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# THE Quill

## WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CLINIC REOPENS!

By Ashleigh Poff



In celebration of the Clinic's grand reopening, a new building sign was unveiled. Pictured (left to right) Dennis Burton, SCEE Executive Director; Rick Schubert, Director of Wildlife Rehabilitation; and Harry Weiss, Chair, Board of Trustees.

For the last 18 years, The Schuylkill Center's Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic has helped the surrounding communities bridge the gap between humans and wildlife. Since its inception in 1987, the Clinic was staffed by one full-time employee with the occasional part-time or seasonal employee. This person had been responsible not only for administrative tasks at the Clinic (required paperwork for the state, gift processing and acknowledgement, running the volunteer program) and for fundraising (holding special events), but also for overseeing all animal rehabilitation (setting protocol, training volunteers, maintaining required licenses, and personally providing animal care). As the Clinic grew, these combined responsibilities became too much for one person to manage.

Therefore, when the Wildlife Rehabilitator position became vacant last spring, The Schuylkill Center's Board of Trustees took the opportunity to step back and reevaluate how the program was being run. Ultimately, the decision was made to raise the organization's commitment to an increased staffing level at the Clinic by hiring a full-time rehabilitator, a part-time administrator, and a part-time rehabilitator. Rick Schubert, the Clinic's new Director of Wildlife Rehabilitation, came to The Schuylkill Center from the Mercer County Wildlife Center where he cared for injured and sick wildlife, managed volunteers,

and counseled the public about wild animals. With over seven years of experience in wildlife rehabilitation, Rick is passionate about his job and is excited to be on board. He has already begun a thorough review of protocol and procedure, and made physical improvements to the site. In fact, the Clinic reopened to accept animal patients in November 2005.

Assisting Rick with wildlife rehabilitation is Connie Joiner, who will be working part-time for the Clinic. She also works at Reynarden Farm Wildlife Rescue as a Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator and specializes in Rabies Vector Species intake, treatment, rehabilitation and release. The Clinic's administrative responsibilities will be handled by Steve Aldrich, who is proficiently handling both the computer technology needs as well as everyday administrative tasks, such as tracking animal patients.

As we begin this new phase of Clinic operations, we are in need of volunteers! If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rick at (215) 482-8217. To read more about an animal the Clinic has treated since reopening in November, see the "Fur and Feathers" section on page 6.



Leading the Clinic's operations are Rick Schubert, Director of Wildlife Rehabilitation; Steve Aldrich, Administrative Assistant; and Connie Joiner, Assistant Wildlife Rehabilitator.

### WINTER EVENTS

#### JANUARY

- 7 Winter Bird Count
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**HOURS OF OPERATION:**  
 Mon-Sat 8:30 am - 5:00 pm  
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**BOOKSTORE HOURS:**  
 Mon-Sat 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
 Sun 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm



at a glance

**SUMMER CAMP  
OPEN HOUSE**

**Saturday, February 25th  
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

See Calendar of Events for details



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# restoration update

## CAN CLEARING TREES HELP THE FOREST? *By Fran Lawn*



*Directly adjacent to one of the canopy gaps, this woodland area lacks the necessary understory of a healthy forest.*

In the ongoing effort to perform ecological restoration at The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education (SCEE), the Land Restoration Department is undertaking a new and exciting management project throughout parts of our Biopreserve, which is the 140-acre area located west of the main driveway.

Like most areas of SCEE's property, the new restoration management site of the Biopreserve lacks understory plants such as herbaceous and shrub species. These plants not only provide ecosystem diversity, but act as food and shelter for local wildlife. The diminishing understory is a result of overbrowsing by deer and displacement of native plants by non-native invasive species. To combat this problem, the Land Restoration Department has removed a few mature trees from four one-quarter acre sites, creating "canopy gaps" in the highest layer of the forest. Removing these trees mimics a natural process

known as "blow-down", where strong winds knock down canopy trees. This technique will allow natural light to reach the woodland floor and increase understory growth.

