

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO CENTER FOUNDER



Henry H. H. Meigs, one of the Center's four founders, passed away on February 21, 2005 at the age of 80. At the "Grand Opening" kickoff event for the Center's 40th anniversary, SCEE

Board Chair Harry Weiss offered a moving tribute to the man who has been our leader and compass for these 40 years. The following is excerpted from his speech:

Not one to seek the limelight, Henry, in his own quiet and confident way, did more for the Center than most people will ever know; above and beyond his family's gift of the old Meigs farm. There he always was, acting strongly and quietly to make a difference and to make the Center what it is today.

The last couple of years, several of us acted as Henry's unofficial car service to and from the Center. It was delightful duty. From experience, when you drove with Henry, you always went somewhere....even if you got nowhere.

Such was the case the last time I drove him to a meeting as we unwittingly took a tour of the hurricane and flood-ravaged roads on the way to a meeting that had been canceled. It was a three-hour drive to nowhere, with Henry navigating, all the while in his own unassuming way preparing me for the road ahead. Henry turned what should

have been a white knuckle odyssey into one of the most pleasant three hours I have ever spent. Wherever Henry is, I want him to know that he need not worry about his legacy.

When you think of Henry's qualities, one thinks of his loyalty, commitment, dedication, wisdom, and most important for a job like this, his dry wit and sense of humor. Interestingly, these are the qualities that also apply to all of our former Board Chairs, my predecessors who we pause to honor tonight. The other indisputable element of his legacy is the quality of leadership that has always existed at the Center, because it so obviously is reflective of his qualities as a man and as a leader.

How else will we remember Henry? Here's how. We will pledge to do business the same way we always have. That means that before we make major decisions, we will ask, as we have always done: What would Henry think about this? He has blessed us with a method of thinking about the future of the Center that remains forward looking, exciting and adventurous without forgetting the lessons we have learned these past 40 years.

So Henry, wherever you are, here's to you. Thank you for all you have done, and will continue to do well into the future, for the Center and for me and my successors. We will miss you!

Together, the Center and the Meigs family have established a memorial fund in Henry's honor. Contributions may be sent to The Schuylkill Center at 8480 Hagy's Mill Road, Philadelphia, PA 19128.

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at a
glance

Spring Bird Seed Sale

April 2nd & 3rd
During regular business hours.

Hours of Operation:
Mon-Sat 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Sun 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Bookstore Hours:
Mon-Sat 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Sun 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm



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SPRINGING INTO ACTION

By Fran Lawn

As winter winds down, the Restoration Department is busy preparing for the spring and summer seasons. In January the Center received funding from The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary's "Sense of Place" Habitat Enhancement Program. This spring the money will help restore a section of the Center's forest with the help of Green Woods Charter School students. The students will be instrumental in managing this area with guidance from the Restoration Department.

We also received a \$3,000 grant from the Dolfinger-McMahon Foundation for the American Chestnut Grove planting project. This grant will help fund the continued planting of American Chestnuts, along with other valuable trees and shrubs to support habitat diversity.

Continued restoration efforts are underway in the Kentucky Warbler Habitat Enhancement Area. Additional trees, shrubs and grasses are being planted before May – the time when the Kentucky Warbler returns to southeastern Pennsylvania – in order to provide forage and shelter for this extraordinary neo-tropical bird.

Last, but certainly not least, The Schuylkill Center announces its first annual Native Plant Sale, which will be held on Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st. In partnership with Redbud Native Plant Nursery, we feel it's important for the residents of the Philadelphia area to have an opportunity to buy native Pennsylvania plants. A variety of perennials, shrubs and trees will be available for



The native Bloodroot plant blooms regularly at SCEE during springtime

purchase. Also during this time we will be offering tours of Penn's Native Acres, our restoration showcase! Don't miss this chance to see the forest come alive with spring ephemerals, and blooming shrubs and trees. Please visit our website at <http://www.schuylkillcenter.org/Restoration/restoration.htm> for more information and to pre-order your plants.

