

## exhibits

Through Wednesday, January 31st  
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 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 on a piece. This exhibit will show a variety of samplers, pieces of redwork, along with embroidered table scarves and other items.

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

Saturday, February 24th to Saturday, November 11th  
during regular museum hours

### **“Good Night at the Manor”**

**Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014**

Life does not only happen from sun up to sun down. Uncover the nighttime happenings and routines of 18th century Pottsgrove Manor! Work, relaxation, and more made night time a lively time of day. Discover what the Potts family and their household staff would do as the light of day turns into dark.

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

Thursday, March 1st to Wednesday, October 31st  
during regular museum hours

### **“The Art of Josephine W. Pennypacker”**

**Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349**

The late 19th century saw popularity in works of art among women, especially watercolors. On display will be watercolors, charcoal drawings, oil paintings, and pencil drawings of Josephine Pennypacker.

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

## events

## january

Saturday, January 6th at 10:00 am or 2:00 pm

**WENTZ MINI-WORKSHOP:**

### **Chocolate**

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

Join us on the last day of the Christmas celebration season for a mini hands-on workshop at 10:00 am or 2:00 pm featuring chocolate with hearth cook Deborah Peterson. You will help make some 18th century recipes using chocolate and receive a booklet of yummy recipes to take home with you to make in your own kitchen. Pre-registration required before Wednesday, January 3rd.

*Ages: 12+; fee: \$5 per person.*

Sunday, January 7th 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 a real owl. Don't miss the chance to see one at close range. Pre-registration is required; meet in the salt wing of the barn.

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

Wednesday, January 10th at 1:00 pm

### **Little Hoots**

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

Whoo'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 an adult; fee: \$5 per child.*

Tuesday, January 16th from 8:00 to 10:30 am

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

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

Join us for our first scheduled walk for the winter. We can expect to see many of our winter, and year-round resident birds. We will walk south along the Pennypack Trail through Bethayres Swamp. This walk will start at the parking lot access to the Pennypack Trail located at Terwood and Welsh Roads. For more information contact: Leigh Altadonna at [laltadonna@audubon.org](mailto:laltadonna@audubon.org) or Jennifer Sherwood at [eac.abington@gmail.org](mailto:eac.abington@gmail.org). Please pre-register.

*Ages: 12 & up; free.*

Saturday, January 20th at 10:00 am

### Winter Wonders Hike

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for a leisurely hike on the Blue Trail to explore winter in the woods. Along the way, we will investigate animal signs, winter trees and more while enjoying the quiet of the woods in wintertime. Pre-registration is required; meet outside boat rental office on Hill Road (2821 Hill Road, Green Lane, PA 18054).

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

Saturday January 20th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

### Pocket-Making Workshop

Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014

Delve into the history and use of women's colonial pockets as participants hand-sew their own basic waist-string pocket. 18th century women's pockets were worn separately from petticoats and gowns, and held everything a colonial woman would need throughout her busy day. This class is perfect for beginner stitchers and costumers to start their 18th century wardrobe. Participants should bring a bag lunch; class size is limited; pre-registration and payment required by January 13th.

*Ages: 10 & up; materials fee: \$20 per person.*

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

### Open House

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

Stop by the Locktender's house to learn about the history of the Schuylkill Navigation and its industrial heritage related to the local and regional community. One of the Schuylkill Canal Association's volunteers will be available to provide information and answer any questions. Meet at Locktender's House; weather permitting.

*All ages; free, donations accepted.*

Tuesday, January 23rd at 1:00 pm

### Winter Animals

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Some animals have special adaptations for survival in the cold. Learn about our winter animals. 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 27th at 1:00 pm

### Winter Tree ID Made Easy

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

No leaves? No problem! Join us on a guided hike to learn to identify trees in wintertime. We will use bark, buds, twigs, and other clues to unravel the true identities of these "sleeping giants". Meet outside Stone Pavilion in Deep Creek Area of Green Lane Park (2144 Snyder Road, Green Lane, PA 18054).

*Ages: adults & children ages 9 & up, free.*

Wednesday, January 31st at 5:30 pm

### Winter 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 two miles. Pre-registration is required; meet in parking lot #5.

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

## february

Thursday, February 1st at 1:00 pm

### Groundhog Predictions

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Learn about the animal that rates a special day on our calendar. The combination of Pennsylvania folklore about the groundhog and weather prediction is very interesting. We'll hear a story, play an active groundhog game, and make a craft. Pre-registration is required; meet in the salt wing of the barn.

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

Saturday, February 3rd at 1:00 pm

### Living With White-tails

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us for an investigation into the lives of White-tailed Deer. After a brief indoor program, we will venture outside to look for evidence of deer in the park. Have a deer photo, antler or head you would like to share with others? Bring it along for a "white-tail show and tell" after the program. Pre-registration is required; meet at Deep Creek Stone Pavilion (2144 Snyder Road, Green Lane, PA 18054).