In the upcoming months the Land Restoration Department will monitor two of the canopy gap sites for recruitment of new, native species and take steps to improve the quality of the soil, by allowing tree limbs and trunks to decompose. In the remaining gaps, restoration staff will plant and seed with a variety of native trees and shrubs. As the understory is reestablished, a number of students from the William Penn Charter School have taken natural debris in the canopy gaps and created shelters for a variety of wildlife. We appreciate their help with this important project!



*At another end of The Schuylkill Center's property, Penn's Native Acres (shown here) is thriving with biodiversity thanks to efforts of the Land Restoration Department.*



Dr. Ruth Patrick, shown here with Executive Director Dennis Burton, signed various copies of her scientific works. These signed copies were donated to The Schuylkill Center's research collection by long-time members and friends Mr. & Mrs. Barton. Dr. Patrick is a renowned limnologist with the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia and The Schuylkill Center is pleased to house such important works.

## YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT?

Interested in eating both healthier and environmentally-friendly? One way to accomplish this is by supporting local farmers and buying organic food. Most produce found in grocery stores is harvested before it is fully grown and then artificially ripened to be displayed on store shelves. This means that a majority of these fruits and vegetables lack the proper nutrients that they would otherwise contain. A way to combat this issue is by buying locally grown, organic food, which means that not only are no chemicals used during growth, but the food travels less distance to the end user. An organization called Farm To City organizes information about local, organic farmers who sell their goods in various Philadelphia neighborhoods. See the website today at [www.farmtocity.org](http://www.farmtocity.org), or call (215) 733-9599 to learn about this program.

SCEE would like to thank Grass Roots Café and its owner, Mike Saidman, for allowing us to host our Wildlife Clinic Reopening breakfast at their unique café on November 21st. For those interested in restaurants that serve locally grown, organic food, look no further than 110 Cotton Street, Manayunk. See [www.grassrootscoffe.com](http://www.grassrootscoffe.com) for details.

## RE-USE REFUSE ON DON POLEC'S WORLD!

By Ashleigh Poff



How does one measure the success of an art exhibit? Having it featured on television by the local news is a start. When approached by Don Polec of ABC Channel 6 News, SCEE was delighted to have him cover the *Re-Use Refuse* environmental art exhibit that is currently showing in the gallery. Debuted on October 15th, the exhibit runs until January 7, 2006 and includes works made from various recycled materials. The six participating artists have transformed trash into functional items that are fit for either everyday use or display.

Don's interview, conducted with SCEE's Director of Art Programs, Mary Salvante, was aired on October 28th during the 11 o'clock news.

"Throughout history, art's great masters have found their inspiration in the natural beauty of the world around them, but the artists whose works are currently on display at one Philadelphia gallery found their inspiration in an entirely different place," exclaimed Don as he stood outside of SCEE's main building. Upon entering the gallery, Don and Mary discussed the background of the exhibit, including each artist's works.

"This exhibition is an opportunity for people to see what some designers and artists are actually making out of recycled items and what the possibilities are," described Mary.

As the only professionally run art space in the Roxborough section of Philadelphia, SCEE prides itself on offering local residents the chance to see visual art at a minimal cost. Works showcased by the Environmental Art Program are also viewed on a daily basis by underprivileged students who may not have the opportunity to attend a larger museum.

Patrons viewing the exhibit have been excited to learn about how even discarded materials can be molded into unexpected, beautiful art. In today's changing world, it is important for citizens to realize that human consumption takes a toll on the environment. The amount of trash we create is exorbitant, but this exhibit showcases a positive way to utilize these leftovers.

"We really wanted to demonstrate that these items, while based in art and design, did have a functional application," said Mary.



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4/1/05 - 6/30/05

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*The "In Memory of" donations listed above were accidentally omitted from the Fall 2005 issue of The Quill. The Schuylkill Center apologizes for this oversight and greatly appreciates the support offered by these individuals and organizations.*

### GIFTS IN MEMORY

7/1/05 - 9/30/05

**In Memory of Mildred Brink**  
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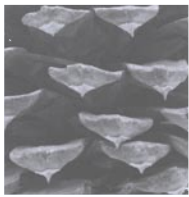
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# calendar of events

Most events require pre-registration.