You're Invited...

**The Schuylkill Center's
6th Annual Metamorphosis Gala
"Under the Big Top"**

Saturday, May 21, 2005
6:30 p.m.

Please join us for an evening "Under the Big Top" at the Center, including dinner and a silent auction. Entertainment will be provided by magician Francis Menotti.

Individual tickets range from \$150-\$300.

Sponsorships are available.

Please call Maura Lee (215) 482-7300, ext. 117 or email mlee@schuylkillcenter.org to make your reservation!



ON SALE NOW:

Tickets to SCEE's
"Night at the Phillies"

Who: Phillies vs. Braves
When: April 15, 2005, 7:05 pm
Where: Citizens Bank Park
Sections 331, 332 & 333
Price: \$20 each

For every ticket purchased, SCEE receives 20% back. If we sell 500 tickets we will be featured on Phanavision and receive an appearance by the Phanatic!

FOR TICKETS CALL 215-482-7300, EXT. 117.



art program *update*

NATURAL ARTIFICE,

A MACRO EXPLORATION OF OUR MICRO WORLD

By Mary Salvante



LEFT, 2005, 4 x 2 x 1ft.,
paper, wire, thread,
paint, shellac

The Schuylkill Center presents new work by Lisa Murch in her first one person art show, *Natural Artifice*, April 3 through June 30, 2005. The artist's reception is free and open to the public, June 3rd, 3 – 5 pm. The work in *Natural Artifice* combine the natural and the scientific in an imaginary world created with simple materials such as: fabric, wire, egg cartons, feathers and seed pods. The work explores the complex relationships between organisms and their environments through larger than life interpretations of the micro insect world, transforming the mundane into the extraordinary.

As you enter the gallery you will be surrounded by a larger than life artist fabricated ant

farm showcasing many different sized tunnels with small creatures posed in various tasks. A large insect hive structure will confront you on the opposing wall growing up and over the ceiling as if to encase it completely.

Continuing through the space you will encounter a wall covered with a conglomeration of hundreds of velvety mites and larger than life leaves with intricate trails chewed through their surfaces by unseen creatures.

Lisa's work is greatly influenced by her undergraduate entomology, biology and zoology studies. She received her MFA degree from Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art and her BFA from Denison University, Granville, OH. She also studied at The Marchutz School of Painting and Drawing, Aix-en-Provence, FRANCE. She has most recently exhibited her work at Artists Space in New York City; Fleisher Art Memorial, Philadelphia, PA; Esther Klein Gallery, Philadelphia, PA; Nexus Foundation for Today's Art, Philadelphia, PA; Arcadia University Art Gallery, Glenside, PA; DaVinci Art Alliance, Philadelphia, PA, and at the Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts, Wilmington, DE.

Lisa was one of four artists featured in, "Unearthed" a 2003 juried exhibition in collaboration with Philadelphia Sculptors. Selected as "Best in Show" by juror Warren Angle, Lisa was awarded this one person show. In support of this exhibition she received a Window of Opportunity Grant from the Leeway Foundation. Be sure to attend Lisa's exhibit and become immersed in *Natural Artifice*.

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October 1 – December 31, 2004

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calendar of events

April 2005

Sat | 2nd **Composting Workshop**
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, sign in at 1:30 pm
See “Notes” section for program and registration details.

Sat | 2nd
Sun | 3rd **Spring Bird Seed Sale**
The Center is selling a variety of bird seed. Order early and save money. Sale held during regular business hours. The trailer will close at 4:30 pm both days.

Sun | 3rd **Artist’s Reception: Lisa Murch**
3:00 pm **FREE**
Please join artist Lisa Murch at a reception for her gallery exhibit *Natural Artifact*.

Sat | 9th **Wildlife Conservation – Belt Loop**
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
\$5 per scout, scout leader is free, \$3 per additional adult; pre-register by April 6th. Scouts will go on a fun hike in our nature preserve and learn about the different plants and animals and how they interact in the ecosystem.