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

Sunday, February 4th 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 is required; meet in the salt wing of the historic dairy barn.

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

**Tuesday, February 6th at 8:00 am**

### **Morning Bird Walk with Kevin**

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

Beginning in February of 2018, there will be a monthly bird walk at Norristown Farm Park. All of the walks are on Tuesday mornings, except for those in May. Check the **Calendar of Events** for exact dates. Kevin Hakun has worked for Montgomery County Parks for many years and is an avid birder. He has led bird walks at Peace Valley Park and many other places. Come out and meet him, and join our monthly walks. See and hear more bird species than you will on your own. Bring binoculars if you have them. Pre-registration is required; meet in parking lot #3.

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

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

### **Valentines Workshop for Kids**

**Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349**

Join in the fun and make a fantastic Valentine hug card using your own handprints along with three other vintage inspired crafts to share. All materials and instructions provided; refreshments served. Registration deadline: February 6th; pre-registration & payment required; meet at the classroom building.

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

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

### **Winter Chores & Treats**

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

In many cultures the days just before the start of Lent meant a time for celebration and feasting and the Pennsylvania Germans were no different. They often celebrated Fastnacht Day by using some of the indulgent ingredients in the kitchen, such as butter, sugar, eggs, and potatoes to produce yummy Fastnachts, or fried potato doughnuts. Visit to watch hearth cook Deborah Peterson make these and other pre-Lenten treats in the Summer Kitchen; we'll even have some to share. But work on the farm never stops, so we'll also have demonstrations of typical winter activities—preserving meat for long-term storage using the smokehouse, splitting wood for fires, and farm tours.

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

**Wednesday, February 14th at 1:00 pm**

### **Nature Valentines**

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

Turn paper hearts into animals and make special valentines for your friends and family. We'll supply some things from nature that you can use to enhance your creations. Learn about love in the animal kingdom between parents and their young. Pre-registration is required; meet in the salt wing.

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

**Sunday, February 18th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm**

### **Open House**

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

Stop by the Locktender's house to learn about the history of the Schuylkill Navigation and its industrial heritage related to the local and regional community. One of the Schuylkill Canal Association's volunteers will be available to provide information and answer any questions. Meet at Locktender's House; weather permitting.

*All ages; free, donations accepted.*

**Tuesday, February 20th from 8:00 to 10:30 am**

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

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

Join us for our second scheduled walk for the winter. We can expect to see many of our winter, and year-round resident birds. We plan to walk sections of the Pennypack Trail and into the interior trails of Lorimer Park depending on trail conditions. All the Abington Audubon Bird Town Bird walks will start from the main parking lot at 183 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006. For more information contact: Leigh Altadonna at [laltadonna@audubon.org](mailto:laltadonna@audubon.org) or Jennifer Sherwood at [eac.abington@gmail.org](mailto:eac.abington@gmail.org). Please pre-register.

*Ages: 12 & up; free.*

**Saturday, February 24th at 10:00 am**

### **Cabin Fever Hike**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Join us for a brisk 2½ mile hike on the Orange Trail. Along the way, we'll stop to investigate nature happenings in late winter. Terrain ranges from rocky to muddy, wear appropriate footwear. Pre-registration is required; meet at "Lost Corner" parking lot, (Deep Creek Road at junction of Snyder Road).

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

**Saturday, February 24th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm**

### **"Good Night at the Manor" Exhibit Opening**

**Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014**

Pottsgrove Manor is diving into the "after hours" activities that our colonial ancestors did from continuing to do work, relaxing from the day, preparing for bed, and more. To open

this new exhibit, Pottsgrove Manor's curator will present a lecture "Working Days and Busy Nights" at 4:00 pm. Following the brief lecture, nighttime tours of the new exhibit will be offered where visitors can see the busy evening routines of the entire household. Find servants cleaning up after a hard day's work, the Potts family socializing and relaxing, and a few people preparing to go to sleep. The work is never done at Pottsgrove Manor, even into the candlelit night!

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

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

### **Sugar Maple Trees**

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

Take a close look at maple trees, especially sugar maple. 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 is required; meet at the pavilions.

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

## march

**Thursday, March 1st at 7:00 pm**

### **Full Moon Walk**

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

A park ranger will lead a walk that begins around sunset. Find out why March's moon is called the "Sap Moon". (It's also known as the "Worm Moon", "Crow Moon", or "Lenten Moon"). The walk will be about two miles. Wear your hiking shoes. Pre-registration is required; meet at parking lot #5.

