light of the silvery moon. Find out why October's full moon is sometimes called the "hunter's moon." A park ranger will lead

this evening adventure. Proper footwear is recommended. The hike will be about two miles. Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #5.

*Ages: adults & children 8 & up; free.*

**Tuesday, October 15th at 8:00 am**

### **Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks**

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

Join us for this second scheduled walk for the fall. We hope to see a few of our lingering summer residents that have not yet left for their wintering grounds. We also expect to see many of our fall migrants stopping over on their southward journey. Of course we will see our year-round resident birds and the arrival of some of our early arriving winter resident species. This walk will start from the parking-lot access to the Pennypack Trail located at Terwood and Welsh Roads. For more information contact: Leigh Altadonna at [wyncoteaudubonsociety@gmail.com](mailto:wyncoteaudubonsociety@gmail.com) or Jennifer Sherwood at [eac.abington@gmail.org](mailto:eac.abington@gmail.org). Please pre-register.

*All ages; free.*

**Saturday, October 19th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm**

### **All Hallow's Eve Fall Festival**

**Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349**

Pennypacker Mills is the place to be for old-fashioned fall fun as we celebrate with pumpkin painting, fall kid-crafts, hay rides, corn cracking, cider pressing, bean bag toss, and a hay pile to jump in! Refreshments available.

*All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.*

**Saturday, October 19th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

### **Potts Cemetery Clean-Up**

**Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014**

Meet at the historic Potts cemetery at 230 Chestnut Street to help clean and preserve the grave site of John and Ruth Potts and their descendants. Join staff and volunteers on this day of service to Pottstown and explore a piece of Potts history that is not always seen. Participants are asked to dress for weeding and yardwork. Stay for an hour or help all day! Rain or Shine.

*All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.*

**Sunday, October 20th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm**

### **Geology Walk**

**Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park • 610-917-0021**

Join the Schuylkill Canal Association's Dave Williams for a guided walk to geologically interesting places along the Schuylkill River and ravines. Dave will point out faults, fossils, and more. Weather permitting; this is a moderately-difficult 1.5-hour hike up the first ravine, up a steep hill, along the bluffs, then down a narrow trail, and back to Lock 60 along the Schuylkill River.

*Ages: 10 & up, children with adult supervision; free, donations gladly accepted.*

**Sunday, October 20th at 2:00 pm**

### **Scarecrow Making**

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

Come to the park to make your fall scarecrow. We are having a contest to see who can make the scariest, the most original, and the best overall scarecrow. Bring the clothes you want to use, something to make a head with, and a hat for your creation. We will supply the straw. Pre-registration is required. Meet at the park office.

*All ages; fee: \$5 per scarecrow.*

**Thursday, October 24th at 1:00 pm**

**CHILDREN'S NATURE SERIES:**

### **Halloween Crafts**

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

Hear a seasonal story and make some spooky crafts. Do spiders, bats, and owls scare you? Take a close look at some of the animals that are active at night. Learn about their special adaptations for hunting in the dark. Watch out! There may be a trick or a treat! Pre-registration is required. Meet in the Salt Wing.

*Ages: 3 & up with an adult; fee: \$5 per child.*

**Saturday, October 26th at 8:00 am**

### **Earlybird Walk**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Join us for a closer look at fall migrant songbirds, raptors, and others in the Green Lane Park IBA and neighboring property. We will visit THE local hotspot for migrant songbirds, especially the sparrows. Wear waterproof boots, as the morning dew is heavy in the fall. Pre-registration required. Bring binoculars and meet at the fly-fishing area on Church Road. (1023 Church Road, East Greenville, PA 18041).

*Ages: 9 & up; free.*

**Saturday, October 26th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

### **Howl-O-Ween Spooktacular**

**Upper Schuylkill Valley Park • 610-948-5170**

Enjoy Halloween themed fun at the park. A merry, not so scary day offers fun for the entire family. Spooktacular activities will include games, crafts, and making treats for the animals.

Tucker's Tales puppet theater will perform "It's the Wolf" at 11:00 am. In the event of inclement weather, activities will be reduced. If chilly, feel free to bring a blanket to snuggle in during the puppet theater presentation in the tractor barn. Costumes welcomed, but not required.

