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exhibits:

Through Sunday, November 5th during regular museum hours

“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.

Through Wednesday, January 31st, 2018

during regular museum hours

“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 a teenager 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 on a piece. 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.

Friday, September 15th to Sunday, October 15th

during regular museum hours

“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, including 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 includes 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. This exhibit is included on all tours of the mansion.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person

Ongoing – during regular museum hours

“Potty Talk”

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

People have always needed to use the potty, but what did that mean in the past? This exhibit offers an interesting, and often humorous, look at how 18th-century people lived with their pre-plumbing potties...on view in our modern restrooms!

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

programs:

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Every Thursday in July from 5:30 to 7:30 pm,

& Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:30 am, & 2:00 to 3:30 pm

Canoe with Perks

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

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.

All ages; \$15 per person.

Every Saturday in July 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.

Saturday, July 8th from 10:00 to 10:30 am

Bird Meet & Greet

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Join us for a bird meet & greet at Mill Grove. Get an up-close view of one of our non-releasable birds while learning about this awesome creature from one of our animal care team members. Bird meet & greets begin on the porch of the historic house. No registration needed.

All ages; free.

Saturday, July 8th at 5:00 pm

Reading of the Declaration

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

Come huzzah with your fellow Americans as if it were 1776! Listen to a stirring reading of the Declaration of Independence. All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, July 9th at 6:00 pm

Animal Habitat Walk

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Join ranger Tim Wilson on a nature walk in the early evening. Learn about the animals that live in the park. Look for the habitats of particular animals, including their foods and shelters. Bring binoculars if you have them and wear your walking shoes. The walk will be about two miles. Pre-registration is required. Meet at the park office.

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

Sunday, July 9th at 7:00 pm

Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet"

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Commonwealth Classic Community Theater (CCTC) presents this beautiful and heartrending masterpiece. Young love and old grudges collide in this timeless romantic tragedy. Critically acclaimed director Kathryn MacMillan returns to CCTC with a fast paced and thrilling exploration of a divided world, in which love struggles to rise above the barriers of hate and fear. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

All ages; free.

Monday to Friday, July 10th to 14th 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 2017 spend a week learning about the natural world around them through exploration, games, activities, and crafts.

Fee: \$50 per child; pre-registration required.

Monday-Friday, July 10th to 14th from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Mitte Camp 2017

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

Students entering 1st through 3rd grade in fall 2017 will learn about life during the 1700s at this hands-on camp. Pre-registration required. Fee includes a one-year family membership with the Peter Wentz Farmstead Society.

Fee: \$125 per child.

Friday, July 14th at 10:00 am

Meet Montgomery

Upper Schuylkill Valley Park • 610-948-5170

Come meet *Montgomery* the Park's resident bald eagle. Visitors will learn interesting facts about the eagle—our National symbol. A story and a craft to make and take home will be included. Pre-registration is required; deadline for registration is July 12th; weather permitting...most activities will be outdoors. Ages 3-7; suggested donation \$4 per child.

Saturday, July 15th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Fun in the 1900s History Center!

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

Come to the Mills for an exciting day of interactive fun for kids! Visit the 1900s History Center and enter our General Store where you'll discover why these stores were the hub of every town. Then, "shop" for old-fashioned recipes. The air conditioned mansion will be open for guided tours too. All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, July 15th 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 bug-magnifier boxes for a closer look at our finds. All insects will be released unharmed. Meet at Tennis Courts. Pre-registration is required. Ages: 5 & up; free. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday, July 16th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Canoe/Kayak Float (1:00-3:00 pm) and Locktender's Open House (3:00-4:00 pm)

Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park • 610-917-8030

Paddlers will meet in the boat launch parking lot at Lock 60 at 1:00 pm and will paddle 2.5 miles down the Schuylkill River, portage about 200 yards to the canal, and paddle up the canal to Lock 60. The paddle takes approximately 2 hours, depending on stops. Pre-registration & life jackets are required. All ages with adult supervision; free, donations accepted.

Sunday, July 16th at 2:00 pm

Insect Safari

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Come and explore the fascinating world of insects. After an introductory lesson, we'll use clear bug boxes with magnifying lenses and field guides as we collect and identify insects in our butterfly garden and the surrounding area. Think of it as an 'insect safari'. Bug nets and jars are helpful if you have them. Learn the names and special adaptations of these amazing creatures. Pre-registration is required. Meet by the ranger hut. Ages: adults & children 3 & up; free.

Sunday, July 16th at 4:00 pm

VICTORIAN TEA:

Here's Mark Twain

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

What better guest for a Victorian tea than the most famous man in Victorian America? Hear America's favorite 19th-century writer and humorist as he shares his life, adventures, stories, and wit. His presentation will emphasize his views of people, travel, and tolerances as only Samuel Clemens can! Enjoy a three-course meal served by period dressed servants on the Pennypacker Mills porch. Pre-registration & payment are required by July 7th.

All ages; fee: \$40 per person.

Monday to Friday, July 17th to 21st from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Junior Naturalist Camp

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Students entering 4th through 7th grade in the fall 2017 spend a week learning about the natural world around them through exploration, games, activities, and crafts. Pre-registration is required.

Fee: \$50 per child.

