

## PLEASE CHECK WITH SITE BEFORE BRINGING PETS TO THESE PUBLIC PROGRAMS

### exhibits:

Wednesday, March 1st to Wednesday, January 31, 2018  
during regular museum hours

#### EXHIBIT:

### “Stitch to Learn, Learn to Stitch”

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

Needlework throughout history has been an art form associated with women. Young girls made a sampler containing the alphabet, thus they learned embroidery techniques and the alphabet at the same time. As teenagers they would make a decorative pictorial sampler. Once they were married, their time was occupied with other household duties and embroidery was usually done as an embellishment. This exhibit will show a variety of samplers, pieces of redwork, along with embroidered table scarfs and other decorative and functional pieces.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, March 4th through Sunday, November 5th  
during regular museum hours

#### EXHIBIT:

### “Rise and Shine at the Manor”

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

As the first rays of the morning's sun streamed into the windows of Pottsgrove Manor, the house would already be busy with a myriad of early morning household tasks and the rituals of starting another day. See how the humble activities of daily life differed from—or were often remarkably similar to—the activities we are familiar with today.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

### programs:

## january

Saturday, January 7th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

SPINNING DEMONSTRATIONS:

### “Distaff Day”

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

From medieval times, the day after the Feast of the Epiphany was known to many Europeans as “Distaff Day.” The distaff, a tool used in spinning, was a symbol of female industry, and Distaff Day was traditionally when women resumed their work after the Twelve Days of Christmas. See demonstrations of traditional spinning techniques and enjoy the final holiday tours of the season.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, January 8th at 2:00 pm

### The Owls of Pennsylvania

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Learn about the natural history of our Pennsylvania owls at this informative indoor program. A slide show will be followed by a visit from an educator with Elmwood Park Zoo who will show us some real owls. Don't miss the chance to see one at close range. Pre-registration required; meet in the salt wing of the barn.

Ages: adults & children ages 6 & up; suggested donation \$3 per person.

Tuesday, January 10th at 1:00 pm

### Little Hoots

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Whooo's coming? Touch an owl feather, examine an owl skull, and look at a pellet. Learn about these mysterious birds, how they hear, see, call, and hunt. Listen to a story and make an owl craft. Meet one of Elmwood Park Zoo's owls. Sign up early! Pre-registration required; meet in the salt wing of the barn.

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

Saturday, January 14th at 1:00 pm

### Researching Your Old House

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

Learn how to use architectural styles and information found on a title search to identify how old your house is. Bring photographs of your house to share.

All ages, free; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, January 15th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

## Open House and Tour of

### 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 our January open house. Weather permitting.

*All ages; free, but donations accepted.*

Tuesday, January 17th at 8:00 am

## Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Meet at the Welsh Road parking area for our 3rd Tuesday of the Month morning bird walk. Explore the Pennypack Trail and Bethayres Swamp, an official Audubon IBA (Important Bird Area) and look for our resident winter birds. All are welcome, including new birders and experienced birders alike. Leaders will be from the Wyncote Audubon Society. Bring binoculars if you have them. Please pre-register.

*Ages: 12 & up; free.*

Saturday, January 21st at 10:00 am

## Out and About – the Perkiomen Trail

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for a brisk winter's walk on the Perkiomen Trail. Along the way we'll investigate plant life, animal sounds and signs, and anything else that pops up. Note: winter conditions can be unpredictable. Suitable footwear recommended. Meet at Crusher Road Trailhead south of Green Lane Borough. Pre-registration required.

*Ages: 8 to adult; free.*

Sunday, January 22nd at 10:00 am

## Cross-Country Ski Clinic

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

This program is a "go" even without snow! Learn about ski technique, equipment, clubs you can join, and places you can ski. On-snow instruction is available if conditions permit. Learn to glide longer and stronger. Bring your own skis. Pre-registration required; meet in the salt wing of the barn.

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

Sunday, January 22nd at 1:00 pm

GALLERY TALK:

## "Samuel W. Pennypacker (1843-1916) His Living Legacy"

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

Hear an in-depth presentation about this famous historian and the lasting impact he has left over 100 years after his death.

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

Wednesday, January 25th at 1:00 pm

## Nature Detectives

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Take a first look at the signs that animals leave behind. Chew marks, tracks, and scat are some of the clues that we'll investigate. Learn about the special adaptations that help animals survive during the long, cold winter. Hear a story and make a craft. Pre-registration required; meet in the salt wing of the barn.

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

Saturday, January 28th at 1:00 pm

## Winter Tree ID Made Easy

Central Perkiomen Valley Park • 610-287-6970

No leaves? No problem! Join us as we explore the winter woods and learn to identify trees by their bark, twigs, and fruit. Program will meet outside Ranger Station at Central Perkiomen Valley Park; pre-registration required.

*Ages: 8 to adult; free.*

Sunday, January 29th at 2:00 pm

## Shadows of the Past

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

The history of the Farm Park is closely intertwined with the history of Norristown State Hospital, but a chronological record of events in this area would take us much further back in time. The land was originally part of a 7,000 acre tract of land called "Williamstadt" that belonged to William Penn. We'll trace the history of the land from the late 1600s to the present day. Find out about the original land owners, their successors, and the history of the existing buildings which were used by the state hospital either as housing or part of their farming operation. Indoor program; pre-registration required; meet in the salt wing of the historic dairy barn.

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

# february

Wednesday, February 1st at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm

KINNERGSCHPIEL SERIES:

## Valentines in History

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

"Child's Play"...Learn to cut shapes and color a design with paints, inspired by the late 18th through 19th century art of Scherenschnitte (scissor cutting) and Fraktur. Pre-registration required.

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

Thursday, February 2nd at 1:00 pm

## Groundhog Day

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Learn about the animal that rates a special day on our calendar. After a natural history lesson, we'll hear a story, play an active groundhog game, and make a craft. Pre-registration required; meet in the salt wing of the barn.