*All ages; suggested donation \$4 per person.*

**Sunday, October 27th at 6:30 pm**

### **Twilight Spooky Hike**

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

Eerie encounters and haunted happenings have occurred within the park, especially in the old houses. Join us on an evening walk.

We'll stop along the way to hear some spine-tingling tales. The walk will be about one hour. Pre-registration is required. Sign up early! Registration is limited to 25 people. Meet in parking lot #2.

*Ages: adults only; free.*

**Tuesday, October 29th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm**

### Night Hike

**John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove • 610-666-5593 x 109**

Explore a side of Mill Grove rarely seen with a night hike in the park. As we rise and set with the sun, another amazing world of nocturnal animals become alive in the dark! Let your senses be your guide as we explore the sounds, sights, and smells of this amazing nocturnal world. RSVP required.

*All ages; fee: \$5 per person.*

## november

**Friday, November 1st at 10:00 am**

### What a Hoot

**Upper Schuylkill Valley Park • 610-948-5170**

Come and meet the park's resident owls. Visitors will learn about the habitat, diet, and vocalizations of this secretive creature. A craft to make and take home will be included. Pre-registration is required; deadline for registration is October 30, 2019; weather permitting...most activities will be outdoors.

*Ages: 3 to 7; suggested donation \$4 per child.*

**Sunday, November 3rd at 1:00 pm**

### Harvest Sheaf

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

As the last of the grain crops were gathered in, farmworkers used to weave decorative items as a symbol of continuing prosperity on the land. Make a harvest sheaf from braided raffia, grasses, or a small broom in honor of the tradition. Decorate it with mixed bunches of grasses, seed heads, nuts, and other natural things with different textures. Tie the top with fall ribbon and hang on a door, pillar, or post as a reminder of the golden days of the season. Pre-registration is required. Meet in the Salt Wing.

*Ages: adults & children 12 & up; fee: \$5 per person.*

**Sunday, November 3rd at 1:30 pm**

### Fall Nature Bingo

**Lower Perkiomen Valley Park • 610-666-5371**

Join us to see who can get five-in-a-row in this special edition of nature bingo: signs of fall! We'll be practicing our observation skills and searching the park for different plants, animals, and other natural features that are common at this time of year. This event is best suited for younger children. Pre-registration is required by October 28th; participants should meet at the Main Pavilion; event will be held weather permitting.

*Ages 4-10 with an adult; suggested donation \$2.00 per person.*

**Monday, November 4th from 8:00 to 10:00 am**

### Fall Migration Bird Walk

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

The fall migration of birds continues. Our regular 'first Tuesday' guided bird walk has been changed to Monday this month to accommodate voting early on Election Day. Join us as we search the park for resident and migrant birds, especially hawks. Bring binoculars if you have them. Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #3.

*All ages; free.*

**Tuesday, November 5th at 1:00 pm**

**CHILDREN'S NATURE SERIES:**

### Trees and Seeds

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

Hear a story about trees and make a leafy craft. Learn about the parts of a tree and what makes it grow. How do trees help people and animals? Play a matching game with leaves, seeds, and trees. Pre-registration is required. Meet at the pavilions.

*Ages: 3 & up with an adult; fee: \$5 per child.*

**Wednesday, November 6th at 10 am or 1:00 pm**

**CHILD'S PLAY SERIES:**

### Salute to the Soldiers

**Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104**

Your child will enjoy learning about the lives of soldiers during the American Revolution before we write a thank you note to current service members. Pre-registration is required.

*Ages: 3 & up accompanied by an adult; fee: \$5 per child.*

**Saturday, November 9th at 1:00 pm**

**LECTURE:**

### The Potts Family at Warwick Furnace

**Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014**

Historian Dan Graham will give insight into how the Potts family became involved with Warwick Furnace, and how they transformed it into their most successful business. Discover what made Warwick unique and the struggles of iron production in the 18th century. This lecture is perfect for iron history lovers and new enthusiasts alike. Rain or shine.