Wednesday, July 19th at 6:00 pm

Bike Field Repair Workshop

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join the skilled mechanics from Village Velo Bikes in Skippack and learn how to get "back on the bike" in the event of bike malfunction. Learn basic flat tire repair and minor mechanical adjustments to quickly get you back on the trail (or at least enable you to ride your bike out of the woods, rather than endure the "walk of shame"). Basic tools are helpful, but not required. Meet at the Knight Road Red Trail Parking Area.

Ages: 10 & up; free.

Wednesday, July 19th from 7:15 to 8:45 pm

BIRD/NATURE WALK:

Night Hike

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

Explore a side of the 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 after dark! Let your senses be your guide as we explore the sounds, sights, and smells of this amazing nocturnal world. This program is the first of our "Mill Grove at Night" series this Spring, a series of programs that celebrate the night! Join us every 3rd Wednesday of the month, May-July, as we explore a different nocturnal theme. Join us for one, or for all, as we experience the park after dark!

All ages; fee: \$5 per person, please register by emailing jjac_education@audubon.org.

Saturday, July 22nd from 10:00 to 10:45 am

iNaturalist for Beginners

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

Join us for an adult workshop at Mill Grove. Contribute to science and join a community of naturalists in this workshop designed to take you through the process of using the iNaturalist app! We will take you step-by-step through downloading and using the app on your smart phone or tablet. After the indoor instruction, we will head outdoors to explore the property and practice submitting observations using iNaturalist. Please bring your own smartphone or tablet. Workshops begin in the education classroom of the historic house. Reservations are required.

All ages; free.

Saturday, July 22nd from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

LIVING HISTORY:

"Jack of All Trades"

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

Tradesmen and specialized artisans formed a large part of the colonial world, a world where nearly everything was handmade or built by a worker highly specialized in his craft. "Smiths" working with iron, tin or other metals, as well as many other craftsmen, provided practical and luxury goods to colonial buyers. Come see what's being made!

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, July 22nd from 11:00 to 11:30 am

Storytime

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

Join us for Storytime at Mill Grove. Enjoy an engaging animal tale followed by a themed craft to take home. Storytimes begin in the library of the historic house. Reservations are required.

All ages; free with museum admission.

Saturday, July 22nd at 8:30 pm

Moth Madness

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for a night time adventure as we investigate these mysterious nocturnal insects. We will use artificial lights and a special concoction of "moth bait" in an attempt to attract these little understood creatures. Bring a flashlight and a sense of adventure. Meet at the Park Office. Pre-registration is required.

Ages: 7 & up; free.

Sunday, July 23rd 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 ages 6 & up; free.

Monday to Friday, July 24th to 28th from 9:30 to 11:30 am

Wentz Wonder Kids Camp 2017

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

Children ages 4-5 years old will enjoy a half-day camp with hands-on activities related to the historic Farmstead. Snacks provided.

Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$60 per child.

Wednesday, July 26th at 10:00 am

River Rock Art

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Rocks that have been in water are often smooth and rounded. Paint some stones from our collection or bring your own. Participants in the past have turned their stones into insects, fish, flowers, and other neat things. Examples and art supplies will be provided. Pre-registration is required. Meet in the Salt Wing.

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

Sunday, July 30th at 2:00 pm

Freshwater Investigation

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Explore Kepner Creek with the park naturalist. Search for aquatic insects, crayfish, salamanders, frogs, and fish. Bring a net if you have one. All creatures will be released unharmed. Wear water shoes or old sneakers & expect to get wet! Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #3 near the kiosk.

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

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Wednesday, August 2nd at 10:00 am

Ladybug Beetles

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 a ladybug craft after the field activity. Elementary and middle school age children as well as adults interested in ladybugs are encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is required. Meet at the pavilions.

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

Every Thursday in August from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, & Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:30 am & 2:00 to 3:30 pm

Canoe with Perks

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

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 is required. For groups of 10 or more, private canoe tours can be booked for any time throughout the week.

All ages; \$15 per person.

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

Saturday Morning Bird Walks

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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. 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.

All ages; free.

Saturday, August 5th from 10:00 to 10:30 am

Bird Meet & Greet

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All ages; free.

Saturday, August 5th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

In the Good Old Summertime

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

Visit Pennypacker Mills for an old-fashioned summer day filled with exciting activities including Victorian lawn games, try on vintage clothing for a unique photo opportunity, visit the General Store where children can "purchase foods" for a recipe, tour through interactive exhibits in the History Center, tour the air conditioned mansion and enjoy a vintage car show with the Delaware Valley Classic MG Car Club. Food vendor available.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, August 6th at 2:00 pm

LAERENSWAERT SERIES:

Patriot Tails – Pets in Colonial America

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

Dogs, cats, & birds have won space in our hearts and homes through the ages. Learn about these and the other types of animals kept by some of our forefathers.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, August 6th at 2:00 pm

Gyotaku: Japanese Fish Printing

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Nature printing is an ancient tool of science as well as an art form. Gyotaku (guh-yo-tah-ko) is Japanese for “fish printing.” We will use both real fish and replicas to make our prints. If done with care the art you create will be suitable for framing. Pre-registration is required. Meet in the Salt Wing.