For questions or to register, please call (215)482-7300, ext.110.

## January

**Sat | 7th** *SCEE Winter Bird Count*  
7:00 am - 11:00 am

**FREE;** *Pre-registration is required.*

Join the SCEE bird club for an important annual census of our winter bird population. Learn about avian adaptations for surviving the winter months. New birders are always welcome. Hot coffee and snacks provided!

**Sat | 7th** *Re-Use ReFuse Gallery Exhibit Ends*  
**FREE**

Group exhibition of artists selected through call for entries in partnership with Philadelphia Sculptors. Artists use original means of addressing the theme of recycling. The artists have re-used materials that were once functional objects and transformed them into new objects with a real or perceived practical function. Be sure to see it before it's over!

**Tues | 10th** *Society for Ecological Restoration's Annual Conference*

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

**\$45 SER members/\$60 non-SER members;**  
**Pre-registration is required.**

The Society for Ecological Restoration's (SER) conference entitled, "Doing Restoration Right: Putting the Plan into Practice" is geared towards professionals and homeowners alike as they learn about planning, implementation, maintenance and monitoring of ecosystems. SCEE has combined its efforts this year with both SER and Philadelphia University to co-sponsor the event. Please call SCEE for registration details. The event will be held at Philadelphia University, for directions see [www.philau.edu](http://www.philau.edu).

**Sat | 21st** *Owl Prowl*  
3:00 pm

**\$5 per person; Pre-registration is required.**

Join us in the height of owl mating season for a chance to see or hear these elusive and fascinating birds. Learn about the natural history of owls in the Philadelphia area, and dissect an owl's pellet to find out what it's been eating. Take a guided hike at dusk in search of SCEE's owls.

**Wed | 25th** *Friends of the Wissahickon*  
*Lecture: Creating an Inviting Backyard Habitat for Wildlife Visitors*

7:30 pm  
**FREE**

Gardening for wildlife? It doesn't matter where you live or even how much space you have, all wildlife require the same basic elements. Come learn the ins and outs of creating a wildlife haven in your backyard along with some landscape practices that improve local stream habitat and water quality. This lecture, co-sponsored by The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, the Friends of the Wissahickon and the Wissahickon Environmental Center, will feature John Harrod, Backyard

Habitat Coordinator for the Delaware Nature Society. The event will be held at the Falls of Schuylkill Library, Warden Drive and Midvale Avenue, Philadelphia. For more information please contact the Friends of the Wissahickon at (215) 247-0417 or [office@fow.org](mailto:office@fow.org).

## February

**Wed | 22nd** *Friends of the Wissahickon*  
*Presentation: Postcards from the Wissahickon*

7:30 pm

**FREE**

Come learn about the Wissahickon through a PowerPoint presentation of David Bower's extensive postcard collection. Mr. Bower, Volunteer Coordinator for the Fairmount Park Commission, will capture attendees love for nature in this invigorating presentation. This lecture is co-sponsored by The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, the Friends of the Wissahickon and the Wissahickon Environmental Center. The event will be held at the Chestnut Hill Library, 8711 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia. For more information please contact the Friends of the Wissahickon at (215) 247-0417 or [office@fow.org](mailto:office@fow.org).

**Sat | 25th** *Summer Camp Open House*  
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**FREE**

Come and learn about the Nature Rambler's Summer Camp. Meet the Camp Director; tour our facilities, and watch our slide presentation that highlights the fun activities and trips that campers will experience. Afterward, bundle up and enjoy a winter's hike along our trails!

## March

**Sat/Sun | 4th/5th** *Spring Bird Seed Sale*  
*During SCEE's regular business hours.*

A variety of bird seed will be available, including Sunflower Chips, Cracked Corn, and a Conservation Mix. Order early and save money; members receive extra discount! The seed trailer will close at 4:30 pm both days.