*All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.*

**Sunday, November 10th at 4:00 pm**

### Wild About Whitetails

**Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215**

Join a park ranger to learn about the fascinating world of the white-tailed deer. Topics such as habitat, breeding behaviors, tracking, and antlers will be covered. Walk to spot deer and the signs they leave behind. Bring binoculars if you have them. Sturdy footwear is recommended. Pre-registration is required. Meet at the park office.

*Ages: adults & children 6 & up; free.*

Tuesday, November 12th at 5:00 pm

### Full Moon Hike

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Join a park ranger on a full moon hike. Enjoy the opportunity to be in the park past dusk. Find out why the November full moon is sometimes called the "frosty moon." The hike will be between two and three miles. Meet in parking lot #5. Pre-registration is required.

Ages: adults & children 8 & up; free.

Saturday, November 16th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

### Autumn Cooking Workshop

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

Niel de Marino, expert historic cook, leads this hands-on hearth cooking workshop. With the harvest complete, learn how colonial cooks would use local ingredients to create stunning dishes. Reveal your culinary skills as you prepare Georgian food that would have been enjoyed at Pottsgrove Manor. Delight in pairing both traditional recipes with modern tastes for a truly unique meal. Payment and registration due by November 9th, class size limited, participants should bring a bagged lunch.

Ages: 14 & up; materials fee: \$75 per person.

Sunday, November 17th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

### Open House at the Locktender's House

Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park • 610-917-0021

Join the Schuylkill Canal Association for a tour of the Locktender's House at Lock 60.

All ages, children with adult supervision; free, donations gladly accepted.

Sunday, November 17th at 4:15 pm

### Owl Prowl

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Walk with us as we look and listen for the owls of the Farm Park. Owl pairs are courting and calling back and forth now. If we are lucky we'll hear them tonight. Wear sturdy walking shoes. Bring binoculars. Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #3.

Ages: adults & children 13 & up; free.

Tuesday, November 19th at 8:00 am

### Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Join us for our third autumn bird walk. We hope to see many of our winter residents that have returned from their breeding grounds. We may be fortunate to see late fall migrants stopping over on their southward journey and summer residents that have not yet departed for points south. Of course we will see our year-round resident birds. This walk will start from the main parking lot at 183 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006. For more information contact: Leigh Altadonna at [wyncoteaudubonsociety@gmail.com](mailto:wyncoteaudubonsociety@gmail.com) or Jennifer Sherwood at [eac.abington@gmail.org](mailto:eac.abington@gmail.org). Please pre-register.

All ages; free.

Wednesday, November 20th at 1:00 pm

CHILDREN'S NATURE SERIES:

### First Look at Turkeys

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Gobble wobble season is here! Learn about the bird around which our holiday revolves. Hear a turkey call, touch a turkey feather, and make a special turkey craft. Take a short walk to look for their food and habitat. Pre-registration is required. Meet in the Salt Wing.

Ages: 3 & up with an adult; fee: \$5 per child.

Saturday, November 23rd at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm

### Holiday Craft Workshops

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for one workshop or both if you like. At 10:00 am, we will be focusing on "Holiday Centerpieces". We will use cones, nuts, and pods from nature to make this craft to adorn your table. At 1:00 pm our workshop will be "Winsome Woodland Creatures" all made from natural materials. NOTE: We have other craft projects available, and skilled instructors happy to help you get creative. No previous crafting experience needed! Bring a hot glue gun or borrow one of ours. Spaces are limited, pre-registration required. Programs will meet at the Stone Pavilion (2115 Snyder Road, Green Lane, PA 18054).

Ages: 12 & up; materials fee: \$8 per person, per workshop.

Sunday, November 24th at 1:00 pm

### Thanksgiving Centerpieces

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Create a Thanksgiving table centerpiece from autumn's bounty. We'll supply colorful leaves, acorns and other nuts, grasses, field-dried wild flowers, berries, and fresh fall flowers for your masterpiece. Work with fresh or dried flowers, or both. Bring clippers and a special container, opaque vase, or a basket with a liner to make it in. Pre-registration is required. Meet in the Salt Wing.

Ages: adults & children 14 & up; fee: \$5 per person.