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

Sunday, August 6th at 7:00 pm

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:

Category 5

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Presenting Category 5, a classic rock band covering the best of rock, R&B and pop music from the 1970s. With female and male lead vocals, keyboards and dual lead guitarists, killer bass and drums, Category 5 is able to perform the most challenging music from the classic rock era. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

All ages; free.

Sundays, August 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Living History Sundays

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

Pottsgrove Manor's staff and living history volunteers will demonstrate 18th-century trades, crafts, and pastimes. You may even get to join in! Activities will vary from week to week; be sure to call the site to find out what will be offered the day of your visit.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Tuesday, August 8th at 10:00 am

Knee Deep in the Creek

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

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

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

Saturday, August 12th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Fun in the 1900s History Center!

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

Come to the Mills for an exciting day of interactive fun for kids! Visit the 1900s History Center where you'll discover what it was like to be a child working in the coal mines of Pennsylvania coal country. View our exhibit, and then become a Breaker Boy and sort coal and shale. Learn how different sizes were used for different purposes. The air conditioned mansion will be open for guided tours too.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, August 12th at 6:00 pm

Shorebird Watch OR Songbird Walk

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

This one is up to Mother Nature. If we have mudflats, we will search for shorebirds, wading birds and terns. If the water is high, we will take a stroll for late summer songbirds. Bring binoculars and/or a scope if you have them. Meet at Church Road Bird Sanctuary. Pre-registration is required.

Ages: 9 & up, free.

Tuesday, August 15th 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 walks. Explore the Bethayres Swamp from the Pennypack Trail; an official Audubon IBA (Important Bird Area) and look for our resident summer birds and their young. New birders and experienced birders are welcome. Leaders will be from the Wyncote Audubon Society. Bring binoculars if you have them. Please pre-register.

Ages: 12 & up; free.

Saturday, August 19th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Fun in the 1900s History Center!

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Come to the Mills for an exciting day of interactive fun for kids! Visit the 1900s History and discover the options for transportation in the early 1900s from horse-drawn carriages, Model T Ford cars, and trains or just walking! See an antique horse-drawn carriage, ride our carriage too! The air conditioned mansion will be open for guided tours too.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, August 19th from 11:00 to 11:30 am

Storytime

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

Join us for Storytime at Mill Grove. Enjoy an engaging animal tale followed by a themed craft to take home. Storytimes begin in the library of the historic house. Reservations are required.

All ages; free with museum admission.

Saturday, August 19th from 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Native Plant Family Program

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

Want to know how to enhance your property with native plants while engaging in an exciting new program with National Audubon Society. Adults will be learning about the importance of native plants while taking a bird walk on the property. Kids will be doing plant drawings, planting native seeds in take home containers, and exploring the grounds. All families will be enrolled in the native plant program and will have take-home activities and resources.

All ages; free.

Sunday, August 20th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Canoe/Kayak Float (1:00-3:00 pm) and Locktender's Open House (3:00-4:00 pm)

Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park • 610-917-8030

Paddlers will meet in the boat launch parking lot at Lock 60 at 1:00 pm and will paddle 2.5 miles down the Schuylkill River, portage about 200 yards to the canal, and paddle up the canal to Lock 60. The paddle takes approximately 2 hours, depending on stops. Pre-registration & life jackets are required.

All ages with adult supervision; free, donations accepted.

Thursday, August 24th at 10:00 am

Spiders: the Original Web Designers

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Spiders were one of the first predators to walk on land, starting more than 350 million years ago. They are still one of the most successful predators. They live almost everywhere, even in your basement. Find out more about them. Go on a spider search in our meadow. Elementary and middle school age children as well as adults interested in spiders are encouraged to attend. After the field activity, younger children can make a spider craft. Pre-registration is required. Meet at the pavilions.

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

Saturday, August 26th at 8:00 am

BIRD/NATURE WALK:

Morning Bird Walk

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

Join us for an early morning bird walk as we search for residents and early fall migrants. Open to beginners and non-birders.

All ages; free.

Saturday, August 26th 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 will feature local butterfly

enthusiast Ron Richael. There will be hands-on activities for the kids and much more. If the weather allows, we will be releasing the tagged monarchs so they can begin their migration south. Weather permitting...all activities will be outdoors.

All ages; suggested donation \$4 per person.

Saturday, August 26th at 1:00 pm

Bugs and Blooms Photography Outing

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Late summer is the perfect time to expand your photography skills as we seek out flowers and their insect visitors. Photographers of all skill levels are welcome, we will be learning about our insect friends as we go! Meet at fly-fishing area on Church Road (1.2 miles east of Kutztown Road). Pre-registration is required.

Ages: 9 & up with an adult; free.

Sunday, August 27th at 10:00 am

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 non-glass bug jar, bring them along. Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #3.

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

september

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Saturday Morning Bird Walks

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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. 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.

All ages; free.

**Saturdays, September 2nd, 9th & 16th from 10:00 to 11:30 am,
& 2:00 to 3:30 pm, & Thursdays, September 7th & 14th from
5:30 to 7:30 pm**

Canoe with Perks

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of an elusive muskrat! 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.

All ages; \$15 per person.

Sunday, September 3rd 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 walks. Explore Lorimer Park, an official Audubon IBA (Important Bird Area), and look for our resident summer birds and early fall migrants. New birders and experienced birders are welcome. Leaders will be from the Wyncote Audubon Society. Bring binoculars if you have them. Please pre-register.

