



## SMA Programs

### THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF MATT LEVANOWITZ

March 16, Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Presented by: Matt Levanowitz

Many readers have already seen Matt's photos on MARK'S LIST. Matt is a patient and persistent seeker of birds, and he is rewarded with spectacular close-up photographs. In this long awaited program Matt will present a collection of his best pictures and tell us a little about each.

### THE GREAT BRITISH EXPERIENCE

April 20, Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Presented by: Allen Schweinsberg

Last June, Allen and Joanne spent 3 1/2 weeks touring England, Scotland and Wales, not only looking at birds, but also taking in all things British – countryside, history, cathedrals, castles, wildflowers, butterflies, Wordsworth, Shakespeare, Stonehenge, ... . Allen will present a variety of images from the trip.

### AN ADVENTURE IN EAST AFRICA

May 18, Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Presented by: Wayne McDiffet

Wayne will describe his and Ruth's trip to observe the spectacular wildlife of the Serengeti and the Ngorogoro Crater in Tanzania. They also visited Tanzania's Olduvai Gorge made famous by the Leakeys. Then in Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park they were treated to a couple of families of mountain gorillas and a troupe of golden monkeys.

WHERE: All programs are held at Kelly Township Supervisors' Building 551 Ziegler Rd., Lewisburg. We hope you will join us.

**Please be sure to check our website for any updates or changes.**

The **FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**, January through December, Seven Mountains Audubon provides a local field trip. All trips DEPART 7:30 A.M. in Lewisburg at the CVS side parking lot on SR 192, just west of US 15. Everyone is welcome. Trip leadership rotates informally and the site is usually announced a few days in advance via our REMINDER LIST.

## Upcoming Special Events

### AUDUBON PA CHAPTER ASSEMBLY

Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Presented by: Audubon PA Staff

Learn, Share, and Have Fun!

Learn about Audubon PA's new [Birdtown](#) Program that every chapter can implement.

Share habitat issues impacting your chapter (break out sessions), and help form policy positions for Audubon PA. Share your chapter successes and good ideas. Learn from other chapters.

Please note: This event is only open to Audubon members. Pre-registration is required. See SMA blog for more details: <http://sevenmountainsaudubon.blogspot.com/>

WHERE: Bucknell Langone Center

### SMA BIRDATHON

Saturday, May 7

Please join us for our annual Birdathon. This is Audubon's largest annual fundraising event and the world's largest bird-watching competition. Anyone may participate. This traditional "big day" consists of any level of birders trying to find as many species as possible in a single day. Our collective effort usually produces 120 – 130 species. We invite people to pledge a certain amount for each species identified (5 cents? ... 10 cents? ... 25 cents?) or to designate a fixed dollar amount no matter what the total. We will also seek participants at our March and April programs. If you wish to take part as a birder and/or wish to make a pledge, please contact Alice Marquart: [aim123@ptd.net](mailto:aim123@ptd.net)

### EARTH HOUR: <http://www.earthhour.org/>

Saturday, 26 March, 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

World Wildlife Fund's global initiative where individuals, schools, organizations, businesses and governments turn off their lights for one hour to cast a vote in favor of action on climate change. By voting with their light switches, Earth Hour participants send a powerful, visual message demanding action on climate change. See their website for actions beyond one hour.

Congratulations to Jen Mattive's family on the birth of Calvin.

Consider joining our **REMINDER LIST** which is maintained by Bonnie Ingram. You will receive email reminders of programs, board meetings, and special events. If you would like to be added to this list please email Bonnie: bingram@pct.edu

**MARK'S LIST** is maintained by Allen Schweinsberg as a means of informing people of regional bird sightings. You will also occasionally receive spectacular digital photos. To be added to the list please email Allen: aschwein@bucknell.edu

## SMA BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 9 7:30 pm

All members are welcome. If you have something you would like to bring to the group's attention please contact Jen Mattive, President, at jenswildlife@verizon.net or 837-3377 at least one week ahead of time. In case there are any last minute changes in location please contact any Board member the day of the meeting. Please join us even if you would just like to come listen. Board meetings are usually held the second Wed. every other month July to May.