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

Saturday, February 4th at 1:00 pm

## Heads and Sheds

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Deer hunting season is over, and it is still too early to find shed antlers. Why not come out to the park for a "sharing session?" If you have a deer head mount, "European," shed antler, or deer photo you want to share with other deer enthusiasts, this is your chance! Even if you have nothing to bring along, this is a great chance to meet other folks who share your passion for our official state animal, the White-tailed Deer. Due to space limitations, no full body mounts, please! Program meets at Deep Creek Stone Pavilion; pre-registration required.

*Ages: 6 to adult; free.*

Friday, February 10th at 5:30 pm

## Full Moon Hike

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Don't let winter keep you indoors! Enjoy an opportunity to be in the park past sunset. View the winter landscape by the light of a full moon on this evening hike. Non-slip footwear is recommended. The hike will be about three miles. Pre-registration required. Meet in parking lot #5.

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

Saturday, February 11th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

## Workshop: Paper Marbling

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

In this class, taught by Ramon Townsend of the Colonial Bindery, students will learn the art of paper marbling—designing colors on a base fluid, then transferring the design to paper. Students will have time to create 20-25 sheets of marbled paper. Participants should bring a bag lunch; class size limited; pre-registration & payment required by February 1st.

*Ages: 14 & up; materials fee: \$65 per person.*

Saturday, February 11th at 10:00 am

## Valentines Workshop for Kids

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

Spend an exciting morning making vintage inspired Valentines to

share with loved ones. All materials and instructions provided. Refreshments served. Pre-registration & payment required by February 7th.

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

Sunday, February 12th at 2:00 pm

## Colors of Nature

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

From the colorful leaves of hardwood trees in the fall through the silver/gray of winter to the vibrant greens of spring, nature provides us with a never-ending array of colors. We'll view nature's "art box" in a slide show that will feature photographs of autumn leaves, brightly colored mushrooms, flowers, bird feathers, and more. Don't miss a chance to beat the winter "blues." Pre-registration required; meet in the salt wing of the barn.

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

Sunday, February 19th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

## Open House and Tour of 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 our February open house. Weather permitting.

*All ages; free, but donations accepted.*

Tuesday, February 21st at 8:00 am

## Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Meet at the Moredon Road parking area for our 3rd Tuesday of the Month morning bird walk. Explore different areas of Lorimer Park; an official Audubon IBA (Important Bird Area) and look for our resident winter birds. All are welcome, including new birders and experienced birders alike. Leaders will be from the Wyncote Audubon Society. Bring binoculars if you have them. Please pre-register.

*Ages: 12 & up; free.*

Wednesday, February 22nd at 1:00 pm

## Rocks, Big and Small

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Take a first look at geology. What are rocks made of? What makes them different colors? Learn about the three basic types of rocks. Do a rock craft and go on a rock hunt. Pre-registration required; meet in the salt wing of the barn.

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

Saturday, February 25th at 10:00 am

**WORKSHOP:**

## The Art of Fraktur

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

Discover the Pennsylvania German art form of fraktur. In this

hands-on class, learn how to do “frakturschriften,” or the “broken” lettering, which is a form of calligraphy, as well as how to create the beautiful artwork for a house blessing, which will fit into a 5” x 7” frame. Pre-registration & payment required by February 21st.

*Ages: adults; fee: \$35 per person.*

**Saturday, February 25th at 10:00 am**

## **Cabin Fever Hike on the Orange Trail**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Bundle up and join us for a brisk 2½-mile hike on the Orange Trail. Along the way, we'll make a few brief stops to investigate winter's goings on in the big woods. Wear warm, sturdy footwear and meet at the “Lost Corner” parking area; pre-registration required.

*Ages: 9 & up; free.*

**Sunday, February 26th at 2:00 pm**

## **Sugar Maple Trees**

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

Take a close look at maple trees, especially sugar maples. How did the Native Americans and early settlers get their maple sugar? Learn how we can make maple syrup from the sap of this special tree. Taste maple sugar and pure maple syrup and compare with commercial varieties. Hear a Native American legend about the discovery of maple sap. Maple candy will be available for purchase. Pre-registration required; meet at the pavilions.

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

# march

**Wednesday, March 1st at 10:00 am or 1:00 pm**

**KINNERGSCHPIEL SERIES:**

## **Winter Chores**

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

“Child’s Play”...Pre-schoolers will see tools used a long time ago for making yarn and fabric. The children will then work on their own sewing project to take home. Pre-registration required.

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

**Friday & Saturday, March 3rd & 4th; doors open at 6:00 pm, show from 7:30 to 11:00 pm**

## **Film Festival**

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

Join the Schuylkill Canal Association for The Banff Mountain Film Festival and Schuylkill Canal Association Benefit to be held at Alumnae Hall, Immaculata University in Malvern, PA.

*All ages; ticket prices to be announced. For more information and to purchase tickets in advance call 877-822-7673.*

**Saturday, March 4th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

## **Sapsucker Festival**

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

John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove (JJAC) is hosting the annual free, Sapsucker Festival. Explore the evolution of maple sugar techniques by visiting the Native American, Colonial, and Modern Day sugar making stations. Check out maple syrup tastings and sales, tree tapping demonstrations, live owl presentations, and a Bob Evans' pancake breakfast. Enter to win a raffle basket with items donated by local businesses. Stop by Kid's Corner to learn about bird conservation through free, fun crafts. New this year, guided bird walks. Breakfast is \$5 per person. Kids 5 & under eat free. All proceeds benefit JJAC's community environmental education programs.