Ages: 12 & up; free.

Sunday, September 3rd at 6:30 pm

The Eastern Coyote

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

The Eastern Coyote has quietly colonized the city and suburbs of Philadelphia. Whereas bears and wolves 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 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 from Ranger Tim Wilson. The talk will be followed by a walk in the park. Pre-registration is required. Meet at the park office.

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

Wednesday, September 6th at 1:00 pm

Incredible Insects

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Four out of every five animal species is an insect! Learn about the marvelous diversity of form and function in this group. Search for insects and their close relatives. Play a game and make an insect craft. Pre-registration is required. Meet at the pavilions.

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

Friday, September 8th at 8:00 am

Fall Migration Bird Walk

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

The fall migration of birds is in full swing now. 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.

Saturday, September 9th at 10:00 am & 1:00 pm

Creek Critters

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for a look at animal life in the Perkiomen Creek. We'll learn about the creatures that live here and their adaptations for life in moving waters. Wear water shoes or old sneakers, we will be getting wet. Meet at Church Road fly-fishing area (1.2 miles east of Kutztown Road). Pre-registration is required.

Ages: 5 to adult; free.

Sunday, September 10th 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. The first group, family, or individual to finish with all the required items will win a prize. Hiking is required. Pre-registration is required. Meet near the ranger hut.

All ages; free.

Saturday, September 16th from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Craft Marketplace

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

The Friends of Pennypacker Mills are hosting their annual event where unique handmade items and one-of-a-kind gifts are for sale by talented crafters, last year there were over 70 artists. You'll find everything from jewelry to vintage items, artwork of all kinds, handmade wooden toys and birdhouses. There is something for every occasion, so shop early for the holidays. The Pennypacker Mills mansion will be open for guided tours. Food vendor available.

All ages; free admission & parking.

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Bird Meet & Greet

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All ages; free.

Saturday, September 16th at 12:00 pm

Nest Box For Whoooooo?

Lower Perkiomen Valley Park • 610-666-5371

For you, mister Screech Owl! Eastern Screech Owls, which are year-round Pennsylvania residents, are scouting winter nesting locations and could use your help. This kid friendly event includes a meet-and-greet with Upper Schuylkill Valley Park's resident Screech Owl, and staff on-site to answer your questions.

Afterwards, we will construct and paint a pre-cut nesting box, and give you tips on care and placement. Pre-registration is required by September 1st as seating is limited; participants should meet at the Main Pavilion.

Ages: 5 & up with adult supervision during box construction; adults with or without children are welcome; suggested donation \$10 per nesting box for materials.

Saturday, September 16th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm
Tavern Night at Pottsgrove Manor

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

Join us for an evening of revelry! Attendees get to sample beer, wine, cider, and distilled spirits from local vendors. While enjoying libations and light refreshments, visitors can chat with the modern makers about their trade, learn about the types of alcohol that the Potts family made and bought in the 18th century and enjoy colonial entertainments.

Ages: 21 & up; fee: \$30 per person if pre-registered, \$35 per person at the door (\$10 per person for designated drivers in advance or at door).

Sunday, September 17th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm
Geology Walk

Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park • 610-917-8030

Join the Schuylkill Canal Association's Dave Williams for a guided walk to places of geological interest along the Schuylkill River and ravines. Dave will point out faults, fossils, and more. 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 is required. Weather permitting. Participants should meet at the Locktender's House.

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

Sunday, September 17th at 7:30 pm
Star and Night Sky Watch

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join members of the Bucks-Mont Amateur Astronomers for an evening of learning and fun as we explore the night sky. Binoculars welcome, but not necessary to participate. Club members will have telescopes available for viewing distant night-sky objects. Meet at the Knight Road Red Trail Parking Area.

Ages: 6 & up with an adult; free.

Tuesday, September 19th at 8:00 am
Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Meet at the Welsh Road parking area for a morning bird walk. Explore the Pennypack Trail and Bethayres Swamp; an official Audubon IBA (Important Bird Area) and look for our fall migrants as they pass through. New birders and experienced birders are welcome. Leaders will be from the Wyncote

Audubon Society. Bring binoculars if you have them. Please pre-register.

Ages: 12 & up; free.

Friday, September 22nd at 10:00 am

Meet Max the Deer

Upper Schuylkill Valley Park • 610-948-5170

Come and meet the Park's resident whitetail deer, Max. We'll talk about this favorite Pennsylvania mammal and how they change throughout the year. This program will include a craft to make and take home. Pre-registration is required; deadline for registration is September 20th; weather permitting...all activities will be outdoors.

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

Sunday, September 24th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
(rain date: Sunday, October 1st)

Native American Day

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Join us for our annual Native American Day. Blue Jay and Nokomis will be back with lots of Native American crafts, games, and please touch items for children. There will be other presenters with displays of Lenape culture and a willingness to answer all your questions about the people who lived here long ago. Flint knapping will be demonstrated. Native American jewelry is for sale. Lee Hallman, president of the Indian Artifact Collectors Association of the Northeast, will display many artifacts. Bring some of your own for free appraisal. Displays held at the picnic pavilions (parking lot #3).