**Sat | 18th** *SCEE Bird Club Trip to Middle Creek*  
7:30 am – 4:00 pm

**\$10 for van transport;**

**Pre-registration is required.**

Last year's excursion to Pennsylvania's Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area was awesome! We want to go back to see more snow geese, swans, bald eagles and newly returning migrants. The Game Commission maintains an excellent museum at this site, near Kleinfeltersville, PA. New birders always welcome!

**Wed | 22nd** *Woodcock Walk*  
5:45 pm

**\$2 members/\$5 nonmembers;**  
**Pre-registration is required.**

Join a member of the SCEE bird club to observe American woodcock upon their return to SCEE from their wintering grounds. Dress warmly because we will be quietly waiting for the sun to set as we listen for the bird's familiar "peent" call and watch for their unique mating display.

**Sat | 25th** *Teachers' Open House*  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**FREE; Pre-registration is required.**

Calling all educators! Join SCEE staff to welcome springtime and experience the many resources we offer area schools. Hike through our woodlands to meadows, ponds and streams to discover the richness of these ecosystems and experience the learning opportunities that our programs provide. Participate in team-building, a low-ropes initiative and raffles, and receive free teaching materials! Join us later in the day for Frogwatch training; see details below.

**Sat | 25th** *Frogwatch training*  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**FREE; Pre-registration is required.**

This training session is for anyone that wants to participate in Frog Watch, the National Wildlife Federation's (NWF) nationwide survey of frog and toad diversity. Amphibians are particularly sensitive to human impact, so they represent an important bioindicator of environmental stress. Learn about the different species that live in Southeastern PA and receive training on the protocol developed by the NWF.

**Tue | 28th** *Woodcock Walk*  
5:45 pm

**\$2 members/\$5 nonmembers**

See March 22nd listing for more information.

**Wed | 29th** *Frogwatch training*  
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

**FREE**

See March 25th listing for more information.

**Wed | 29th** *Friends of the Wissahickon*  
*Lecture: The Wissahickon as a Wildlife Destination*

7:30 pm

**FREE**

The Wissahickon is a very important green corridor that is home to many birds. Through her slides, Ruth Pfeffer, an avid birder, will share her favorite places to see and hear "Birds of the Wissahickon" accompanied by her commentary on bird behavior and habitat. This lecture is co-sponsored by The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, the Friends of the Wissahickon and the Wissahickon Environmental Center and. The event will be held at Cathedral Hall, Cathedral Village, 600 Cathedral Road, Philadelphia. For more information please contact the Friends of the Wissahickon at (215) 247-0417 or [office@fow.org](mailto:office@fow.org).



## PLAN AHEAD

### APRIL

*Native Plant Sale*  
 Fri/Sat | Sun/28th/29th/30th  
 See Back Cover for details.



### APRIL/MAY

*"Birding in the Delaware Valley" Workshop Series*

APRIL Fri | 28th, 9:00am – 11:00am

MAY Fri | 5th, 8:00am – 10:00am

Fri | 12th, 8:00am – 10:00am

Thu | 18th, 8:00am – 10:00am

Series is \$40 members/\$50 nonmembers.

Pre-registration is required.

These workshops are designed for the novice as well as the experienced birder. Don't miss this excellent opportunity to learn and experience quality birding with renowned local birder, Skip Conant, during the spring migration. Space is limited to 15 participants, so be sure to sign up today!

## WISH LIST

The Schuylkill Center is always in need of different supplies. The items contributed annually allow us to perform state of the art environmental education programming as well as give discounts to participating schools. Please check out the list below to see if you can help.

In order to donate any of the items listed, please call (215) 482-7300, ext. 110!