Tue | 12th **Teacher’s Night Out: Animals as Indicators of Environmental Health**
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
\$10 per teacher; pre-registration and payment required. Learn about current environmental health issues and how animal populations can often provide important information about the health of an ecosystem. Act 48 credit approved.

Fri | 15th **“Night at the Phillies” Game: Phillies vs. Braves**
7:00 pm, Citizens Bank Park
Tickets \$20, for every ticket purchased through the Center, we receive \$4
Help the Center celebrate its 40th anniversary. Join Center friends and staff at the game!



Fri | 22nd **EarthFest 2005 at Temple University’s Ambler Campus**

9:30 am – 3:00 pm **FREE**
Center employees will be hosting a booth at this exciting event. Be sure to come visit us as we celebrate Earth Day and educate about the environment! Information about EarthFest 2005 can be found at <http://www.temple.edu/ambler/earthfest/index2005.htm>.

Sat | 23rd **3rd Annual Birds and Breakfast**
7:00 am; pre-registration required.
Join our Bird Club members and friends from the Wissahickon Environmental Center as we stroll next to the Manayunk Canal, enjoying spring’s ornithological wonders.

Sat | 23rd **SWRC Noodles for Nature**
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction to benefit the Schuylkill Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic. Dinner will be held at the Shawmont School located on Eva and Shawmont Streets in Roxborough. Tickets go on sale March 16th. Call the Clinic at (215) 482-8217 for more information.

Fri | 29th **Birding in the Delaware Valley Workshop-Session 1**
9:00 am – 11:00 am
\$40 members / \$50 non-members; pre-registration required.

Designed for the novice as well as the experienced birder, this is an excellent opportunity to learn and experience quality birding with renowned local birder, Skip Conant, during the spring migration. Limited to 15 participants.

Sat | 30th **Native Plant Sale & guided tour of Penn’s Native Acres**
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Attend our first annual native plant sale. A variety of perennials, shrubs and trees will be available for purchase. Also during this time we will be offering tours of Penn’s Native Acres, our restoration showcase! The tour will begin at 2:00 pm. Plant types; prices and additional information are provided on our website, <http://www.schuylkillcenter.org/Restoration/restoration.htm>.

May 2005

Sun | 1st **Native Plant Sale & guided tour of Penn’s Native Acres**

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
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Fri | 6th **Birding in the Delaware Valley Workshop-Session 2**
8:00 am – 10:00 am
See Session 1 listing for details.

Sat | 7th **Plants – Brownie Girl Scout Try-it Badge**
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
\$5 per scout, scout leader is free, \$3 per additional adult; pre-register by May 4th. What do plants need to grow? What are the different parts of a plant? Answer these questions and discover the many different types of plants growing at our nature preserve. Be prepared for a hike.

Sat | 7th **Make Stationery for Mom!**
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
\$3 members / \$10 non-members; pre-registration required.
Our educators will teach you how to make delicate paper stationery that incorporates natural and recycled materials. A perfect project to share with your Mother in honor of her special day!

Thu | 12th **Teacher’s Night Out: The Outdoor Classroom**
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
\$10 per teacher; pre-registration and payment required.
Learn about the merits and challenges of teaching outside. Strategies for managing students, interpreting the environment, and making connections with classroom learning will be offered. Act 48 credit approved.



Notes

“RECYCLING THROUGH COMPOSTING” WORKSHOP DETAILS...

After completing the workshop, Philadelphia residents may join the Recycling through Composting Team, by pledging to compost yard waste and report on materials diverted from their household waste stream. Thanks to the support of the PA Department of Environmental Protection, the City can now make backyard compost bins available to some pledging participants at no charge.

Anyone interested in attending a compost-training workshop must pre-register by calling (215) 686-5444, extension 2. All who have pre-registered are welcome to attend as guests and receive training and a manual, but only pre-registered Philadelphia residents presenting appropriate identification will be eligible to receive a back yard composter. If demand exceeds supply, priority will be given to the earliest registrants. No household may receive more than one composter through the DEP-funded program.