All ages; free.

Tuesday, September 26th at 1:00 pm

Monarch Butterflies

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Take a 'first look' at a special butterfly, the monarch. Fall monarchs live a longer life than their summer counterparts. They are the ones that migrate south in large numbers. Make a butterfly craft and search for monarchs and other insects that are part of their community. Pre-registration is required. Meet at the pavilions.

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

Saturday, September 30th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
7th Annual Upper Perkiomen Bird and Wildlife Festival

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Bring the entire family and enjoy a day of fun and learning at the park. Once again, this event will feature live animal presentations, monarch butterfly tagging, kids' games and activities, free hayrides, live music, food and merchandise vending, free drinking water, and

much more. Visit our Eco-raffle table for a chance to win cool outdoor “merch” including a mountain bike! Over 20 exhibitors and vendors will be on hand to help visitors better appreciate our region’s rich wildlife heritage.

All ages; free.

Saturday, September 30th from 11:00 to 11:30 am

Storytime

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

Join us for Storytime at Mill Grove. Enjoy an engaging animal tale followed by a themed craft to take home. Storytimes begin in the library of the historic house. Reservation requested.

All ages; free with museum admission.

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Sunday, October 1st at 8:00 am

Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Meet at the Welsh Road parking area for our morning bird walk. Explore the Bethayres Swamp from the Pennypack Trail; an official Audubon IBA (Important Bird Area) and look for fall migrants passing through and resident winter birds. New birders and experienced birders are welcome. Leaders will be from the Wyncote Audubon Society. Bring binoculars if you have them. Please pre-register.

Ages: 12 & up; free.

Sunday, October 1st at 1:00 pm

Revolutionary War Encampment Walk

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

Come for a special program and hear the story of the encampment of General George Washington and his 9,000 Continentals in the fall of 1777. Take a guided walk on the grounds noting where soldiers camped and seeing the gravesites where soldiers are buried.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, October 1st at 2:00 pm

Wild Mushrooms

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Wild mushrooms are not as easy to identify as wildflowers. That’s why it pays to come on this annual walk. Increase your general knowledge of mushrooms and learn why fungi are an important part of our ecosystem. At the same time, learn which mushrooms are better eyed than fried. Pre-registration is required. Meet in the classroom.

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

Wednesday, October 4th at 10:00 am & 1:00 pm

CHILD’S PLAY SERIES:

Farm Day

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

Preschoolers will experience some of the work that people working on a farm did during the 1700s—sweeping, fetching water, cleaning, feeding the chickens, and more. Pre-registration required.

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

Wednesday, October 4th at 5:00 pm

Intro to Mountain Biking

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join the skilled riders from Village Velo Bikes in Skippack for an enjoyable program of mountain biking basics. If you are new to the sport or looking to improve your skills we’ll guide you through basic bike fitting, bike posture, point of vision and clearing obstacles like logs, roots, rocks and whatever else is in your way. Then jump on for a fun ride on the trails. Basic mountain bike required. No mountain bike? Call Village Velo (610 222-0560) for a loaner. We’ll meet at the Green Lane Park’s Knight Road Red Trail parking lot.

Ages: 10 & up with an adult; free.

Thursday, October 5th at 7:00 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. Ranger Dave 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 ages 8 & up; free.

Every Saturday in 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. 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.

All ages; free.

Saturday, October 7th at 6:30 pm

By The Light of the Moon

Upper Schuylkill Valley Park • 610-948-5170

Visit Upper Schuylkill for a moonlit tour of the animals at the Park. Visitors will learn about the resident animals and maybe hear

the evening 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 5th; weather permitting...all activities will be outdoors. Visitors should dress for the temperature and bring flashlights.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, October 8th at 2:00 pm

Animal Habitat Restoration

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

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 saws, 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 ages 9 & up; free.

Wednesday, October 11th at 1:00 pm

Have You Seen Trees?

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Take a 'first look' at trees. Why do people like trees? Learn about the parts of a tree, how they grow, and why they are so important to us. Walk to identify trees. Play a leaf-matching game and make a tree craft. Pre-registration is required. Meet at the pavilions.

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

Friday, October 13th at 8:00 am

Fall Migration Bird Walk

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

The fall migration of birds is in full swing now. 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.

Saturday, October 14th from 10:00 to 10:30 am

Bird Meet & Greet

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

Join us for a bird meet & greet at Mill Grove. Get an up-close view of one of our non-releasable birds while learning about this awesome creature from one of our animal care team members. Bird meet & greets begin on the porch of the historic house. No registration needed.

All ages; free.

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

LAERENSWAERT SERIES:

Home & Headquarters: War Comes to Worcester

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 an officer & soldier; visit with General Washington, and assist with autumn farm activities throughout the day.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, October 14th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

LIVING HISTORY:

"Fall Into Fun!"

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

Celebrate the Fall season at Pottsgrove Manor with an 18th-century twist! Kids can discover the many activities of a colonial household as it counts down the autumn days to prepare for winter. Also featured will be easy and fun fall-themed make-and-take crafts for young visitors.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, October 14th at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm (2 shows)

Flight of the Falcon

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Cheri Heimbach of Baywing Falconry returns with her amazing flight demonstration using live birds of prey. Cheri has a unique ability to connect with her audience using live birds as her teaching assistants. Great photo opportunities can be had during and between demonstrations! You don't want to miss this program. Meet near park amphitheater.