*All ages; free.*

**Saturday, March 4th at 11:00 am & 2:00 pm**

**(Rain/snow date: Sunday, March 5th)**

## **Maple Sugar Magic**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Bring the whole family and join us for Maple Sugaring at the park. Park staff will demonstrate tree-tapping, boiling down sap at our evaporator, and share stories of “sugaring off” in the old days. Visitors can taste real maple syrup in a blind taste test. Pure Pennsylvania maple candy, cream, and syrup will be available for purchase. NOTE: there will be two showings, one at 11:00 am and another at 2:00 pm. Program meets at Hill Road Day Use Area.

*All ages; free.*

**Saturday, March 4th at 1:00 pm**

## **“Meet Mr. Franklin”**

**Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014**

To open the site's new exhibit, “Rise and Shine at the Manor,” meet Benjamin Franklin, as portrayed by Bill Ochester, and learn about his contributions to everyday life, including the idea of Daylight Savings time! Following the lecture, take a guided tour of the house to see the early morning preparations and activities of its past residents, from family members to the domestic staff, as the people of Pottsgrove Manor get ready for another day!

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

**Sunday, March 5th at 2:00 pm**

## **Sprinter, the Fifth Season**

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

“Sprinter” is an apt name for this unpredictable time of the year between late winter and early spring. Nature's timetable is moving along and there are subtle hints that spring is on the way. Sap is rising and birds are becoming more vocal. The earliest migrant species are making their way North. Join us on a walk to enjoy

the pre-season of spring. Find out what is happening now in the park. Pre-registration required; meet at the park office.

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

**Tuesday, March 7th at 1:00 pm**

### **Teeny, Tiny Hike (for Tots)**

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

Take a first look at some of nature's smallest creations. We will take a hike with magnifying lenses to look for very small things. Then, we'll make a craft to reflect what we found. Pre-registration required; meet in the salt wing of the barn.

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

**Saturday, March 11th at 1:00 pm**

### **Bluebird Box Building**

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

Join Park Rangers and site staff in building your own bluebird box to welcome spring at your home. Participants will assemble and paint their box. Design, tools, and materials will be provided. We will share information about attracting these wonderful birds as part of the event. Pre-registration required by Friday, March 10th as seating and materials are limited; participants should meet at the Main Pavilion; workshop may be postponed to March 25th for inclement weather.

*Ages: 8 & up, adults with or without children welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult; Materials fee: \$5 per box.*

**Saturday, March 11th at 1:00 pm**

### **Waterfowl Watch**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

The spring migration of ducks, geese, and swans will be well underway. Bring binoculars and join us in a search for early migrant waterfowl as we visit 3 birding hotspots in Green Lane Park. You will quickly understand why Green Lane is designated as an "Important Bird Area" in Pennsylvania. Meet at Tennis Court parking lot; pre-registration required.

*Ages: 9 to adult; free.*

**Sunday, March 12th at 7:00 pm**

### **Full Moon Walk**

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

Celebrate daylight saving time with an evening walk that will feature the full moon rising. The naturalist-led walk begins at sunset and will be about 2 miles. Wear your hiking shoes. Pre-registration required; meet at parking lot #5.

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

**Wednesday, March 15th at 8:30 am**

### **Waterfowl Watch**

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

Spring bird migration has begun! Join us as we search the pond for local and migrating ducks, grebes, egrets, and herons. Some uphill walking is required. Bring binoculars if you have them; pre-registration required; meet in parking lot #3.

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

**Saturday, March 18th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**WORKSHOP:**

### **Beginning Bookbinding**

**Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014**

In this class taught by Ramon Townsend of the Colonial Bindery, students will take home a blank book they create, using the methods that were employed from about the first century through the mid-19th century. The students will also be provided step-by-step written instructions to take home. Participants should bring a bag lunch; class size is limited; pre-registration & payment required by March 4th.

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

**Sunday, March 19th at 1:00 pm for Hike;  
around 1:40 pm for Treasure Hunt**

### **St. Patrick's Day Hike and Treasure Hunt**

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

Hikers will meet in the parking lot behind the Pickering Creek Inn at 1:00 pm and will walk across the bridge, over the Schuylkill River, and down the towpath to Lock 60. Upon reaching the Lock 60 picnic grove, there will be a treasure hunt for children in the grove and Irish and folk music at the Locktender's house along with light refreshments. Pre-registration requested; weather permitting.

*Ages: children under 10 with adult supervision; free, but donations accepted.*

**Sunday, March 19th at 1:00 pm**

**CURATORIAL SEMINAR:**

### **Photograph and Paper Ephemera Preservation**

**Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349**

Learn how to identify, handle, and properly store your old photographs and paper documents. Pre-registration required.

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

**Sunday, March 19th at 2:00 pm**

### **Signs of Spring**

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

Tomorrow is the first day of spring! Enjoy a slide show that

will feature SOS (Signs of Spring) in both the plant and animal kingdoms. After the indoor portion of the program, we'll take a walk outside to experience the unfolding of a new season in the park. Pre-registration required; meet in the salt wing of the barn.

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

**Monday, March 20th at 1:00 pm**

## **Spring Things**

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

It's early in the year, but spring is finally here! Take a first look at the new season. Hear a story about spring and make a craft to celebrate. After the indoor portion of the program we'll venture outdoors to look for the signs of spring that we've all been waiting for. Pre-registration required; meet in the salt wing of the barn.

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

**Tuesday, March 21st at 8:00 am**

## **Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks**

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

Meet at the Welsh Road parking area for our 3rd Tuesday of the Month morning bird walk. Explore the Pennypack Trail and Bethayres Swamp; an official Audubon IBA (Important Bird Area) and look for our resident winter birds and early spring migrants. All are welcome, including new birders and experienced birders alike. Leaders will be from the Wyncote Audubon Society. Bring binoculars if you have them. Please pre-register.

*Ages: 12 & up; free.*

**Saturday, March 25th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

## **Spring Scavenger Hunt**

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

Come visit the park and help us welcome spring. Visitors will meander the pathways of the site while learning fun and interesting facts about springtime from our resident creatures along the way. Weather permitting...most activities will be outdoors.