**Where:** Kelly Twp. Supervisors' Building

## WELCOME 44 NEW MEMBERS

Robert Keating - Lewisburg  
Leatha Delong - Lewisburg  
Britain Roth - Danville  
Valerie Grahm - Selinsgrove  
Wayne Sechman - Turbotville  
Alice Harkins - Selinsgrove  
Ann Johns - Danville  
R. Kostendader - Lewisburg  
Mary McDonough - Danville  
Bonnie Stahl - Mifflinburg  
David Fleming - White Deer  
Timothy Campbell - Sunbury  
Cynthia Susan - Lewisburg  
Wanda Stuter - McClure  
Mary Lapos - Danville  
D. Clemens - Shamokin Dam  
Sue Reisinger - Selinsgrove  
Stephanie Miller - Danville  
Dolores Hranitz - Danville  
Roy Burns - Selinsgrove  
Jeanette Bostian - Sunbury  
Brenda Hall - New Columbia  
Margot Hastings - Turbotville  
John & Gail Dunlop - Lewisburg  
Marie Reed - Northumberland  
Patti Graboski - Northumberland  
Linda Powell - Northumberland  
Elizabeth Gernant - Lewisburg  
Raven Rudnitsky - Selinsgrove  
Bill & Ruth Revning - Selinsgrove  
Kevin & Heather Britton - Lewisburg  
Myrna Bergnuller - New Columbia



Artist **Steven D'Amato**

Mary McCormick - Watsontown  
Gwen Hock - New Columbia  
Barry Conrad - Sunbury  
Robert Mills - Lewisburg  
Deborah Boone - Sunbury  
Bucknell University - Lewisburg  
Bill & Ruth Revning - Selinsgrove  
Robyn Musser - Shamokin Dam  
Cori Hetherington - Lewisburg  
Colette Frantz - Winfield  
Ralph Moyer - Mifflinburg  
N. Krainak - Danville

Explore our new SMA blog to see Photos taken by members; About Us; Favorite birding spots, books, eateries; green Resources, Gardening for Wildlife, and much more: <http://sevenmountainsaudubon.blogspot.com/> If you are a SMA member and would like to help edit the blog please contact Debby Meade: dmeade2@gmail.com Creative ideas are welcome as well as computer skills.

## WILDLIFE REHABILITATORS IN OUR AREA

Spring and summer is baby season for wild animals. If you find an orphaned or injured wild animal, PA's regulations require that the public contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Wildlife rehabilitators are licensed through the state and volunteer their time and monies to care for these animals in hopes of releasing them back into the wild. There are three wildlife rehabilitators in our area you may call if you find a wild animal in need of care. Kathy Guilfoose, Danville 271.0274; Joyce Derr, Lewisburg 412.4448; or Jen Mattive, Penns Creek 837.3377. If you are interested in rehabilitating wild animals, please contact one of these rehabilitators.

## SPECIAL THANKS....

**Allen Schweinsberg** coordinating the Lewisburg Christmas Bird Count.  
**All participant counters.**

**Jill Largent and Jack, Debby Meade, and Allen Schweinsberg** tabling SMA at RB Winter State Park Snow Fest.

**SMA Board** sponsoring the free Ghost Bird showing.  
**Ellen Flacker-Darer**, Executive Director of The Campus Theatre, for hosting Ghost Bird.  
**Bonnie Ingram and Alice Marquart** for processing Ghost Bird posters.  
**Geoff Goodenow** Linn Conservancy, Diane Lengle and spouse Lower Penns Creek Watershed, **Jack Miller** Otzinachson, and **Roger Allison** SMA tabling their respective organizations in the theater lobby.

**Each of the viewers** for attending our first movie. Approximately 100 people of all ages attended the thought - provoking event on a crisp January eve. Great to see so many new faces.

**Natural Food & Garden Store** donation of a portion of their bird seed sales to SMA. If you are a SMA member please remember to let the staff know when you purchase bird seed so they will know to credit us for the sale.

**Jill Largent and Jack** donation of a 4 foot screen for our programs.



Photo **Matt Levanowitz**

Best wishes to Dick Nickelsen for a speedy recovery. Dick is a former SMA president and longtime member. Via MARK'S LIST he gives weekly hawk reports on his route to Montour Preserve.