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

**Friday, March 2nd and Saturday, March 3rd from 6:30 to 11:00 pm**

### **Banff Mountain Film Festival**

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

Hot on the heels of the largest, and one of the most prestigious, mountain festivals in the world, the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour has hit the road, with stops planned in more than 275 communities and 30 countries across the globe. On Friday, March 3rd and Saturday, March 4th the Philadelphia Rock Gym, in partnership with the Schuylkill Canal Association, will host the 22nd annual showing of the festival in the Philadelphia area. This presentation will be held at our best venue yet, Alumnae Hall on the Immaculata University campus in Malvern, PA. A portion of all the proceeds from this event will be donated to the Canal Association for the preservation and development of Schuylkill Canal Park and Lock 60.

*All ages; tickets are required and can be purchased one month*

*before the event at [www.schuylkillcanal.org](http://www.schuylkillcanal.org); Immaculata University location is 1145 West King Rd., Immaculata, PA 19345*

**Saturday, March 3rd at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm**

### **Maple Sugar Magic**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Bring the entire family and join us for Maple Sugaring at the park. We will demonstrate tree-tapping, boiling down sap at our evaporator, and share stories of "sugaring off" parties in the old days. Pure Pennsylvania maple candy, cream, and syrup will be available for purchase. Note: demonstrations will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Meet at Hill Road Day Use Area, (2821 Hill Road, Green Lane PA 18054).

*All ages; free.*

**Saturday, March 3rd at 1:00 pm**

**TALK:**

### **"The Ghosts of Immigrants Past at Pier 53"**

**Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349**

Hear Susan McAninley of the Friends of Washington Avenue Green as she brings to life the story of immigration in Philadelphia. The Pier 53 Project encompasses the 50 years from 1876 to 1926—from the purchase of the Navy Yard by the Pennsylvania Railroad to the dwindling of immigration due to the gradually restrictive laws by the Federal Government. Over one million European immigrants arrived in Philadelphia at Pier 53. At the height of the immigration movement, the port was the third largest in the nation. Discover the wide variety of immigrants who arrived and settled in Philadelphia and beyond. Meet at the Classroom building.

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

**Sunday, March 4th 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 is required; meet at the park office.

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

**Tuesday, March 6th at 1:00 pm**

### **Eastern Cottontail Rabbit**

**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 is required; meet in the salt wing of the barn.

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

**Wednesday, March 7th at 10:00 am or 1:00 pm**

### **Child's Play Series - Weaving**

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

Preschoolers will see tools used a long time ago for making yarn and fabric. The children will then work on their own paper weaving project to take home. Pre-registration is required.

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

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

### **18th Century Cooking Workshop**

**Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014**

Think you could cook without a modern kitchen? We know you can! Food historian, Niel de Marino, will guide and teach all participants on how to prepare, cook, and serve authentic 18th century dishes. Learn to cook in the same manner as the Pott's family cooks in our reproduction kitchen hearth. Participants will then have the opportunity to enjoy the many tasty dishes created in the class. Join us for this special workshop, and learn how to impress your friends and family with a dash of 18th century flavor. Class size is limited; pre-registration and payment required by March 2nd.

*Ages: 14+; fee: \$40 per person, includes food.*

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

### **Tape Weaving Workshop**

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

"The Tape Lady" Eleanor Bittle will explain the history and use of woven tape then provide instruction on pattern design, warping, and weaving. Pre-registration required before March 2nd.

*Ages: 12+; fee: \$40 per person.*

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

### **Waterfowl Watch**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

The spring migration of ducks, geese and swans should be well underway. Bring binoculars and join us in a search for migrant waterfowl and other birds. We will visit 3 of the park's birding hotspots. Meet at Tennis Court parking lot (2298 Green Lane Road, Green Lane, PA 18054). Pre-registration is required.

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

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

### **Celtic Harp Music**

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

Musician Renee Arner will play some special music on the Celtic harp in honor of St. Patty's Day, which is coming soon.

Learn about the history of the Celtic harp and what makes a tune Celtic. For some of the songs children will be invited to dance and at the end of the concert they can try the harp. Pre-registration is required; meet in the Salt Wing.

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

**Tuesday, March 13th at 8:00 am**

### **Morning Bird Walk with Kevin**

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

The northern migration of waterfowl begins in March. The park's wetland areas, creeks, and the pond will be the focus on this morning bird walk. Some uphill walking is required. Bring binoculars if you have them. Pre-registration is required; meet in parking lot #3.

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

**Sunday, March 18th at 1:00 pm Hike;**

**around 2:00 pm Treasure Hunt**

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

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

Join the Schuylkill Canal Association as we celebrate the beginning of spring with one of our annual favorites! 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, gold coins will be scattered throughout the field for children to gather and turn in for prizes at the Locktender's house. Local musicians will provide Irish and folk music for the event; weather permitting; pre-registration for the treasure hunt is required.