#### LAND RESTORATION

- ◆ Sturdy work gloves & tool belts
- ◆ Loppers, leaf rakes, watering cans & shovels
- ◆ Gas weed whip
- ◆ 1 or 2 quart plastic potting containers, round or square
- ◆ Label maker & aluminum plant signs
- ◆ GPS unit and GIS software
- ◆ 2"x10" wood planks

#### SUMMER CAMP

- ◆ Camping tents & ground cloths

#### EDUCATION

- ◆ Digital Blue QX5 Computer Microscope
- ◆ N-P-K soil test kits
- ◆ Fishing poles
- ◆ Pond nets
- ◆ Stopwatches
- ◆ Trail bags
- ◆ Aqua Scope Periscopes
- ◆ LaMotte Leaf Pack Flash Card sets
- ◆ Binoculars
- ◆ Television Monitor
- ◆ VCR/DVD Player
- ◆ Pavilion Tent (10' x 10')

## RETIRED AND LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUN TO DO?

Come join the Pennsylvania Senior Environment Corps at SCEE, which is part of the Environmental Alliance for Senior Involvement (EASI). EASI is a joint venture of the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Citizens' Volunteer Monitoring Program, and the Department of Aging.

The group meets at SCEE on the second Thursday of each month for two to three hours. Our mission is to monitor tributaries that supply the Wissahickon Creek by taking water samples and performing field and laboratory tests. The results are then forwarded to the DEP for future reference. Opportunities are also available for Senior Environment Corps members to teach with SCEE Educators on the many water education programs we offer!



No experience is necessary and you may choose to work in the lab or the field. Come on out and learn, enjoy the camaraderie of fun loving and concerned folks and help protect the waterways in our communities. For information, contact Virginia Ranly at (215) 482-7300, ext. 129.

## MAKE YOUR YEAR END GIFTS NOW!

Your year-end gift, above and beyond your membership contribution, can make a big difference for the Center! If you prefer, you can designate your gift for the program of your choice, supporting Environmental Education, Wildlife Rehabilitation, Land Restoration, or Environmental Art. We will be glad to help you make a gift of stock, or you can make a payment with a check, MasterCard or Visa. Please make your gift today! Contact Liz Einsig, Director of Development, at (215) 482-7300, ext 116 or leinsig@schuylkillcenter.org.

## CAR DONATIONS HELP SCEE!

If you must part with your old vehicle, consider donating it to SCEE! You can receive a tax deduction, and the proceeds will benefit the Center! Please contact Liz Einsig for more information at leinsig@schuylkillcenter.org or (215) 482-7300, ext. 116.

## QUILL TURNS ELECTRONIC!

Just a reminder to all of our readers, that The Quill newsletter will now be available online. In the interest of saving money and trees, and reducing waste, we are asking our readers to consider receiving an electronic copy as opposed to a hard copy of our quarterly newsletter. If you would like to update your preferences, please contact Ashleigh Poff at (215) 482-7300, ext. 139 or apoff@schuylkillcenter.org.

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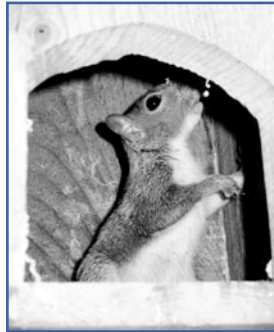
A special thank you to all of our new members—you are most appreciated! Please let us know if you prefer to see your name with a different spelling or format by calling (215) 482-7300 x 110. Membership contributions received after September 30th will be acknowledged in our next issue of *The Quill*.



## fur and feathers

### PATIENT PROFILE:

#### THE LITTLE SQUIRREL THAT COULD *By Rick Schubert*



wildlife rehabilitation...we are here to defend wildlife from the environmental destruction caused by humans, and to teach coexistence with all living things.

In the course of our work, we are often called upon to foster-raise wild animals that have been orphaned. If you pay close attention to details like record-keeping, sanitation, proper diet, temperature, disease control and non-habituation, you can reliably raise baby animals that are orphaned but uninjured. When an animal brought to us is young, orphaned, and injured, the severe disadvantage the animal faces is hard to fix. One such animal arrived soon after the Clinic obtained its new license just last month. A six-week old squirrel that was caught by a cat was brought in for treatment. He was torn up, dehydrated and unable to walk properly. His injuries resulted in a broken rear foot and extensive tissue damage from a combination of cuts and tears from the cat's mouth.