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

**Saturday, March 25th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**OPEN-HEARTH COOKING DEMONSTRATION:**

## **“We Breakfast Deliciously”**

**Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014**

Before they could “rise and shine” and get about their daily tasks, the Potts family would likely have enjoyed a tasty breakfast. See what's on the menu as Pottsgrove Manor's cooks prepare typical fare for an 18th century morning.

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

**Saturday, March 25th at 12:00 pm**

**CRAFT WORKSHOP:**

## **Punch Needle**

**Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349**

Punch needle embroidery is worked on weaver's cloth with a needle-like tool. Small loops are formed on the backside of the work surface, creating miniature works of art. Finished pieces resemble miniature hooked rugs and will fit an 8"x8" frame. All materials supplied. Pre-registration & payment required by March 3rd.

*All ages; fee: \$50 per person.*

**Saturday, March 25th at 7:00 pm**

## **Timber-doodle Time**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Come out to the park to witness the evening courtship flight of the American Woodcock in one of the bird's favorite haunts. Also known by such nicknames as “Bog-sucker” and “Labrador Twister,” this bird's antics must be seen to be believed. The ground may be muddy, please wear appropriate footwear and bring a flashlight! Program meets at flagpole at Walt Road Day Use Area; pre-registration required.

*Ages: 9 & up; free.*

# april

**Every Saturday in April from 8:00 to 10:00 am**

## **Saturday Morning Bird Walks**

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

Join us for a free, 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. Facebook will be updated by 7:00 am the day of each walk if we need to cancel due to inclement weather. No registration needed. Call or email [jjac\\_education@audubon.org](mailto:jjac_education@audubon.org) for more info.

*All ages; free.*

**Every Thursday in April from 5:30 to 7:00 pm or**

**Saturdays from 1:00 to 2:30 pm**

## **Canoe with Perks**

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

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! PFDs, canoes, and oars provided. All participants are required to wear a PFD. Registration required.

For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week. Call or email [jjac\\_education@audubon.org](mailto:jjac_education@audubon.org) for more info.

*All ages; fee: \$15 per person.*

**Saturday, April 1st at 9:00 am**

### **Waggy Tail Walk**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Join the Region Manager and his 2 beagle boys, for a leisurely 1.5 mile walk around Deep Creek Lake, to celebrate Spring (no foolin'). The event is free, but please bring an item to donate to the Montgomery County (Perkiomenville) SPCA. We'll be collecting canned/dry dog and cat food, towels, cleaning supplies, trash bags, and laundry soap. All dogs are welcome, but **MUST** be controlled at all times on leashes no greater than 6', and have all required, updated vaccinations. Meet at the tennis courts parking lot.

*All ages; free.*

**Sunday, April 2nd at 8:00 am**

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

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

Meet at the Moredon Road parking area for a morning bird walk. Explore Lorimer Park; an official Audubon IBA (Important Bird Area) and look for spring migrants passing through and returning summer residents. All are welcome, including new birders and experienced birders alike. Leaders will be from the Wyncote Audubon Society. Bring binoculars if you have them; please pre-register.

*Ages: 12 & up; free.*

**Sunday, April 2nd at 2:00 pm**

### **Spring Wild Edible & Medicinal Plants**

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

Join the park naturalist in a search for wild edible and medicinal plants. Spring is the best time for harvesting tender wild greens. Learn about the history of their use, the nutritional value, how to prepare them for eating, and what plants to stay away from. Pre-registration required; meet in the classroom.

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

**Tuesday, April 4th at 1:00 pm**

### **Baby Bunnies**

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

Bunnies are born in the spring and now is the perfect time to learn about them and our local rabbit, the Eastern Cottontail. Hear a story about a rabbit and make a craft. Meet a friendly rabbit from Elmwood Park Zoo. Pre-registration required; meet in the salt wing of the barn.

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

**Wednesday, April 5th at 10:00 am or 1:00 pm**

**KINNERGSCHPIEL SERIES:**

### **Meet the Sheep**

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

"Child's Play"...Learn about our woolly friends, the sheep, and make a wool craft to take home with you. We will also visit the sheep that live at the site. Pre-registration required.

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

**Saturday, April 8th at 10:00 am**

### **Orienteering for Beginners**

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

Join the Delaware Valley Orienteering Association (DVOA) at the park to learn about and try your skills at the fun activity of orienteering. Orienteering is an activity which includes using a map to find locations, much like a treasure hunt. Instructions in basic orienteering will be from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, and then the fun of trying it yourself will begin on a course designed for new folks to the sport. Pre-registration preferred; participants should meet at the Main Pavilion; rain or shine!

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

**Saturday, April 8th at 1:00 pm**

### **Easter Workshop for Kids**

**Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349**

Make vintage inspired Spring and Easter crafts at this fun workshop. Refreshments served. Pre-registration & payment required by March 4th.

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

**Saturday, April 8th at 1:00 pm**

### **Color Your Easter Eggs – Naturally**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Looking for a change from food coloring tablets from the grocery store? Join us for a fun adventure as we color eggs using materials from nature! Bring up to a dozen hard-boiled eggs and experiment with unique colors from nature's palette. Program meets at stone pavilion in Deep Creek Area of Green Lane Park.

*Ages: 5 to adult; fee: \$4 per dozen eggs to cover materials.*

**Saturday, April 8th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**WORKSHOP:**

### **Redware Sgraffito Plate**

**Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014**

Learn the sgraffito technique used by early Pennsylvania potters as taught by Denise Wilz of Wilz Pottery. Sgraffito, meaning to "scratch," is a method where students will draw and scratch a design of their choosing in a damp clay coating on a redware plate. Afterwards, the plates will be glazed, fired, and returned for

participants to pick up or have shipped. Participants should bring a bagged lunch; class size is limited; pre-registration & payment required by April 1st.