Seven workshops are planned for this spring. For schedule and to learn more, please call (215) 686-5444, and then press 2. The schedule will also be available through the Streets Department's web site at www.phila.gov/streets and on the City's Government Access Cable Channel 64.

EXCITING PROJECTS

SCEE Hosting 2005 Envirothon

On May 5, 2005, The Schuylkill Center will be hosting the 2005 Pennsylvania Envirothon. For the last 6 years, the Center has been hosting the Philadelphia County portion of this nation-wide competition. Thanks to support from the Rohm & Haas Company, this event brings together high school students from all over Philadelphia and tests them on five topics related to the environment: aquatics, forestry, wildlife, soil and managing cultural landscapes.

New Trail Maps

Thanks to dedicated staff and our talented volunteers, Andrew Mamora, Joel Chiapelli and Kevin McDonald, The Schuylkill Center is proud to unveil its new trail maps. This foldout, 4-color map includes detailed descriptions and photographs of various portions of the Center's trails. The map also includes a color-coded key to make our trails easier to navigate. Head out to the Center soon in order to experience this new and exciting guide.

June 2005

Fri | 13th *Birding in the Delaware Valley Workshop-Session 3*

8:00 am – 10:00 am

See Session 1 listing for details.

Fri | 13th

Sat | 14th *SWRC Comedy for Critters*

4 Shows of improvisational comedy with animal themes. Call the Clinic at (215) 482-8217 for more information.

Sun | 15th *Scavenger Hunt*

1:00 pm– 3:00 pm

\$5 per child with admission; pre-registration required.

Explore the Schuylkill Center trails while using your nature detective skills. Move from habitat to habitat searching for information and clues that will lead you to a special prize! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sun | 15th *Southeastern Chapter of NABA meeting*

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm **FREE**

Attend a meeting of the Southeastern PA chapter of NABA (North American Butterfly Association). Visitors and new members welcome. Topic TBA. For updated information, check their website, at <http://www.naba.org/chapters/nabasep/meetings.htm>

Thu | 19th *Birding in the Delaware Valley Workshop-Session 4*

8:00 am – 10:00 am

See Session 1 listing for details.

Sat | 21st *Sixth Annual Gala*

“Under the Big Top”

6:30 pm Tickets are \$150-\$300.

Sponsorships are available.

The Center is holding its annual Metamorphosis Gala and honoring long time friends. Please join us to commemorate our 40th year.

Sat | 21st *Bird Club-SCEE Community Gardens*

7:00 am - 9:00 am **FREE**

Join the Bird Club as we explore the Community Gardens and other areas of the property for springtime migrants and breeding birds.

Sat | 4th *SCEE Summer Bird Count*

7:00 am **FREE**

All levels of birders are invited to join in and help us count our summer residents in this annual event!

Refreshments provided.

Sat | 4th *Naturalist – Webolo Scout Badge*

11:00 am-1:00 pm

\$5 per scout, scout leader is free, \$3 per additional adult; pre-register by June 1st.

What are some of Pennsylvania's native plants and animals? Can you name the venomous reptiles and poisonous plants found in this state? You will be able to by the time you leave!

Sat | 18th *Build a Bird House with Dad*

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

\$10 members / \$15 non-members

(per bird house); pre-registration required.

Calling all bird lovers! Come learn about the birds that nest in bird houses, and then make one for, or with your Dad, in honor of Father's Day.

Sat | 25th *SWRC Wild Goose Chase*

5K Cross country run or 1 mile walk will benefit local wildlife rehabilitation organizations. Full information and registration form located at

<http://www.schuylkillcenter.org/swrcweb/goose.htm> or call the Clinic at (215) 482-8217.

Sun | 26th *Beekeeping*

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

\$6 members / \$12 non-members;

pre-registration required.