A cat's saliva is loaded with bacteria, and is deadly to wild animals. As a result, a combination of antibiotics and fluid therapy were used to help the animal through the first few critical days of treat-

ment. In addition, we immobilized the fracture with a modified "Robert Jones" bandage, which is one of the most common forms of an external splint used to support a fractured limb. Miraculously his will to live was strong enough to keep him eating and putting on weight. Three weeks later, he had recovered from his injuries and had full use of his foot. He is the most ill-tempered squirrel I have ever met, chattering loudly in annoyance whenever a human is near and trying to bite us whenever we examine him. But we would not have it any other way. Although he is not ready for release yet, sound wildlife rehabilitation principles saved this animal, and as our first successful trauma patient under our new license, we hope this little victory bodes well for the future.

Although this was a humble case involving a very common animal, this is exactly the kind of situation we are here for: wild animals injured through human interference in the ecosystem. This squirrel, like all living things, deserves a chance to live out its existence according to nature, taking its chances in the web of life that supports us all.

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## staff news



**Sarah James,**  
SCEE's new Membership  
Services Coordinator.

SCEE sadly said farewell to the jovial presence of Andy James, who gave us over 13 years of service. As son of the founding director, Dick James, Andy grew up on the Center's property and will miss it (and us!) as he moves on and pursues another career. To fill this position, Noven Palmero joined the Center's staff as Land Manager and is already hard at work. Welcome Noven!

In addition, SCEE welcomes newcomer Sarah James as Membership Services Coordinator. Sarah comes to us from Weavers Way Co-op where she performed marketing activities. Welcome Sarah!

And last, but certainly not least, SCEE recently said goodbye to long-time employee Nancy Szostek, who served for 5 years as Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. We wish her luck for the future.



# education initiatives

## REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP 2006!



Outside it is growing colder by the day; the sun seems barely to rise above the tree line in our woodlands. Inside energy abounds as Nature Ramblers Summer Camp 2006 takes shape under the creative direction of Camila Rivera-Tinsley and Karen Foster. The Schuylkill Center's Nature Ramblers Summer Camp offers an incredible setting for children to connect with the natural world. Campers spend the day investigating our many ponds and meadows, woodlands and streams. Hiking builds strong bodies, while activities promote creativity and interaction. Weekly field trips introduce children to a variety of interesting science and environmentally-oriented places in the area. Our

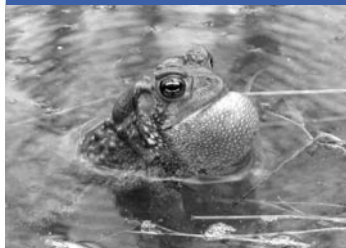
programs foster a sense of responsibility for the environment. New for summer 2006: all-new weekly themes for 8-9 year-olds, and a new summer camp program for ages 13-15. Camp Brochures will be in the mail soon! If you are not on our regular camp mailing list and would like to receive a brochure, please call (215) 482-7300, ext. 110.

## OPEN HOUSE FOR TEACHERS

The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education (SCEE) is hosting a Teachers' Open House on March 25th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm! Springtime is now officially here, and we would like to share our wonderful environment and the many educational resources at SCEE with you. Select from a variety of interesting activities to create the best experience for your needs. Hike through our woodlands to experience the wealth of learning opportunities that our programs provide. Take a walk back in time as we visit a historic springhouse and stroll through Penn's Native Acres, an arboretum recreating woodlands characteristic of William Penn's day. Learn about SCEE's partnership with Green Woods Charter School to develop an environmentally-focused, standards-based curriculum. Tour our Challenge course, and participate in a team-building and a low-ropes initiative, and much more. Get a preview of our upcoming Act 48 Teacher Workshops. Join us for Frogwatch training and help scientists learn more about amphibian populations. Receive free materials, classroom activities, and sign-up for our raffles!