*Ages: 12-15 with adult, or 16 & older; cost of materials vary per plate size and shipping—please visit our website or call the site for more details.*

**Saturday, April 8th to Sunday, April 23rd during regular hours**

**DRAWN FROM NATURE:**

## **11th Annual Juried Art Show**

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

View work of more than 150 regional artists featuring some aspect of birds, wildlife, and/or nature and the impact of these elements on a past, present, or future environment. Multi-media; work available for sale. Sponsored by the Valley Forge Audubon Society and John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove. Call or email millgrove@audubon.org for more info.

*All ages; free.*

**Sunday, April 9th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

## **Orienteering for All Ages**

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

Orienteering is an international sport that uses a detailed map to find your way. There is a level of this sport for everyone. It's like a treasure hunt on foot. Instructors from the Delaware Valley Orienteering Association will give you a lesson and then send you out on a course. Pre-registration is preferred; meet at the pavilions, rain or shine!

*All ages; \$6 map fee.*

**Sunday April 9th at 2:00 pm (ages 3-5 years)**

**and 3:00 pm (ages 6-8 years)**

## **Eco-Egg Hunt**

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

Come to the only educational egg hunt that we know of. Children ages 6-8 will be challenged to find eggs by following a series of ecological clues hidden in eggs that are in the woods and fields. The treasure trove will be found at the end of the hunt. Younger children (ages 3-5) will simply hunt for eggs. Please note the two different start times. Children ages 3-5 should bring a small basket for collecting. Pre-registration required by April 6th; meet at the pavilions.

*Ages: 3-8 with an adult; fee: \$1 per child.*

**Tuesday, April 18th at 8:00 am**

## **Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks**

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

Meet at the Moredon Road parking area for our 3rd Tuesday of the Month morning bird walk. Explore different areas of Lorimer

Park; an official Audubon IBA (Important Bird Area) and look for early spring nesters and late migrants as they pass through. All are welcome, including new birders and experienced birders alike. Leaders will be from the Wyncote Audubon Society. Bring binoculars if you have them. Please pre-register.

*Ages: 12 & up; free.*

**Thursday, April 20th at 1:00 pm**

## **Earth Day Everyday**

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

Take a first look at the earth. What can we do to help our planet? It's never too early to learn about recycling and other ways to help our earth. Play games and make an Earth Day craft. Pre-registration required; meet in the salt wing of the barn.

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

**Saturday, April 22nd from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**

## **Kid's Fishing Clinic & Derby**

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

The 2017 Annual Rotary Club Kid's Fishing Derby will take place at Lorimer Park. Learn the basics of fishing from the "experts" then try and land that big one! The Pennypack Creek will be freshly stocked with trout so everybody will have a great opportunity to catch a fish.

*Ages: 7-14 (with adult present); sponsored by The Huntingdon Valley Rotary Club and Southeastern Montgomery County Trout Unlimited; donations accepted.*

**Saturday, April 22nd from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

## **Schuylkill Canal Association Spring Clean-up**

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

Join us for a spring clean-up in honor of Earth Day! The Schuylkill Canal Association will host their annual event inviting the community to help remove trash and debris and have the canal looking its best. Pre-registration requested; gloves and trash bags provided; weather permitting.

*All ages: children must have adult supervision; free, but donations appreciated.*

**Saturday, April 22nd from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

## **A Howling Good Birthday Bash**

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

Come and help us wish Hunter and Scout, our grey wolf brothers, a very happy 5th birthday. Visitors will learn all about wolves in the wild as they celebrate the park's resident birthday boys. Hands-on activities will be included in the fun as we all have a howling good time! Pre-registration required by April 20th; weather permitting...all activities will be outdoors.

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

Saturday, April 22nd from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

## Sheep Shearing Day

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

Watch as the farmers shear the sheep, and experience many spring activities on a colonial farm. For the children there will be colonial toys and games, scarecrow building, and a puppet show. Highlights are open-hearth cooking, farm tours, spinning, weaving, colonial music, and many other historical crafts.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, April 22nd at 1:00 pm

## Earth Day Work Day in the Park

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Come out and join in as we celebrate Earth Day by removing invasive plants along the Perkiomen Trail. We will target Japanese Barberry and Oriental Bittersweet for eradication. Wear heavy work gloves, and bring loppers, pruning shears, and heavy rakes if possible. Program will meet at Lost Corner parking lot; pre-registration required.

Ages: 9 to adult; free.

Sunday, April 23rd at 1:00 pm

## Animal Habitat Restoration Project

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Join us in a habitat restoration project. Ranger Mike Seasholtz and volunteers will lead an effort to remove invasive plants from our park. Individuals, families, and groups are welcome. Bring work gloves. Loppers, pruning saws & shears, and trowels are helpful if you have them. Learn to identify native and non-native plant species. Pre-registration preferred; meet at the park office.

Ages: 9 & up; free.

Saturday, April 29th at 10:00 am

## What's All the Buzz About?

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

Meet our bee keeper and discover how bees make honey and how the hive works; also see a live hive!

All ages; free.

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Every Saturday in May from 8:00 to 10:00 am

## Saturday Morning Bird Walks

John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove • 610-666-5593 ext. 109

Join us for a free, 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. Facebook will be updated by 7:00 am the day of each walk if we need to cancel due to inclement weather. No registration needed. Call or email [jjac\\_education@audubon.org](mailto:jjac_education@audubon.org) for more info.

All ages; free.

Every Thursday in May from 5:30 to 7:00 pm or  
Saturdays from 1:00 to 2:30 pm

## Canoe with Perks

John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove • 610-666-5593 ext. 109

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! PFDs, canoes, and oars provided. All participants are required to wear a PFD. Registration required. For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week. Call or email [jjac\\_education@audubon.org](mailto:jjac_education@audubon.org) for more info.

All ages; fee: \$15 per person.