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

**Tuesday, March 20th from 8:00 to 10:30 am**

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

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

Join us for this late winter bird walk. We can expect to see many of our winter residents before they depart for the breeding grounds. We will also expect to see some of the earliest arriving spring migrants. While walking the Pennypack Trail we will make a pointed effort to see if Rusty Blackbirds are foraging in the Bethayres Swamp. This walk will start at the parking lot access to the Pennypack Trail located at Terwood and Welsh Roads. For more information contact: Leigh Altadonna at [laltadonna@audubon.org](mailto:laltadonna@audubon.org) or Jennifer Sherwood at [eac.abington@gmail.org](mailto:eac.abington@gmail.org). Please pre-register.

*Ages: 12 & up; free.*

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

### **First Day of Spring!**

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

According to the calendar 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.*

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

### **Spring Scavenger Hunt**

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

Come and help us welcome spring! Visitors will travel the pathways of the Park while learning fun and interesting facts about springtime from our resident creatures along the way. Weather permitting...most activities will be outdoors; visitors can enjoy the hunt at their own pace.

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

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

### **Easter Workshop for Kids**

**Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349**

Join the fun as we color Easter eggs, make bunnies with felt ears and an egg body, and two more vintage inspired crafts. Refreshments served; registration deadline March 20th; pre-registration & payment required; meet at the Classroom building.

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

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

### **Color Your Eggs – Naturally**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Looking for a change from food-coloring tablets from the grocery store? Join us for a creative adventure as we color eggs using natural materials. Bring up to a dozen hard-boiled eggs and experiment with colors from nature's palette. Spaces limited, pre-registration is required; meet at Deep Creek Stone Pavilion (2144 Snyder Road, Green Lane PA 18054).

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

**Sunday, March 25th at 2:00 pm (ages 3-5 years)  
and 2:15 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 by March 22nd is required; meet at the pavilions.

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

## april

**Wednesday, April 4th at 10:00 am or 1:00 pm**

**CHILD'S PLAY SERIES:**

### **Meet the Sheep**

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

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 is required.

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

**Saturday, April 7th at 1:00 pm**

### **Journey through the Past – The Upper Perk Valley before the Reservoir**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Join special guest historian Tom Henry, for a fascinating look at the landscapes and farmsteads of the Upper Perkiomen Valley before the construction of the reservoir. Tom will share his extensive knowledge of our region's history in a PowerPoint presentation and question and answer session. Program will meet at Stone Pavilion (2144 Snyder Road, Green Lane, PA 18054). Spaces are limited, pre-registration is required.

*Ages: adults only; free.*

**Thursday, April 12th at 1:00 pm**

### **Spring Seasonal/Sensory Lesson**

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

Take a *first look* at the five senses. How do animals use their keen senses of smell, hearing, and sight? We'll practice using our senses to explore the natural world around us. Pre-registration is required; meet at the pavilions.

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

**Saturday, April 14th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

### **Happy Birthday Miss Margeaux!**

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

Come and wish Margeaux, our beautiful bobcat, a very happy 6th birthday. Visitors will learn all about bobcats as they celebrate the Park's resident birthday diva. Put on your favorite cat appropriate gear and join in the fun. Hands-on activities and birthday treats will be included as we all have a purr-fectly wonderful time! Deadline for registration is April 12th; weather permitting... all activities will be outdoors. Pre-registration is required.

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

**Saturday, April 14th 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 is preferred; participants should meet at the Main Pavilion; rain or shine!  
*All ages; suggested donation \$2 per person.*

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

### **Taking Root at Pottsgrove**

**Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014**

Dig into the past as we celebrate the arrival of spring and the opening of our new 18th century kitchen garden! Learn about the many uses of herbs and plants during the colonial time period. Thankful Sage Farm School will be partnering with Pottsgrove Manor to share in wonders of plants for practice and pleasure. In addition to the many gardening inspired activities, join us for a special lecture at 1:00 pm by Clarissa Dillion, our garden consultant. Visitors will have a chance to take home seeds and make crafts to keep their own garden growing all year!

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

**Saturday, April 14th at 12:00 pm**

### **Punch Needle Craft Workshop**

**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. If you have participated in our punch needle workshops before or are a beginner, our instructor Betsy Smyth will work easily with both. Refreshments served. Pre-registration & payment required; deadline: Tuesday, March 13th; meet at the Classroom building.

*Ages: Adults only. Fee if you own the punch needle:*

*\$30 per person; fee if you need to purchase the punch needle equipment: \$50 per person.*

**Saturday, April 14th at 1:00 pm**

### **Spring Beauties – The Wildflowers**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Join us for a closer look at the spring wildflowers of the forest floor. We will examine the flowers and the folklore behind some of their names. Great photo opportunities can be had on this walk! Pre-registration is required; meet outside Park Office (2144 Snyder Road, Green Lane, PA 18054).