Schuylkill Center Beekeeper Joe Duffy will reveal beekeeping tips and tools and demonstrate how honey is harvested from the hive. Visit the Schuylkill Center's observation hive, and taste test an array of honey samples!



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fur and feathers

GROCERY SHOPPING FOR WILDLIFE

By Mary Deroo

The Clinic admits approximately 4,000 birds, reptiles and mammals every year. If you look at it as 4,000 mouths to feed, caring for these animals becomes a very different story. Each species that is admitted requires a different diet. In addition, infants require an even more specialized diet than adults. So grocery shopping is one of the Clinic's top priorities.

The diets of admitted animals become somewhat different than what they eat in the wild. Although the Clinic tries to simulate foods found in nature, sometimes ingredients have to be substituted in order to achieve the right balance of nutrients.

Some of the animals cared for by the Clinic include turtles, squirrels, opossums and raccoons. Turtles typically like tomatoes and blueberries, but they also need some moist dog food and a few mealworms for protein.

Baby squirrels require a milk mixture of Esbilac and MultiMilk® (for increased fat content) for about 6-7 weeks, and then fresh greens are added. Around this time we also offer Purina Rodent Chow® to balance out their diet. This product was used for the first time last year and helps the Clinic increase the health of releasable squirrels.



Baby squirrel being hand fed by SWRC volunteer. Photo by Jessica Weinberg

Opossums have traditionally been difficult to raise in the rehabilitation field. Last year volunteer Diane Cameron found the perfect resource to help the Clinic overcome this hurdle. The recipe came from the National Opossum Society and includes a variety of food choices that are blended and fed several times a day to infants and juveniles and then once a day to adults. The diet needs mixed vegetables, salmon, hard-boiled eggs, apple juice, cat chow and much more.

Depending on the weight of the opossum, different combinations of the diet are offered.

Raccoons are easy to appease, as they are omnivorous in the wild. However, as babies they require a different milk formula made by Fox Valley®. As they reach eight weeks they are introduced to "slop". Slop is a combination of milk formula with dog food that assists them in making the transition from formula to adult food. The best types of dog food include beef, chicken or lamb as the first ingredient because they contain protein. As the raccoons mature and get ready for release, even more protein and plant matter are incorporated into their meals.

The usual grocery list for a week is large and usually includes: 12 heads of greens, 4 pounds of clover, 2 cases of dog food, carrots, tomatoes, apples, bananas, 500 crickets, 5,000 mealworms, fruit flies, 12 packages of frozen mixed vegetables, 8 containers of fresh fruit and 8 quarts of plain yogurt for just about everybody because it is a good source of calcium and healthy bacteria.

Would you like to help the Clinic raise money for these supplies? If so, please save your sales receipts from Acme Markets and mail them to Schuylkill Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic, 8480 Hagy's Mill Road, Philadelphia, PA 19128. The Clinic can then redeem these receipts for money. For donating money through Redner's Warehouse and Genuardi's, please go to <http://www.schuylkill-center.org/swrcweb/help.html> or call 215-482-8217.



SCEE & GWCS PARTNERSHIP: LOOKING FORWARD

By Jennifer Hoffman

In August, 2002, the newly formed Green Woods Charter School (GWCS) found a wonderful home and educational partner in The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education (SCEE). Green Woods is committed to project-based learning with the environment as a key focus of the curriculum in order to “foster a keen understanding of the interrelatedness and interdependence of our global existence.” Set in the midst of the Center’s several hundred acres of field, forests, ponds, ravines and streams; Green Woods is ideally situated to immerse students in the study and care of the natural world.

The educators of the SCEE/GWCS partnership are involved in a unique collaboration to create a K-8 curriculum that integrates the environment throughout the school experience. This means that, in addition to science, the other core disciplines of math, language arts, social studies, art and music will also integrate the natural surroundings as a context for learning. We believe that this collaboration is the first of its kind in the United States — a public school and an environmental center pooling the best of their resources to create an environmental model of learning. Directing this effort are Jean Wallace, the Curriculum Coordinator at GWCS, and Jennifer Hoffman, the Director of Education at SCEE. Both women bring years of experience as educators in the formal and non-formal sectors to the partnership.

