

Pennsylvania Volunteer News

March 2019



"Spring slips into even the most hidden places of the countryside and transforms them into mossy-green mansions of delight."

- Vincent van Gogh

The Nature Conservancy would like to thank our wonderful volunteers, interns, and partners for all their help in February.

We accomplished so much this month including online research, posting preserve boundaries, attending committee meetings, database updates and so much more!

And as always, many thanks to all the members of the Friends of the State-Line Serpentine Barrens, Woodbourne Stewardship Committee, Florence Shelly Wetlands Preserve Committee and the Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve Committee for all their help in managing these various preserves and for their ongoing outreach efforts.

Workday Schedule & Other Projects

Earth Day Clean-up at Bristol Marsh &/or Croydon Woods

Monday, April 22nd

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

To learn more, please visit the [Heritage Conservancy website](#). Register with Liz at (215) 345-7020 ext. 105 or ebarmach@heritageconservancy.org. Pick your location when you sign up.

2019 City Nature Challenge: Philadelphia

April 26-29

Philadelphia has thrown it's hat in the ring this year for the [City Nature Challenge](#). Philadelphia and its adjacent counties will be competing against other cities in the world to see who can find the most species in their regions. If you are interested in contributing and helping Philly win, download the iNaturalist app and start documenting the wildlife in your area. The Nature Conservancy will be hosting a data collection event at the **Bristol Marsh Preserve on Saturday, April 27th**. If you are interested in participating, please contact Molly Anderson at molly_anderson@tnc.org or (717) 418-9518 for more details.

Volunteers Needed for TNC Bird Count Challenge

Please save the date for our third annual Bird Count Challenge which is taking place on **Thursday, May 9, 2019**. If you are interested in participating by counting birds on TNC lands near you, please contact Molly Anderson at molly_anderson@tnc.org or (717) 418-9518 for more details.

For the full list of spring workdays and projects, please click [here](#).

Office Opportunities

Help needed in the Conshohocken and Harrisburg Offices!

Conshohocken Office - Development Volunteer

We are searching for a volunteer (or two) to be a crucial part of our Development Team. Specifically, we need someone to communicate with current and prospective donors through follow-up calls to thank donors for their support and gauge interest in follow up meetings with staff. Flexible schedule, approximately 5-10 hours/week, with exact days and times to be determined according to your schedule. The ideal candidate(s) should be computer literate, carry strong verbal skills, and is comfortable making a large amount of phone calls.

Harrisburg - Computer skills needed

Staff in our Harrisburg Office are in need for volunteers with computer skills: Excel, Access, Word, Digital Filing and basic internet searches, etc. on an ad hoc basis as project needs arise. Let us know if you would like to be placed on the call list for these projects.

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Field Trips/Events



Volunteer Recruitment Day

**Hauser Nature Center
March 30, 2019
10 am—12 pm**

Come and find out about:

- **The Nature Conservancy and our work in Northeastern Pennsylvania**
- **Volunteer needs at the Hauser Nature Center and other outdoor opportunities and much more!**

**Free coffee/tea and snacks.
Optional Hike on Cathy's Trail too!**



To learn more and register to attend, please click [here](#).

Upcoming Hikes:

- Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m. **Vernal Pool Magic** (Monroe County)
- Friday, April 5th at 6:30 p.m. **Vernal Pool Hike** (Cumberland County)
- Saturday, April 6th at 1:00 p.m. **Vernal Pool Hike** (Cumberland County)
- Sunday, April 14th at 11:00 a.m. **Salamander Safari** (Monroe County)
- Thursday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m. **Full Moon Bog Hike** (Monroe County)
- Sunday, April 28th at 11:00 a.m. **Animal Tracks & Signs** (Monroe County)
- Monday, April 29th at 7:00 a.m. **Birding the Bog** (Monroe County)

For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

It's Good to Know

Welcome

We wish to extend a very warm welcome and many thanks to our new volunteers who have recently registered to join our great team.

Please join me in welcoming Emily Paul and Lara Lightner.

We look forward to working with you.

Welcome to the team!

The Nature Conservancy

Sustainable Agriculture

There's a growing movement among farmers to improve soil health and nutrient management on their lands. By employing a suite of science-based practices, they're able to improve crop yields, reduce input costs, and deliver a host of environmental benefits. Seven farmers share how they're creating a legacy for their family, their communities and nature.

To read their stories, please click [here](#).

Protecting Pennsylvania

WTIF's Smart Talk

Appearing on last week's WTIF Smart Talk to discuss the LWCF impact were Cindy Adams Dunn, Secretary of the PA DCNR and Lauren Imgrund, Deputy Secretary for Conservation and Technical Services. Imgrund is also the President of the National Association of Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers, which is comprised of the state managers of the LWCF state and local assistance program. The program shifted to also discuss the nearly 17 million forested acres in Pennsylvania, mostly privately owned, that provide many benefits to the state: economic, social, and ecological. Our very own Josh Parrish, Working Woodlands Program Director, joined the program to discuss how TNC is helping forest landowners maximize their land investment in Pennsylvania and beyond.

To listen in, please click [here](#).

Wish List

We are currently seeking donations of the following items:

Wood chipper
(In good, working condition)

Pickup Truck
(In good, working condition)

If you have these or other items you would like to donate, please contact Molly Anderson at (717) 418-9518 or molly_anderson@tnc.org.

Nature Trivia

The first to respond with the correct answer to this month's trivia question will win a prize. Please contact Molly Anderson with your answer at (717) 418-9518 or molly_anderson@tnc.org.

March 2019 Question:

What Egyptian "statue" is oriented to point directly toward the rising Sun on the day of the vernal equinox?

Answer for February Trivia: Congratulations to volunteer, Danielle Drosnock, for being first to answer correctly that St. Valentine was also the patron saint of **beekeepers**. People called on him to watch over the lives of lovers, of course, but also for interventions regarding beekeeping, as well as epilepsy, the plague, fainting and traveling, engaged couples and happy marriages.

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If you have any questions, comments or would like to include an update or announcement in next month's edition, please contact Molly Anderson at molly_anderson@tnc.org or (717) 418-9518 before the 1st of the month.