*Ages: 9 to adult, free.*

**Sunday, April 15th 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 15th 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 is required; meet in the classroom.

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

**Tuesday, April 17th from 8:00 to 10:30 am**

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

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

Join us for our first scheduled walk for the spring. We may see some lingering winter, and many of the summer residents returning to Lorimer from their wintering areas. We also expect to see some of our spring migrants stopping over on their northward journey. This walk will start from the main parking lot at 183 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006. For more information contact: Leigh Altadonna at [laltadonna@audubon.org](mailto:laltadonna@audubon.org) or Jennifer Sherwood at [eac.abington@gmail.com](mailto:eac.abington@gmail.com). Please pre-register.

*Ages: 12 & up; free.*

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

### **Morning Bird Walk with Kevin**

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

Now that spring is here, birds are much more vocal. Also, our resident species are pairing off and making nests. Songbirds are migrating to northern breeding grounds. See and hear some of the brightly colored birds of spring. Bring binoculars if you have them; meet in parking lot #3.

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

**Saturday, April 21st clean-up from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm**

### **Schuylkill River Trail Spreekend! and Spring Clean-up**

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

Join the Schuylkill Canal Association and The Sly Fox Brewery

to celebrate the Schuylkill River Trail! The Spreekend will feature a trail event, kayaking, cycling, and live music, food, and refreshments at St. Michael's Park in Mont Clare. The Sly Fox Brewing Company sponsors the spree and more information can be found at: <http://slyfoxbeer.com/srt-spree>; rain or shine.

*All ages; free, participation in some activities requires a fee.*

**Saturday, April 21st 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; free, suggested donation \$2 per person.*

**Saturday, April 21st 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 Week by removing invasive plants along our trails. We will target Japanese Barberry and other problem plants in the landscape. Wear heavy work gloves, and bring lopping or pruning shears and hard rakes from home to help us win the battle. Program will meet at parking lot on Deep Creek Road near the junction with Snyder Road. Pre-registration is required.

*Ages: 9 & up; free.*

**Sunday, April 22nd at 1:00 pm**

### **Earth Day Project**

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

Join us in an animal habitat restoration project. Ranger Mike Seasholtz and volunteers will lead an effort to remove invasive plants from a section of our park. Some native species will be planted. 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.*

**Monday, April 23rd at 1:00 pm**

### **Earth Day Project for Kids**

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

This is the time of the year for Earth Day projects, and why should kids be left out? It is never too early to start learning about ways to help our earth. Wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Join the park naturalist in an effort to make our park more beautiful. All work and no play isn't fun so we'll make an earth day craft when we are done. Pre-registration

is required; meet in parking lot #3 (near the pavilions).

*Ages: 3 & up with an adult; free.*

**Saturday, April 28th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**

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

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

The 2018 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. Sponsored by The Huntingdon Valley/Churchville Rotary Club and Southeastern Montgomery County Trout Unlimited.

*Ages: recommended for ages 7-14 (with adult present); donations accepted.*

**Sunday, April 29th at 7:15 pm**

### **Full Moon Hike**

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

Find out why April's full moon is sometimes called the pink moon or the fish moon. The full moon name is applied to the entire month and is often tied in to what is happening in nature. This will be a meandering walk to enjoy the sounds and smells of spring. Pre-registration is required; meet in parking lot #2.

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

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**Every Thursday in May from 5:30 to 7:00 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 x109**

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

*All ages; \$15 per person.*

**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**

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.*

**Wednesday, May 2nd at 8:00 am**

### **Morning Bird Walk with Kevin**

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

Warblers and other songbirds that have spent the winter in southern climates are arriving daily. The only time of the year you can see and hear many of the warbler species is during migration. Join us as we search for these tiny gems. Bring binoculars if you have them. Pre-registration is required; meet in parking lot #3.

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

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

**CHILD'S PLAY SERIES:**

### **Meet the Chickens**

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

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 4th at 8:00 am**

### **Spring Bird Migration Stroll**

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

Enjoy a guided walk along the nature trail at the historic Wentz Farmstead to search for native bird life, including songbirds starting their spring migration. Bring binoculars if you have them; meet in the main parking lot.