Monday, May 1st at 1:00 pm

## May Day

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Take a first look at the month of May. We did some exploring in early spring. What is happening in nature during mid-spring? We'll look at birds, baby animals, and more. Celebrate the first day of May (May Day) with a craft and a dance around the maypole. Pre-registration required; meet at the pavilions.

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

Wednesday, May 3rd at 10:00 am or 1:00 pm

KINNERGSCHPIEL SERIES:

## Meet the Chickens

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

"Child's Play"...Preschoolers will learn about our feathered friends with a visit to the chickens that live at the site, helping to collect eggs, and taking home an egg of their own. Pre-registration required.

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

Friday, May 5th beginning at 7:30 pm

## Night Life

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

What happened at the Wentz House after the sun went down? Come to explore night time in the 1700s and what it meant for residents of a home like the Wentz family's. Pre-registration required.

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

Saturday, May 6th from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

## Annual Colonial Mayfair

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

Join us for our annual celebration of spring! The Colonial Mayfair event is fun for the whole family, featuring dancing around the colorful May Pole, magic shows, a puppet theater, early American crafts, living history demonstrations, hands-on activities, and more! Some crafters will be selling their wares, and snacks & lunches can be purchased from food vendors. Visitors should follow the signs for parking location.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, May 7th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

(raindate Sunday, May 7th)

## 15th Annual WMGK DeBella Dog Walk

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Fifteen years and going strong, for our canine friends! John DeBella and the entire WMGK staff returns to Green Lane Park for their annual doggy celebration! Lots of dog rescue organizations, demonstrations, vendors, food, and music highlight this popular annual event. All dogs are welcome, but MUST be controlled at all times on leashes no greater than 6', and have all required, updated vaccinations.

All ages; free.

Sunday, May 7th at 8:00 am

## Birding by Ear

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Bird migration continues with new arrivals, but with the trees leafing out it is hard to see the tiny warblers. Learn to bird by ear instead. We'll search for warblers, vireos, flycatchers, and thrushes on this bird walk that emphasizes hearing over seeing. Bring binoculars if you have them. Pre-registration required; meet in parking lot #2 by the kiosk.

Ages: adults & children 7 & up; free.

Sunday, May 7th at 8:00 am

## Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Meet at the Moredon Road parking area for a morning bird walk. Explore Lorimer Park; an official Audubon IBA (Important Bird Area) and look for spring nesting residents. All are welcome, including new birders and experienced birders alike. Leaders will be from the Wyncote Audubon Society. Bring binoculars if you have them. Please pre-register.

Ages: 12 & up; free.

Saturday, May 13th at 8:00 am

## Earlybird Walk

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

The Spring migration of many woodland songbirds will be in full swing as we search the trees for warblers, vireos, orioles, and more. Grab your binoculars and join us in our efforts to see and hear as many species as possible. Terrain is relatively level, but grass can be wet on spring mornings, appropriate footwear recommended. Meet outside Green Lane Park office; pre-registration required.

Ages: 9 to adult; free.

Saturday, May 13th at 10:00 am

## Mother's Day Spring Crafts

Lower Perkiomen Valley Park • 610-666-5371

Get the kids involved and make something from nature for Mom this Mother's Day. Explore the park and collect materials like leaves, nuts, pinecones, and flowers. Creation stations will be set up in the Main Pavilion where you can use your collected materials to make leaf art and a decorative bowl. A Park Ranger will be there to help you identify and label your leaf findings. We provide the supplies—you bring your imagination! Pre-registration required by May 5th; participants should meet at Main Pavilion; rain or shine!

Ages: 5 & up, children must be accompanied by an adult; materials fee: \$4 per participant.

Saturday, May 13th from 10:00am to 4:00pm

## Native Plant Sale with the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy

Peter Wentz Farmstead • (610) 584-5104

Don't miss the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy's inaugural Native Plant Sale at the Peter Wentz Farmstead! Natives use less water, require less work, and provide year-round interest AND benefit to wildlife. The 2017 PWC Native Plant Sale boasts expert advice, free native gardening information, and a great variety of native vines, ferns, shrubs, trees, flowers, and grasses for sale. Park in the main lot and then follow the signs to the sale location: 2020 Schultz Road in Lansdale (19446).

All ages; fee charged for plants.

Sunday, May 14th at 1:00 pm

## Mother's Day Hike

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Take a walk with Mom, or just get out of her hair for a while this Mother's Day. Any way you look at it, this should be a treat for Mom. The naturalist-led hike will begin at the Ranger Hut and will cover a few scenic miles in the park. Enjoy the signs and sounds of spring. Wear your hiking shoes; pre-registration required.

Ages: adults & children 7 & up; free.

Monday, May 15th at 1:00 pm

## Birds for Beginners

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Take a first look at birds. What makes birds different than other animals? Hear a story and make a craft to take home. Walk to look and listen for birds. Pre-registration required; meet at the pavilions.

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

Tuesday, May 16th at 8:00 am

## Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Meet at the Welsh Road parking area for our 3rd Tuesday of the Month morning bird walk. Explore the Pennypack Trail and Bethayres Swamp; an official Audubon IBA (Important Bird Area) and look for spring nesters. All are welcome, including new birders and experienced birders alike. Leaders will be from the Wyncote Audubon Society. Bring binoculars if you have them; please pre-register.

Ages: 12 & up; free.

Saturday, May 20th at 10:00 am

## Meet Jimmy the Mink and Stinky the Skunk

Upper Schuylkill Valley Park • 610-948-5170

Come and meet the park's resident skunk and mink, Stinky and Jimmy. Visitors will learn about the habitat and diet of these little creatures that can be a little offensive on occasion. This event will include a craft to make and take home. Pre-registration required by May 18th; weather permitting...all activities will be outdoors.

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

Saturday, May 20th at 10:00 am

## Out and About on the Blue Trail

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for a spring discovery walk on the Blue Trail. Along the way, we'll explore an upland forest, late spring wildflowers, and enjoy spectacular views of Green Lane Reservoir. Conditions range from rocky to potentially muddy, appropriate footwear a must. Meet outside the boat rental office on Hill Road; pre-registration required.