All ages; free.

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

Bark in the Park

Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park • 610-917-8030

The Schuylkill Canal Association invites the community to its first annual dog event. Bark in the Park is going to be an all-afternoon event that will kick off at 1:00 pm with a Dog Walk. The Dog Walk will give participants a tour of Schuylkill Canal Park's lovely trails and history. Following that, the fun will begin, with free demonstrations and seminars, and of course the dog contests! Pre-registration is required.

All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult; free, donations accepted.

Sunday, October 15th 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.

Ages: adults & children ages 5 & up; fee: \$5 per scarecrow.

Tuesday, October 17th 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 fall migrants as they pass through and returning winter birds. New birders and experienced birders are welcome. Leaders will be from the Wyncote Audubon Society. Bring binoculars if you have them. Please pre-register.

Ages: 12 & up; free.

Friday, October 20th at 10:00 am

Meet Margeaux the Bobcat

Upper Schuylkill Valley Park • 610-948-5170

Come and meet the Park's resident bobcat, *Margeaux*. We'll talk about the habitat and diet of this elusive, beautiful creature. This program will include a hands-on activity. Pre-registration is required; deadline for registration is October 18th; weather permitting...all activities will be outdoors.

Ages 3-7; suggested donation \$2 per child.

Saturday, October 21st at 10:00 am

Fall Foliage Ramble

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for a leisurely hike to enjoy and learn about fall foliage on the beautiful Blue Trail. This is usually peak time for fall colors in our area. Along the way, we will learn about how and why leaves change colors, and just enjoy the sights and sounds of an autumn morning. Terrain ranges from rocky to muddy, sturdy hiking boots and water boots recommended. Meet at the Hill Road Day Use Area.

Ages: 7 & up; free.

Saturday, October 21st from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

All Hallow's Eve Fall Festival

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

Fun for the whole family! Enjoy a tractor-pulled hayride through the meadow, kids can choose a pumpkin and paint it, make four fall themed crafts, try your hand at shucking corn, shred and press apples using an old-fashioned apple press, play bean bag toss, and jump in the hay!

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, October 22nd at 1:00 pm

Potpourri of Pods

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Capture some of the vibrant gold of autumn in this program. We'll take a walk to harvest some gently curled leaves, air-dried fall wild flowers, grasses, and other bounty to use in our arrangements. Bring pruning shears, garden gloves, a basket or bucket for collecting, and an opaque crock or vase to make your arrangement in. Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #5.

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

Wednesday, October 25th at 1:00 pm

Bats, Owls, and Black Cats

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Hear a seasonal story and make some spooky crafts. Do black cats, spiders, bats, and owls scare you? Take a close look at some of the animals that we associate with Halloween. There may be a trick or treat! Pre-registration is required. Meet in the Salt Wing of the dairy barn.

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

Saturday, October 28th from 10:00 to 10:45 am

Delaware River Watershed Workshop

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

Join us for a free, adult workshop at Mill Grove. Over 15 million people live along the Delaware River Watershed. Learn about the streams and tributaries in your own backyard and gain a better understanding of the watershed as a whole. Animals that call the watershed home will be highlighted, as habitat that is good for them, is good for us as well! Workshops begin in the education classroom of the historic house. No registration needed.

All ages; free.

Saturday, October 28th from 11:00 to 11:30 am

Storytime

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

Join us for Storytime at Mill Grove. Enjoy an engaging animal tale followed by a themed craft to take home. Storytimes begin in the library of the historic house. Reservations are required.

All ages; free with museum admission.

Saturday, October 28th at 4:30 pm

Leave it to Beavers

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us as we explore the world of these amazing aquatic mammals. After a brief (15 minute) indoor session, we will venture out in search of beavers and find evidence of their unique tree-cutting and home-building skills. Uneven and (sometimes) muddy terrain, sturdy footwear is strongly recommended. Meet at the Deep Creek Stone Pavilion. Pre-registration is required.

Ages: 5 & up; free.

Sunday, October 29th at 6:30 pm

Twilight Spooky Hike

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

It's a spooky time of the year, just perfect for an evening hike. Fading light makes seeing more challenging, so we'll need to rely on our other senses. We'll be walking quietly so we can hear the sounds of the night. Learn about our night time animals. Hear a couple of local haunting tales on the way. Pre-registration is required. Sign up early! Registration is limited to 25 people. Meet at parking lot #2.

Ages: adults only; free.

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Wednesday, November 1st at 10:00 am & 1:00 pm

CHILD'S PLAY SERIES:

Soldiers – Then & Now

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 with an adult; fee: \$5 per child.

Friday, November 3rd at 8:00 am

Fall Migration Bird Walk

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

The fall migration of birds is in full swing. 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.

Friday, November 3rd, tours begin 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. Tours offered at 7:30/7:50/8:10/8:30/8:50; pre-registration is required.

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

Saturday, November 4th at 12:00 pm

Holiday Crafts

Lower Perkiomen Valley Park • 610-666-5371

Enjoy the scenery and engage in some family-friendly craft making using natural, found objects. Children and adults can use evergreen clippings, twigs and pine cones to build a wreath. We will also make feeders from pinecones for our winter bird population and decorative ornaments to hang indoors or out.