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

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

### **Annual Colonial Mayfair**

**Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014**

Brush away cold-weather blues and celebrate the arrival of spring the 18th century way! Our Annual Colonial Mayfair features living history demonstrations where visitors of all ages can learn exciting historic trades and a marketplace where visitors can explore and purchase great colonial inspired items, but that's not all! Start your day off by joining in the dance around the festive Maypole to kick off the celebration. Laugh until your sides hurt with an 18th century puppet theater, and be sure not to miss the amazing acts of wonder by the colonial magician. Visitors, 21 and over, can sample historically inspired adult beverages in our new Tasting Tent featuring local libations! (For folks of all ages, non-alcoholic drinks will also be available for the tasting.) Snacks and lunch will be available for purchase by local food vendors so you can spend the whole day with all your needs met. Free visitor parking is located at Pottstown

Memorial Park, 75 West King Street, across from the Pottstown Carousel. Join us for this exciting celebration of spring!

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

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

**(Rain date Sunday, May 6th)**

### **16th Annual WMGK DeBella Dog Walk**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Classic Rock 102.9 MGK presents the John DeBella Dog Walk, the largest canine carnival in the area. You & your four legged friend get to spend some quality time together in this picturesque park & enjoy doggie demos, interactive games & get expert advice from vets & trainers. You can also support and learn from the 25+ shelters & rescue groups on-site. Event will be held at Park Amphitheater (2298 Green Lane Road, Green Lane PA 18054).

*All ages; free.*

**Sunday, May 6th from 8:00 to 10:30 am**

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

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

Join us for our second scheduled bird walk for the spring. We hope to see many of our returning summer, as well our year-round resident birds. We also expect to see many of our transient spring migrants stopping over on their northward journey. This walk will start from the main parking lot at 183 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006. For more information contact: Leigh Altadonna at [laltadonna@audubon.org](mailto:laltadonna@audubon.org) or Jennifer Sherwood at [eac.abington@gmail.org](mailto:eac.abington@gmail.org). Please pre-register.

*Ages: 12 & up; free.*

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

### **Campfire Cooking**

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

Camping season is soon approaching. Cooking on a campfire is one of the most enjoyable parts. Join Park Ranger Dave in a demonstration of Dutch-oven cooking. Taste the results! Pre-registration is required; meet at the park office.

*Ages: adults & children 10 & up; fee: \$2 per person.*

**Monday, May 7th at 1:00 pm**

### **Reptiles and Amphibians**

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

Snakes and turtles are reptiles; frogs and salamanders are amphibians. Learn the differences and similarities between them. Hear a story, play games, and make a craft. Pre-registration is required; meet at the pavilions.

*Ages: 3 & up with an adult; free.*

Wednesday, May 9th at 8:00 am

### **Morning Bird Walk with Kevin**

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

The second week of May is usually the peak of warbler migration. Don't miss this time to see and hear many warblers and other songbird species such as vireos, thrushes, and flycatchers. Bring binoculars if you have them. Pre-registration is required; meet in parking lot #3.

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

Saturday, May 12th at 8:00 am

### **Earlybird Walk**

Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528

Join us in a search for the sights and sounds of a spring morning in the park. Warblers, flycatchers and many other migrants are back from wintering in the tropics, and we hope to view many of them on a mile-long walk. Pre-registration is required; bring binoculars and meet at Tennis Court parking lot (2298 Green Lane Road, Green Lane, PA 18054).

*Ages: 9 to adult; free.*

Saturday, May 12th from 10 am to 4:00 pm

### **Native Plant Sale with the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy**

Peter Wentz Farmstead • 610-584-5104

The Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC) is hosting a Native Plant Sale at the Peter Wentz Farmstead again! Natives use less water, require less work, and provide year-round interest AND benefit to wildlife. The Sale will feature expert advice from PWC staff, free native gardening information, and a great variety of native vines, ferns, shrubs, trees, flowers, and grasses for sale. Park in the main lot for the Farmstead, then follow the signs to the sale location.

*All ages; free.*

Sunday, May 12th at 1:00 pm

**GALLERY TALK:**

### **"The Art of Josephine W. Pennypacker"**

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

Join us for a special talk on the exhibit featuring the artwork of Josephine W. Pennypacker. The late 19th century saw popularity in works of art among women, especially watercolors. On display will be watercolors, charcoal drawings, oil paintings, and pencil drawings done by Josephine Pennypacker.

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

Sunday, May 13th at 10:00 am

### **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 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 is required.

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

Wednesday, May 16th from 8:00 to 9:30 pm

### **Night Hike**

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

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

*All ages; \$5 per person.*

Friday, May 18th at 10:00 am

### **Meet Quillie the Porcupine and Sonic the Hedgehog**

Upper Schuylkill Valley Park • 610-948-5170

Come and meet the Park's resident porcupine and hedgehog, *Quillie* and *Sonic*. Visitors will learn how these creatures look similar, but are actually quite different. This event will include a craft to make and take home. Deadline for registration is May 16th; weather permitting... all activities will be outdoors. Pre-registration is required.

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

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

### **Wildflower Walk**

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

Join Dave Williams of 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 is required; meet at Lockettender's House; weather permitting.