## FROGWATCH



Much has been written about the decline in amphibian populations around the world. In many instances, these declines are attributable to the impact of humans on amphibian habitats; from deforestation, draining of wetlands, and pollution. Want to help scientists collect data to better understand frog and toad populations? Frogwatch USA is a long-term frog and toad monitoring program managed by the National Wildlife Federation in partnership with the United States Geological Survey. For the past three years, volunteers have lent their listening skills to help us monitor the toad and frog populations at

SCEE. We are currently the only site registered for Frogwatch in Philadelphia! If you would like to learn more about frogs and toads, and are interested in participating in Frogwatch (you can also register a wetland near your home!), please come to The Schuylkill Center on March 25th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, or on March 29th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm, to become a Frogwatcher! Learn how to identify different species, and hike to our ponds to observe frogs and toads. By learning more about these animals, participating in Frogwatch and improving the habitat for frogs, toads and salamanders, you are a steward of the environment.

# book store

## Don't miss our Blue Dot Sale!

Sale lasts through Spring.  
Receive 20-30% off selected items.

### Leaping Lilypads

This Frog Race Game challenges children to learn about frogs and their environment as players jump across the game board. The Lily

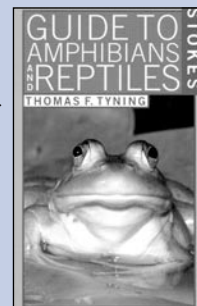


Lake, where the game takes place, was once a quiet place where frogs came to live and play. Now they must avoid Sammy Snake and bravely race to the old tree stump for safety.

### Stokes Guide to Amphibians and Reptiles

By Thomas F. Tynning

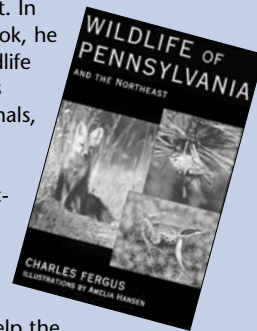
As America's authorities on wildlife and nature, the series of Stokes Guides are a naturalist's best companion when spotting common animals. This particular book informs readers of what to look for, how to interpret what they see, and when to observe amphibians and reptiles in the wild. This particular guide details the life cycles and behavior of thirty-two common amphibian and reptile species.



### Wildlife of Pennsylvania and the Northeast

By Charles Fergus

As a previous writer for the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Charles Fergus is a wildlife enthusiast. In this 425 page book, he breaks down wildlife into three groups including: Mammals, Birds, and Amphibians & Reptiles. Each section features extensive details about various animals as well as drawings to help the reader with identification.



## HOURS OF OPERATION:

Mon-Sat 8:30 am-4:30 pm  
Sun 1:00 pm-4:30 pm



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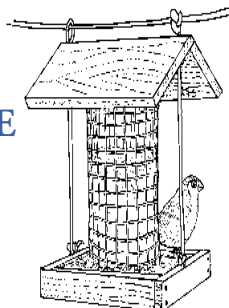
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## SPRING BIRD SEED SALE

**Weekend of March 4th and 5th**  
*See Calendar of Events for details.*



## Gift Membership

Have you thought about the perfect gift? Why not give the gift of a Schuylkill Center membership! There are year round activities for "kids" of all ages. Why not ease your yearly giving hassle and call 215-482-7300, ext. 116 to order your gift membership today. Some of the benefits of membership include: unlimited admission, discounts at the bookstore, special invitations to member-only events and much, much more!

Individual: \$35

Family: \$50

Wildlife: \$75

Contributing: \$100

Carson Fellow: \$250

Leopold Fellow: \$350

Seton Fellow: \$500

Thoreau Fellow: \$1,000

# SAVE THE DATE

## Native Plant Sale

**Friday, April 28th 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm \* SCEE members only**

**Saturday, April 29th 8:30 am - 4:00 pm**

**Sunday, April 30th 8:30 am - 2:00 pm**

On Saturday, April 29th we will be offering a tour of Penn's Native Acres, our restoration showcase! The tour will begin at 2:00 pm.

\* Please join us on Friday April 28th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm for a pre-plant sale "Wine and Cheese Party". Take this opportunity to get a head start on your spring gardening by being the first to purchase your native plants!

Please visit our website, [www.schuylkillcenter.org](http://www.schuylkillcenter.org) for the full list of plants, prices and additional sale information. For questions regarding these events, please call Fran Lawn, our Acting Director of Land Restoration at (215) 482-7300, ext. 143.



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