It is the goal of the partnership that students will become deeply connected to the natural world. On one level, this means that a graduate of GWCS will have an uncommon ability to observe and appreciate the complexities of the environment. An understanding of the environment is enhanced by the two and a half hours of environmental education provided by SCEE educators in class every week.

SCEE educators are also teaching students specific skills that will serve them well as they work throughout their lives to help solve the complex environmental problems that face us in the 21st century. This “big picture” thinking is appealing to PECO Energy, an Exelon Corporation, which is helping underwrite our partnership this year. Environmental activities vary throughout the GWCS grades. For example, the first grade spends the year learning about the ecosystem in

and around Polliwog Pond. They visit the pond many times throughout the year to search for signs of the many animals and plants that depend on the pond for water, shelter, food and oxygen.

With the forest ecosystem as the context of studies, the third graders are frequently outdoors, learning about the characteristics of trees that enable them to survive in the heat and cold of the varying seasons. They are practicing their naturalist skills as they learn to identify a variety of tree species and the organisms that depend on the forest.

The fourth grade adopts Smith’s Run, a tributary



Jennifer Hoffman, SCEE Director of Education, assists GWCS students in studying the soil.

of the Schuylkill River that has cut a deep ravine through the landscape. By studying this tributary, the students learn all about streams and the river on which Philadelphia depends.

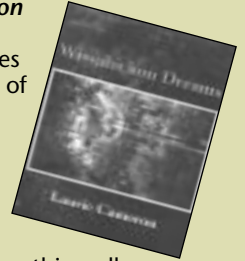
As our two organizations move forward, we hope to continue the exciting partnership we have created. Providing environmental education has always been a pillar of SCEE, and our relationship with GWCS gives us one more way to disseminate positive information.

book store

Don't miss our Blue Dot Sale!
Sale lasts all spring. Save on wooden puzzles for children and adults. Receive 20-30% off selected items.

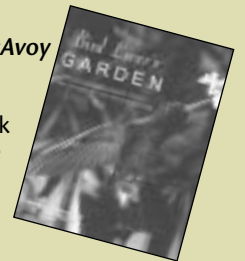
Wissahickon Dreams By Laurie Cameron

This book includes stunning images of Philadelphia's Wissahickon section of Fairmount Park. Local outdoor lover, Laurie Cameron, captures this well-known area during all seasons. It is a great book for photography and nature enthusiasts alike!



The Bird Lover's Garden By Margaret MacAvoy and Pat Kite

This detailed book is a how-to guide for creating a backyard bird haven. Each element of the creation process is included, from determining which plants attract specific bird species, to enjoying the birds once they have settled in your yard. Not only can you create a luscious landscape, but you'll be building biodiversity as well!



The Pennsylvania Gardener By Derek Fell

With many diagrams and charts, readers will learn how to navigate gardening in Pennsylvania. This book contains techniques for the successful cultivation of flowers, plants, herbs, shrubs and crops. There is also step-by-step guidance regarding Pennsylvania's soil, geology, weeds, diseases and pests. It is certainly a useful tool for any backyard gardener!



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*Wild in the Woods**, June 20-24

Things with Wings, June 27-July 1

*Nature Detectives**, July 11-15

Dinosaurs, July 18-22

*Creepy Crawly Critters**, July 25-29

*Nature Crafts**, August 1-5

How Does Your Garden Grow?,

August 8-12

The Pond and Beyond, August 15-19

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*Flower Power**, August 1-5

*Mad Scientist**, August 8-12

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Full day programs

Mon-Fri 9:00 am-3:30 pm;

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*Additional fee added for programs with field trips.

*Habitat Hunters**, June 20-24

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**Includes up to 2 overnight stays

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