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

Sunday, May 20th at 2:00 pm

### **Wild Edible and Medicinal Plants**

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Learn how plants have been used from Native American through Colonial times to the present for both food and medicine. Pre-registration required; meet in parking lot #2.

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

Monday, May 21st at 1:00 pm

## **Birds, Birds, Birds**

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Take a *first look* at birds. Learn more about our colorful feathered friends. Hear a story, make a bird craft, and walk to listen and look for birds in the park. Pre-registration is required; meet at the pavilions.

Ages: 3 & up with an adult; free.

Tuesday, May 22nd from 8:00 to 10:30 am

## **Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks**

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Join us for our third scheduled bird walk for the spring. We hope to see many of our returning summer, as well our year-round resident birds. We also expect to see many of our transient spring migrants, especially warblers and vireos, stopping over on their northward journey. This walk will start from the main parking lot at 183 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006. For more information contact: Leigh Altadonna at [laltadonna@audubon.org](mailto:laltadonna@audubon.org) or Jennifer Sherwood at [eac.abington@gmail.org](mailto:eac.abington@gmail.org). Please pre-register.

Ages: 12 & up; free.

Sunday, May 27th at 8:00 am

## **Birding by Ear**

Norristown Farm Park • 610-270-0215

Bird migration continues with some of the last arrivals. Learn to bird by ear. 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.

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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

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.

Every Thursday in June from 5:30 to 7:00 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 x109

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

All ages; \$15 per person.

Sunday, June 2nd from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm

## **Climate Watch**

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

Climate change is the biggest threat to birds around the world! Learn how you can help by counting climate-threatened species. To participate in the June 2nd count, you must attend one of our training sessions. Training for Climate Watch is May 26th at 10 am or May 29th at 6 pm. Pre-registration required by May 25th.

Adults; free.

Saturday, June 2nd from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm &

Sunday, June 3rd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

## **Civil War Event**

Pennypacker Mills • 610-287-9349

In 1863, twenty-year-old Samuel Pennypacker boarded a train for Harrisburg to support the urgent request of Governor Curtin for men to volunteer in an emergency militia. Thus began a six week life-changing experience for young Pennypacker that would color his view about honoring military units years later when he became Governor of Pennsylvania. Come to the Mills and relive those challenging days when so many men fought for our country. Watch a daily battle scenario, see an artillery demonstration, visit the Civilian Street and see living history demonstrations, kids can enlist in the Be a Soldier Kid Enlistment program and learn to march & drill, and take an exciting tour of the Pennypacker mansion and discover how both men and women helped in the war effort. Food vendor available on-site. More information at: [www.ppmcivilwar.org](http://www.ppmcivilwar.org).

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

Sunday, June 3rd from 8:00 to 10:30 am

## **Audubon Bird Town Bird Walks**

Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477

Join us for this late spring scheduled bird walk. We will see many of our summer and year-round residents that are well into their breeding cycle. We will make a special effort to locate Wood Thrush, Scarlet Tanagers, and other breeding forest birds.

This walk will start from the main parking lot at 183 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006. For more information contact: Leigh Altadonna at [laltadonna@audubon.org](mailto:laltadonna@audubon.org) or Jennifer Sherwood at [eac.abington@gmail.org](mailto:eac.abington@gmail.org). Please pre-register.

*Ages: 12 & up; free.*

**Sunday, June 3rd at 2:00 pm**

### **Creek Critters**

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

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.*

**Tuesday, 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 is required; meet at the pavilions.

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

**Wednesday, June 6th from 3:00 to 8:30 pm;**

**Dinner and Program from 6:00 to 8:30 pm**

### **Schuylkill River Sojourn**

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

The Schuylkill River Sojourn, orchestrated by the Schuylkill River Heritage Association, is a week-long paddle of the Schuylkill River starting in Schuylkill Haven and ending in Philadelphia. The Sojourn arrives at Lock 60 on Wednesday, June 7th. The participants will lock through Lock 60, set up camp in the picnic grove and enjoy an evening in Mont Clare and depart on Thursday, June 8th. We invite you to come out, welcome the sojourners to Mont Clare and take part in the dinner and program on June 7th. Pre-registration and payment is recommended; evening event is at St. Michael's Park, Otterbein United Methodist Church pavilion with food provided by St. Michael of the Archangel Catholic Church; rain or shine.

*All ages; \$10 per person all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner, salad, beverages & dessert.*

**Saturday, June 9th at 11:00 am**

### **Snakes Alive!**

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

Slither down to the Park to learn about snakes and their natural habitat. Live animal presentation and snake themed activities to follow the presentation. Weather permitting...all activities will be outdoors.