Tuesday, November 26th to Sunday, January 5, 2020

### Holiday Tours

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

How did the Christmas holiday we celebrate today begin? Find out when you tour the Mills this Christmas season. From the ideas of a Christmas tree, to mantles covered with greens, plainly wrapped presents, and Santa himself...it all makes for a wonderful experience and time of year. Plan your visit today! The Museum Shop is stocked with unique, vintage ornaments, gift items, sweets, and toys. Groups of 10 or more should contact the site to arrange for a group reservation.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Friday, November 29th at 10:00 am

### “Burn off the Bird” Hike

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Now is your chance to burn off some of those Thanksgiving feast calories. Join a park ranger on a hike that will be between two and three miles. Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #2.

Ages: adults & children 5 & up; free.

Friday, November 29th to Sunday, January 5th, 2020,  
during normal museum hours

### Twelfth Night Tours

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

The whole family can enjoy learning about how the colonists celebrated the yuletide season through the lively merriment of Twelfth Night. Uncover the origins of many holiday traditions alongside some forgotten favorites on guided tours of Pottsgrove Manor. The entire house will be transformed for the season, sharing the stories of both the endless preparations done by the household staff and the celebrations that the Potts family would have enjoyed.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, November 30th at 1:00 pm

### Waterfowl Watch

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for a look at waterfowl migration in one of Pennsylvania's premier birding locations. Ducks, geese, swans, and other birds are winging their way south at this time, and Green Lane Park is a favorite stop-over along the way. Bring binoculars and meet at the tennis court parking lot (2298 Green Lane Road, Green Lane, PA 18054)

Ages: 9 & up; free.

## december

Sunday, December 1st at 1:00 pm

### Holiday Wreaths

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Make a holiday wreath that you can use indoors or outdoors for seasons to come with natural materials such as grapevine, pine cones, nuts, and flower pods. Seasonal ribbon and bows will be available if desired. Bring a glue gun and glue sticks. Pre-registration is required. Meet in the salt wing.

Ages: adults & children 14 & up; fee: \$5 per person.

Tuesday, December 3rd from 8:00 to 10:00 am

### Morning Bird Walk

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Join our last morning bird walk of 2019 at the Farm Park. A new series of monthly bird walks will begin in January on the first Tuesday of every month. Look for resident bird species on this

invigorating walk. Bring binoculars if you have them. After the walk, hot beverages and snacks will be served in the park office. Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #3.

All ages; free.

Wednesday, December 4th at 1:00 pm

CHILDREN'S NATURE SERIES:

### Hibernation Hunt

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Which animals are hibernating? Did you know there are only three Pennsylvania mammals that are true hibernators? Hear a story about an animal getting ready for winter. Play a hibernation game and make a take home craft. Pre-registration is required. Meet in the Salt Wing.

Ages: 3 & up with an adult; fee: \$5 per child.

Saturday, December 7th at 10:00 am

### More Holiday Crafts

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Our holiday craft programs conclude for the season as we create “Kissing Balls” from local nuts, pods, and cones. While this will be our primary focus, participants can choose from other craft projects including centerpieces, pine cone wreaths, and several other choices. No previous experience needed, let our crafty volunteers walk you through any of the projects! Bring a hot glue gun or borrow one of ours. Spaces are limited, pre-registration required. Program will meet at the Stone Pavilion (2115 Snyder Road, Green Lane, PA 18054).

Ages: 12 & up; materials fee: \$8 per person.

Saturday, December 7th from 3:00 to 9:00 pm

### Candlelight Tours

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

The soft glow of candles will guide you throughout the farmstead for tours showcasing colonial music, seasonal entertaining, and a visit from Belsnickel, a Pennsylvania German St. Nicholas in furs. (Last tour begins at 8:30pm).

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, December 8th at 1:00 pm

### Natural Ornaments

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Tired of plastic holiday decorations? Join us for our traditional natural ornament program. Use seeds, pods, evergreen cones, and other natural materials to create holiday ornaments and whimsical woodland critters. Samples are on display. There are more ideas every year! Bring a glue gun, glue sticks, and a box to carry home your creations. The program length is about two hours. Pre-registration is required. Meet at the park office.

Ages: adults & children 8 & up; fee: \$5 per person.