Ages: 9 to adult; free.

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

## Wildflower Walk

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

Join the Schuylkill Canal Association for a guided walk to view wildflowers along the Schuylkill River and ravines. 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. Pre-registration requested; meet at

Locktender's House; weather permitting.

Ages: 8 & up with an adult; free, but donations appreciated.

Sunday, May 21st at 2:00 pm

## Reptiles and Amphibians with Elmwood Park Zoo

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Elmwood Park Zoo will be visiting the park today with a program on reptiles and amphibians. Learn the general characteristics of these animal groups. What makes them different? What makes them similar? See different species of snakes, turtles, and frogs up close and personal. Pre-registration required; meet at the pavilions.

Ages: adults & children 5 & up; suggested donation \$3 per person.

Saturday, May 27th at 7:00 pm

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:

## Red Hill Band

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for an evening of music in the park. The Red Hill Band entertains crowds of all ages throughout the Montgomery County area. 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.

Sunday, May 28th at 2:00 pm

## Creek Critters

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Join a freshwater stream investigation. We will collect, identify, and release all the living things that we can find. The diversity of insects, fish, and amphibians will give an indication of water quality. Wear sturdy water shoes or old sneakers. Expect to get wet. If you have a net, bring it along. Pre-registration required; meet in parking lot #3 near the kiosk.

Ages: adults & children 6 & up; free.

# June

Every Saturday in June from 8:00 to 10:00 am

## Saturday Morning Bird Walks

John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove • 610-666-5593 ext. 109

Join us for a free, 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. Facebook will be updated by 7:00 am the day of each walk if we need to cancel due to inclement weather. No registration needed. Call or email [jjac\\_education@audubon.org](mailto:jjac_education@audubon.org) for more info.

*All ages; free.*

**Every Thursday in June from 5:30 to 7:00 pm or  
Saturdays from 1:00 to 2:30 pm**

### **Canoe with Perks**

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

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! PFDs, canoes, and oars provided. All participants are required to wear a PFD. Registration required. For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week. Call or email [jjac\\_education@audubon.org](mailto:jjac_education@audubon.org) for more info.

*All ages; fee: \$15 per person.*

**Saturday, June 3rd from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and  
Sunday, June 4th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

### **Civil War Event**

**Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349**

Experience the firepower of blasting cannons as soldiers march in battle at Pennypacker Mills. See living history demonstrations (cooking, sewing, fashion, and more); kids love the "Be a Soldier Kid Enlistment" where they volunteer for the Union Army, take the Oath of Allegiance, and learn to march and drill. Talk to the civilians and soldiers as they bring the war experience to life.

On Saturday, participate in a flag folding ceremony, and hear the music of the 69th PA Irish Band. On Sunday, enjoy the music and songs of Matthew Dodd and meet Harriet Tubman. Throughout the weekend, take a tour of the Pennypacker mansion to learn about Samuel Pennypacker's experiences as a Private in the Civil War and see family Civil War artifacts on exhibit. Food vendor available. No pets please.

*All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person. Details at [www.ppmcivilwar.org](http://www.ppmcivilwar.org)*

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

### **Herbs for Use & Pleasure**

**Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014**

Throughout the colonial time period, gardens were cultivated not only for their beauty but as an important source for useful commodities. Join us as we explore how herbs were used in

everything from tasty food dishes to medicinal concoctions. In the kitchen, watch the cooks prepare historic dishes, and young visitors can create make-and-take herbal crafts. At 1:00 pm, master gardener Jane Irvin-Klotz will present her talk "Lavender, Wow, I didn't know that!" Experience the many practical, and pretty, purposes of 18th century herbs!

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

**Sunday, June 4th at 8:00 am**

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

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

Meet at the Moredon Road parking area for a morning bird walk. Explore different sections of Lorimer Park; an official Audubon IBA (Important Bird Area) and look for summer residents. All are welcome, including new birders and experienced birders alike. Leaders will be from the Wyncote Audubon Society. Bring binoculars if you have them; please pre-register.

*Ages: 12 & up; free.*

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

### **Creek Critters**

**Lorimer Park • 610-947-3477**

Come and explore Harper's Run and the Pennypack Creek. What species of fish and aquatic insects live here? We'll use seine nets and containers to try to catch a few specimens. Everything will be released unharmed. Prepare to get wet! Wear sturdy water shoes or old sneakers. Pre-registration required; meet by the bridge over Harper's Run.

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

**Monday, June 5th at 1:00 pm**

### **Hide 'n' Seek**

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

Take a first look at camouflage in the animal kingdom. Nature is jam-packed with creatures that are camouflaged. Can you find them? Play a game and make a camouflage craft. Take a walk with the park naturalist to look for hidden animals, everything from insects to mammals. Pre-registration required; meet at the pavilions.

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

**Wednesday, June 7th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm**

### **Schuylkill River Sojourn— Dinner and Program**

**Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park and  
St. Michael's Park • 610-917-0021**

The Schuylkill River Sojourn is a week-long paddle of the Schuylkill River starting in Schuylkill Haven and ending in Philadelphia.

As the paddlers come to Lock 60, we invite the community to welcome and join them at a delicious spaghetti dinner with dessert and coffee provided by St. Michael of the Archangel Catholic Church and served by Otterbein United Methodist Church. The dinner will feature a program for everyone to enjoy. Pre-registration & payment are recommended; the event takes place rain or shine.

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

**Saturday, June 17th at 9:00 am**

### **Family Fishing Program**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Join a Park Ranger as they teach the PA Fish & Boat Commission's Fishing Skills Class. You will learn the basics of aquatic ecology, fishing equipment, and techniques. Then you'll take what you learned and try to catch some fish in Deep Creek Lake! Rods, tackle, and bait are supplied for free during the program. No fishing license required. Pre-registration required; NO organized groups; program meets at the Deep Creek Stone Pavilion.