Pre-registration is required by October 27th as seating is limited; participants should meet at the Main Pavilion.

Ages: 8 & up with an adult; suggested donation \$4 per person for materials.

Saturday, November 4th at 1:00 pm

LECTURE:

“Penn to Potts; A Convenient Tract of Land”

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

In 1751, Warwick Furnace iron master, John Potts, obtained two parcels of land containing almost 1,000 acres from Samuel McCall, Jr., a Philadelphia merchant. Discover the real estate details as historian Dan Graham tells about the acquisition and history of Pottsgrove Manor's land and surrounding properties.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, November 4th at 6:30 pm

Full Moon Hike

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Enjoy the privilege of being in the park past sunset. View the fall landscape by the light of a full moon on this evening hike. The hike will be between two and three miles. Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #3.

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

Sunday, November 5th at 4:00 pm

Wild about Whitetails

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Learn about the fascinating world of the white-tailed deer from Park Ranger Tim Wilson. 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 ages 6 & up; free.

Tuesday, November 7th at 1:00 pm

Squirrel Signs

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Take a 'first look' at this acrobatic mammal. Gray squirrels are very busy at this time of the year. What are they up to? Walk to look for squirrel homes and signs they leave behind. Hear a story and make a squirrel craft. Pre-registration is required. Meet at the pavilions.

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

Saturday, November 11th from 10:00 to 10:30 am

Bird Meet & Greet

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

Join us for a bird meet & greet at Mill Grove. Get an up-close

view of one of our non-releasable birds while learning about this awesome creature from one of our animal care team members. Bird meet & greets begin on the porch of the historic house. No registration needed.

All ages; free.

Sunday, November 12th at 4:00 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 14th from 5:00 to 10:00 pm

Stable 12 Guest Beertending

Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park • 610-917-8030

The board members of the Schuylkill Canal Association will be guest beertending at local brewery Stable 12, 368 Bridge Street, Phoenixville. Come out and enjoy some of Phoenixville's premium craft brews while supporting the Schuylkill Canal Association, who will receive a portion of sales from this event.

Ages: 21 & up.

Friday, November 17th at 10:00 am

Terrific Turkeys

Upper Schuylkill Valley Park • 610-948-5170

Come and meet the wild turkeys that call the Park home. Visitors will learn about the turkey's habitat, diet and special way that the male puts on a display. A craft to make and take home will be included. Pre-registration is required; deadline for registration is November 15th; weather permitting...all activities will be outdoors.

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

Saturday, November 18th at 10:00 am & 1:00 pm

Holiday Craft Workshops

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for one or both workshops! At 10:00 am we will use local cones, pods and nuts to create a "Holiday Centerpiece" to adorn your table. At 1:00 pm, we will use natural materials to create "Winsome Woodland Critters". Bring a hot glue gun, if possible. (We have them available to borrow if you don't have one!) Meet at the Deep Creek Stone Pavilion. Spaces are limited, pre-registration is required.

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

Sunday, November 19th 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 ages 14 & up; fee: \$5 per person.

Monday, November 20th at 1:00 pm

Turkey Tales

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 very special turkey craft. Take a short 'turkey trot' 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.

Tuesday, November 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 walks. Explore Lorimer Park; an official Audubon IBA (Important Bird Area) and look for late fall migrants passing through and returning winter residents. New birders and experienced birders are welcome. Leaders will be from the Wyncote Audubon Society. Bring binoculars if you have them. Please pre-register.

Ages: 12 & up; free.

**Tuesday, November 21st to Sunday, January 7th, 2018
during regular museum hours**

Holiday Tours at Historic Pennypacker Mills

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

From the hand-blown glass ornaments dangling from branches to the plainly wrapped treasures beneath, the Christmas tree exudes old fashioned holiday magic. See stockings hung from the mantle, evergreen boughs gracing every mantle, windowsill and staircase with woven ribbon and gilded pinecones throughout. Hear how the Pennypacker family celebrated this holiday in Victorian style. The Museum Shop is stocked with wonderful ornaments, glass icicles, gifts, clear toy candy, Wilbur Buds, and much more. Groups of ten or more should contact the site to arrange for a group reservation.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Starting Friday, November 24th through
Sunday, January 7th, 2018 during regular museum hours

Twelfth Night Tours

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

Enjoy a guided tour of Pottsgrove Manor, decorated with greens and holly for the Yuletide season. Learn about traditional English celebrations of Twelfth Night and how they differed from our modern Christmas celebrations.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Saturday, November 25th from 8:00 to 9:30 am

Birding Basics

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

Join us for an adult workshop at Mill Grove. Meet one of our non-releasable birds up close in this presentation on Bird Identification! We will be looking at beaks, feet, feathers, and wings to gain a better understanding of the world of birds. Common birds of Pennsylvania will be highlighted with a take home guide to help you ID after the presentation. After the indoor session, we will head outside to practice our birding skills! Binoculars will be provided. Workshops begin in the education classroom of the historic house. Reservations are required.

All ages; free.