Sunday, December 8th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

## Holiday Open House

John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove • 610-666-5593

Join us for a fun start to the holiday season! More details on this event can be found on the John James Audubon Center Facebook page, or by emailing us at [millgrove@audubon.org](mailto:millgrove@audubon.org) closer to the date of the event.

All ages; free.

Wednesday, December 11th at 10:00 am or 1:00 pm

CHILD'S PLAY SERIES:

## Holidays

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

Preschoolers will learn about historic holiday traditions and make a craft to take home. Pre-registration required.

Ages: 3 & up accompanied by an adult; fee: \$5 per child.

Thursday, December 12th at 5:00 pm

## Full Moon Hike

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Join a park ranger on an early evening walk that will be illuminated by the full moon. Learn why the December full moon is sometimes called the "cold moon" or the "long night's moon." The hike will be between two and three miles. Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #5.

Ages: adults & children 8 & up; free.

Saturday, December 14th from 2:00 to 8:00 pm

## Victorian Christmas Open House

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

The mansion comes alive with living historians, Santa himself and a bell choir performing on the porch. Discover holiday traditions that have stood the test of time. See how the Pennypacker family celebrated Christmas and see a clear toy candy demonstration in the kitchen. The Museum Shop is stocked with unique, vintage ornaments, gift items, sweets, and toys.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, December 14th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm

## Holiday Luminaria

Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park • 610-917-0021

Step back in time to a Dickens' holiday scene, as you enter the beautifully decorated Locktender's house and sing along with the joyful music played by local musician(s). Partake in holiday treats and hot cider and join in with the Schuylkill Canal Association as we toast our friends with best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season. Parking is available at Lock 60. NOTE: The event is cancelled only if there is a steady downpour of rain or snow. The magnificent light display is even more mystical if there is a slight drizzle, misty fog or a few inches of snow, truly creating a beautiful holiday scene.

All ages; suggested donation \$1 per person.

Sunday, December 15th from 2:00 to 8:00 pm

## Pottsgrove Manor by Candlelight

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

The manor comes alive right before your eyes and welcomes everyone to experience a Twelfth Night party, illuminated by candlelight. Roam through the parlors, full of fun and games, and see if anyone working upstairs needs help with their party preparations. Living History interpreters will be throughout the house, bringing the history of the holidays to you and your entire family. Light refreshments and kids crafts will be available after the tour. Rain or Shine.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, December 15th at 2:00 pm

## Winter Solstice

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Soon we will experience the shortest day of the year. Learn about the winter solstice and some of the traditions of other cultures surrounding this special time of the year. Some people celebrate a twelve-day holiday called the yule. Many modern traditions, such as the Christmas tree, the Christmas wreath, and the Yule log were derived from winter solstice customs. The celebration of the day was interpreted as a reawakening of nature. After a PowerPoint presentation on solstice traditions there is an optional craft. We'll be decorating yule logs. Bring a glue gun and glue sticks. Pre-registration is required. Meet in the Salt Wing.

Ages: adults & children 8 & up; fee: \$5 per craft.

Tuesday, December 17th at 8:00 am

## Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Join us for this late autumn bird walk. We expect to see most of our winter resident species. We will be fortunate to catch a glimpse of a lingering summer residents that has not yet departed. Of course we will see our year-round resident birds. This Abington Audubon Bird Town Bird Walk is scheduled for 8:00 am to 10:30 am at Lorimer Park. This walk will start from the parking-lot access to the Pennypack Trail located at Terwood and Welsh Roads. For more information contact: Leigh Altadonna at [wyncoteaudubonsociety@gmail.com](mailto:wyncoteaudubonsociety@gmail.com) or Jennifer Sherwood at [eac.abington@gmail.org](mailto:eac.abington@gmail.org). Please pre-register.

All ages; free.

Tuesday, December 17th at 1:00 pm

CHILDREN'S NATURE SERIES:

## Reindeer Guide for Kids

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Do you know the difference between reindeer, caribou, elk, and our local white-tailed deer? Find out about reindeer and other animals of the far north. Hear a seasonal story, play reindeer games, and make a reindeer craft. Pre-registration is required. Meet in the Salt Wing.

Ages: 3 & up with an adult; fee: \$5 per child.