*All ages; free; all children MUST be accompanied by an adult.*

**Saturday, June 17th at 1:00 pm**

### **Creek Critters**

**Central Perkiomen Valley Park • 610-287-6970**

Come out and discover the creatures that walk, swim, and crawl in Perkiomen Creek. We'll use nets and pans to gather and examine these amazing aquatic animals, and learn about their special adaptations for life in moving water. Wear old sneakers or water shoes, no open-toed shoes, please! Pre-registration required.

*All ages; free.*

**Saturday, June 17th at 7:00 pm**

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:**

### **TBA**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Bring the family and enjoy an evening of free music in the park. Act to be announced. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

*All ages; free.*

**Sunday, June 18th at 2:00 pm**

### **The "Daring Dad" Scavenger Hunt**

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

Bring your dad to the park this Father's Day for a challenging nature scavenger hunt. He'll have to follow a series of clues to find the items or answer questions. The first dad back with all requirements met is the winner! Families are welcome to help dad in the search. Pre-registration required; meet in parking lot #2.

*All ages; free.*

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

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

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

Meet at the Welsh Road parking area for our 3rd Tuesday of the Month morning bird walk. Explore the Pennypack Trail and Bethayres Swamp; an official Audubon IBA (Important Bird Area) and look for summer residents. All are welcome, including new birders and experienced birders alike. Leaders will be from the Wyncote Audubon Society. Bring binoculars if you have them; please pre-register.

*Ages: 12 & up; free.*

**Tuesday, June 20th at 10:00 am**

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

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

Celebrate the beginning of summer by bringing the family to a creek investigation. We'll examine all the creatures that are adapted to life in the water. Wear sturdy water shoes or old sneakers. Expect to get wet! If you have a net, bring it along; pre-registration required; meet by the kiosk in parking lot #3.

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

**Friday, June 23rd at 8:30 pm**

### **Lightning in a Jar – Fireflies**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

We all loved to catch fireflies when we were kids, but did you know they are Pennsylvania's official state insect? Join us as we explore the magic and mystery of the firefly in this special night time program. Bring a non-breakable bug catching container (we will have some loaners on hand also); NO glass containers, please; program will meet at Tennis Court parking lot.

*All ages; free.*

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

### **Reptile and Amphibian Jubilee**

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

Come join the fun and learn about creatures that slither, swim, and hop. This popular event includes games and hands-on activities along with a live animal presentation. You won't want to miss the jubilee! Come prepared to get wet; weather permitting...most activities will be outdoors.

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

**Sunday, June 25th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm**

### **Vintage Baseball at its Best!**

**Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349**

The Athletic Base Ball Club of Philadelphia will play 1864 era base ball on the grounds of Pennypacker Mills. Come and root for

the home team as they use vintage rules and equipment for the enjoyment of all. Kids will enjoy playing "Town Ball," a fun activity that was the precursor to base ball. The Pennypacker mansion is open for guided tours. Food vendor available.

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

**Saturday, June 24th at 8:30 pm**

### **Fireflies: Nature's Fireworks**

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

Join us for an evening to discover the world of fireflies, or lightning bugs (which are neither flies nor bugs). Learn about their amazing behavior and life cycle. The program begins just before dusk and ends just after dusk, so bring a flashlight. Pre-registration required; meet in parking lot #3.

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

**Sunday, June 25th from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm**

### **35th Annual Canal Day**

**Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park and  
St. Michael's Park • 610-917-0021**

The Schuylkill Canal Association invites the community to its 35th annual Canal Day, full of family-oriented fun along the Schuylkill Canal Park. The event includes food, music, kids' games and crafts, competitive activities such as the Denny Porrini Memorial Trail Run, Horseshoe Tournament, the Canoe/Kayak 5-Mile Water Trail Race, and the world renowned Canal Joust. Parking is at St. Michael's Park in Mont Clare. Please be advised, Towpath Road will be closed to vehicular traffic starting at 8:30 am until 4:00 pm; a handicap-accessible shuttle bus will bring people back and forth, free-of-charge, from the parking area all day.

*All ages; suggested donation \$5 per person, children 12 & under are free.*

**Sunday, June 25th at 2:00 pm**

### **Big Trees**

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

Join a park ranger on a tour of the park. Ranger Mike will be showcasing the largest trees that are growing here. Learn about the natural history of individual tree species and why some can grow so much bigger than the rest. Identify native versus non-native trees. Forest ecology will be covered as well. Pre-registration required; meet at the park office.

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

**Monday to Friday, June 26th –30th from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm**

### **Colonial Camp 2017**

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

Students entering 4th through 6th grade in fall 2017 will experience childhood activities and crafts of the colonial period. Pre-registration required.

*Fee: \$175 per child. Includes a one-year family membership with the Peter Wentz Farmstead Society.*

**Monday to Friday, July 10th – 14th, Norristown Farm Park**

**Monday to Friday, July 17th – 21st, Lorimer Park**

### **Junior Naturalist Camp**

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

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

The Junior Naturalist Camp will be held at Norristown Farm Park from July 10th to the 14th and at Lorimer Park from July 17th to the 21st. The cost is \$50.00 per child. Complete information and the registration form will be available on-line at [www.montcopa.org/norristownfarmpark](http://www.montcopa.org/norristownfarmpark) or [www.montcopa.org/lorimerpark](http://www.montcopa.org/lorimerpark). You may also pick up the forms in person at the park sites or, for your convenience, forms can be mailed.

*For children ages 9 through 12 who have completed third grade through sixth grade. NO registrations will be accepted without full payment and completed registration form. Spaces are limited; register early! For more information, please call 610-270-0215 or email [rking2@montcopa.org](mailto:rking2@montcopa.org).*