Saturday, November 25th from 11:00 to 11:30 am

Storytime

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

Join us for Storytime at Mill Grove. Program is free with museum admission. Enjoy an engaging animal tale followed by a themed craft to take home. Storytimes begin in the library of the historic house. Reservation is required.

All ages; free.

Saturday November 25th at 1:00 pm

Waterfowl Watch

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for a closer look at ducks, geese, swans and more at one of eastern Pennsylvania's best birding hotspots—Green Lane Park. Southbound waterfowl will be at or near peak numbers at this time, so come take in the sights and sounds. Participants in past years have seen Greater White-fronted Geese, Northern Shovelers, Canvasbacks and much more. Meet at tennis court parking lot. We will travel by car to two other hotspots in the park. Pre-registration is required.

Ages: 9 & up; free.

Sunday, November 26th 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: 14 & up; fee: \$5 per person.

december

Saturday, December 2nd at 10:00 am & 1:00 pm

More Holiday Crafts

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Come out to the park to create unique holiday decorations using natural materials. At 10:00 am we will make "Kissing Balls" which can be used for many years to come. At 1:00 pm, join us for a "Holiday Wall-hanging" workshop. Participants are welcome to sign up for one or both workshops. Bring a hot glue gun, if possible. (we have many to loan out as well). Meet at the Deep Creek Stone Pavilion. Spaces are limited, pre-registration is required.

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

Saturday, December 2nd 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 8:30 pm)

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Sunday, December 3rd from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Holiday Open House

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

Join us for our annual celebration of John James Audubon's love of nature! Come visit Mill Grove decorated for the holidays, both inside and out! Enjoy light refreshments, activities, and crafts in our historic barn. There will also be owl presentations with our own Mill Grove owls, and the traditional cookies and cider. No registration needed.

All ages; free.

Sunday, December 3rd at 5:00 pm

Full Moon Hike

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Early winter is a special time of the year in the park. Visibility in the woods is better once the leaves have been shed. Join the park naturalist on an evening walk that will be illuminated by the full moon. The hike will be between two and three miles. Pre-registration is required. Meet in parking lot #5.

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

Tuesday, December 5th at 1:00 pm

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 story, play reindeer games, and make a reindeer craft. Pre-registration is required. Meet in the Salt Wing of the dairy barn.

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

Wednesday, December 6th at 10:00 am & 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 is required.

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

Saturday, December 9th from 10:00 to 10:30 am

Bird Meet & Greet

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

Join us for a free, bird meet & greet at Mill Grove. Get an up-close view of one of our non-releasable birds while learning about this awesome creature from one of our animal care team members. Bird meet & greets begin on the porch of the Historic House. No registration needed.

All ages; free.

Saturday, December 9th from 2:00 to 8:00 pm

Victorian Christmas Open House

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

The wonder of the Christmas holiday can be seen in the eyes of children who visit our Victorian Santa Claus, get inspired by the melodic music of the bell choir, and the warm, inviting experience they have as they enter the mansion for a Victorian wonderland of decorations, living history, and clear toy candy demonstrations. Many families make this event a multi-generational trip to see the beautiful decorations, visit Santa, and have an enchanted experience.

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

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

Holiday Luminaria

Lock 60 at Schuylkill Canal Park • 610-917-8030

Step back in time to a Dickens' holiday scene, as you enter the beautifully decorated Lockett'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. And for the little ones, Santa Claus will be

accepting visitors between 6:30 pm & 7:30 pm. 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 10th 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 and glue sticks. The program length is about two hours. Pre-registration is required. Meet at the park office.

Ages: adults & children age 10 & up; fee: \$5 per person.

Sunday, December 10th from 2:00 to 8:00 pm

Pottsgrove Manor by Candlelight

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

Tour the mansion by candlelight as costumed interpreters portray its colonial residents. From music and dancing in the parlor to hearth cooking in the kitchen, take in the sights and sounds of an 18th-century holiday season. Afterward, enjoy tasty refreshments while the kids make seasonal crafts to take home!

All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.

Tuesday, December 19th 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 the Lorimer Park; an official Audubon IBA (Important Bird Area) and look for our winter residents. New birders and experienced birders are welcome. Leaders will be from the Wyncote Audubon Society. Bring binoculars if you have them. Please pre-register.

Ages: 12 & up; free.

Tuesday, December 19th at 1:00 pm

Discover Winter

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Soon we will experience the shortest day of the year. Learn about the winter solstice. Animals will survive the cold season by adjusting their physiology and behavior. Find out about some of the changes they make. Hear a story and make a treat for the animals. We're going to decorate a tree at the park with tasty "ornaments". Pre-registration is required. Meet in the Salt Wing.

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

Saturday, December 23rd from 7:00 to 9:00 am

Christmas Bird Count

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

Join us for a free, adult workshop at Mill Grove. Participate in Audubon's annual citizen science project by helping to count birds! Beginners will be paired with more experienced birders. Binoculars are provided. Workshops begin in the education classroom of the Historic House. Reservations are required.

All ages; free.

Saturday, December 23rd from 11:00 to 11:30 am

Storytime

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

Join us for Storytime at Mill Grove. Program is free with museum admission. Enjoy an engaging animal tale followed by a themed craft to take home. Storytimes begin in the library of the historic house. Reservations are required.

All ages; free.