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

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

### **Creek Critters**

**Green Lane Park • 215-234-4528**

Come out and explore life in Perkiomen Creek as we have a "knee-deep" learning experience. We will use nets, pans, and magnifying containers to learn about aquatic insects and their adaptations for life in moving water. Wear old sneakers or water shoes, we will be getting wet. Meet at fly-fishing area on Church Road (1.2 miles east of Kutztown Road). Spaces are limited, pre-registration is required.

*All ages; free.*

**Sunday, June 10th at 2:00 pm**

### **Terrific Trees**

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

Join a park ranger on a tour of the park. Ranger Mike will be showcasing his favorite trees. 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. Participants will be following Mike in their cars to various parts of the park. Pre-registration is required; meet at the park office.

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

**Tuesday, June 12th at 8:00 am**

### **Morning Bird Walk with Kevin**

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

Enjoy the sights and sounds of late spring on this morning bird walk with Kevin. Birds are very active at this time of the year, especially in the morning. Bring binoculars if you have them. Pre-registration is required; meet in parking lot #3.

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

**Saturday, June 16th 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 (2115 Snyder Road, Green Lane PA 18054).

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

**Saturday, June 16th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**

### **Gentleman's Day**

**Pottsgrove Manor • 610-326-4014**

Celebrate the history of fatherhood in Colonial America! Compare your modern skills with the skills needed by gentlemen in the 18th century. Join us for hearth cooking, hands-on activities highlighting different trades, and colonial games. Bring the entire family and let our living history interpreters teach the men in your life to become a true colonial gentleman.

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

**Sunday, June 17th 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. There will be lots of prizes for the dads. Pre-registration required; meet in parking lot #2.

*All ages; free.*

**Tuesday, June 19th from 8:00 to 10:30 am**

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

**Lorimer Park • 215-947-3477**

Join us for our final scheduled bird walk for the spring season. We will see many of our summer and year round residents that are well into their breeding cycle. We will make a special effort to locate Baltimore Orioles, Wood Thrush, Scarlet Tanagers, and other breeding birds. We will walk south along the Pennypack Trail through Bethayres Swamp. This walk will start at the parking lot access to the Pennypack Trail located at Terwood and Welsh Roads. For more information contact: Leigh Altadonna at [laltadonna@audubon.org](mailto:laltadonna@audubon.org) or Jennifer Sherwood at [eac.abington@gmail.org](mailto:eac.abington@gmail.org). Please pre-register.

*Ages: 12 & up; free.*

**Wednesday, June 20th from 8:00 to 9:30 pm**

### **Night Hike**

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

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

*All ages; \$5 per person.*

**Wednesday, 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 is required; meet by the kiosk in parking lot #3.

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

**Friday, June 22nd at 8:30 pm**

### **Lightning in a Jar**

**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. Meet at Tennis Court parking lot (2298 Green Lane Road, Green Lane, PA 18054).

*All ages; free.*

**Saturday, June 23rd at 6:00 pm**

### **Frog Frolic**

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

This popular activity is back! Come and learn about frogs and be prepared to stomp in the water searching for local amphibians. A live animal presentation will be followed by a short hike to our pond in search of those amazing amphibians. Wear old footwear that you don't mind getting wet and muddy; bring a flashlight and bug spray. Weather permitting...all activities will be outdoors.

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

Sunday, June 24th from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

### **36th Annual Canal Day**

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

The Schuylkill Canal Association invites the community to its 36th annual Canal Day at Lock 60 and St. Michael's Park in Mont Clare, PA (right across the river from Phoenixville). This day full of family-oriented fun along the Schuylkill Canal Park includes food, music, kids' games & crafts, competitive activities such as a run, the Canoe/Kayak 5-Mile Water Trail Race, and the international and world renowned *Canal Joust*; rain or shine. Please be advised, Towpath Road will be closed to vehicular traffic, a handicap-accessible shuttle bus will bring people back and forth, free-of-charge, from the parking area all day.

*All ages; \$5/car donation upon entering the access road from St. Michael's Park to Lock 60.*

Monday to Friday, June 25th to 29th from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

### **Colonial Camp 2018**

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

Students entering 4th through 6th grade in fall 2018 will experience childhood activities and crafts of the colonial period. Pre-registration is required.

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

Saturday, June 30th 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 is required; meet in parking lot #3.

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

July 23rd to July 27th at Norristown Farm Park,  
and July 30th to August 3rd at Lorimer Park

### **Junior Naturalist Camp**

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. NO registrations will be accepted without full payment and completed registration form. Spaces are limited; register early! For more information, phone 610-270-0215 or email [rking2@montcopa.org](mailto:rking2@montcopa.org).

*For children ages 9 through 12 who have completed third grade through sixth grade; fee: \$50 per child for the week.*