## SPECIAL EVENTS BY OTHER AREA ORGANIZATIONS.....

### 14TH ANNUAL HOME GARDENERS' SCHOOL

Saturday, March 12, 9 AM - 4 PM (Pre-registration required)

SPONSOR: Penn State Cooperative Extension

Presented in cooperation with area garden programs and Penn State Cooperative Extension. Keynote address plus eight other classes from which to choose four, including *Battling Botanical Bullies with Natives*. The \$35 non-refundable fee includes lunch. Pre-registration is required by 4 March to avoid a \$10 late fee. Registration is now available online through the link on the HGS blog. You may still register via phone or mail if you so choose. Full details including photos of previous schools and the new venue are also on the blog: <http://gardeningpa.blogspot.com/> Information is also available through Joel Imgrund, Penn State Cooperative Extension Program Assistant, [jci101@psu.edu](mailto:jci101@psu.edu) or 570-966-8194.

WHERE: Milton Area High School 700 Mahoning St. Milton Please note NEW LOCATION



Artist Steven D'Amato

### GARDENERS' SPRING FAIR

Saturday, March 26, 9 am - 3 pm

SPONSOR: Penn State Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of Snyder and Union Counties

Enjoy the day exploring the wonderful world of gardening through free Master Gardener presentations. Garden Hotline staff will answer your gardening questions. Soil test information, youth activities, exhibits, and vendors. Details: Joel Imgrund, Penn State Cooperative Extension Program Assistant, [jci101@psu.edu](mailto:jci101@psu.edu) or 570-966-8194.

WHERE: Country Farm & Home: Gift and Garden Center, 7801 Old Turnpike Rd., Rte 45, Mifflinburg.

### CARING FOR COMMUNITIES EARTH MONTH CELEBRATION

SPONSOR: Merrill W. Linn Land & Waterways Conservancy: <http://linnconservancy.org/>

A series of fun, family events on weekends in April as well as Arbor Day and the first weekend in May. Now in its 8th year, the Earth Month Celebration explores critical environmental issues that affect the sustainability and well being of our communities. And we have fun doing it! This year's theme: What ecological treasures lie in your backyard? Here are the first few events.....

### 7TH ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT ORDERING AND TALK ON BEES POLLINATING PLANTS

Sunday, April 2, 1 - 4 p.m.

Native plant orders will begin at 1:00 p.m. The 1:30 p.m. presentation will be given by Beth Capaldi-Evans, Bucknell University biology professor and honeybee expert.

WHERE: The Public Library for Union County 255 Reitz Blvd., Lewisburg.

### WKOK 1070 AM ROUNDTABLE ON THE QUESTION: WHAT'S IN YOUR BACKYARD?

Sunday, April 3, 9 a.m.

Hosted by Moderator Mark Lawrence and coordinated by Bob Deffner, manager of R.B. Winter State Park. Also at 6 a.m. on Eagle 107.3 FM and WVLY 100.9 FM, at 11 a.m. on WMLP 1380 AM, and at 11 p.m. on 94KX 94.1 FM.

### WALK AT MONTANDON MARSH

Sunday, April 3, 1 p.m.

Led by Bucknell University professors and Tony Markunas III of Central Builders Supply Company.

WHERE: Meet at Central Builders Supply Co. sand plant off Route 45, 0.3 miles east of Route 405.

### NATIONAL SIERRA CLUB ON PROTECTION FROM NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT

SPONSOR: Otzinachson Regional Group of the Sierra Club: <http://pennsylvania.sierraclub.org/otzinachson/>

Tuesday, April 12, 6:45 p.m.

Deb Nardone will present a program on the National Sierra Club efforts to protect us and the environment from the considerable problems presented by natural gas development. Deb was hired in January of this year as the first Director of the Sierra Club Natural Gas Reform Campaign. Deb comes to the club from the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited as a Coldwater Resource Specialist. In this work she created the campaign for Trout Unlimited to address oil and gas development in Pennsylvania. She has also worked for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the Allegheny Ridge Heritage Area on watershed protection. She will continue to work out of the State College Area. Please come to learn of the Club's involvement in this critical issue. Deb will bring increased insight of the problems this development presents and a greater understanding of the Sierra Club to each of us.

WHERE: The Public Library for Union County 255 Reitz Blvd., Lewisburg.



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**Phone:** 837.3377 Please leave a message on T&D Cats answering machine.

**National Audubon's Mission:** To conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity.

<p><b>New Membership Form</b> —Seven Mountains Audubon will receive entire NEW membership fee when new members join through us.</p>	<p><b>Chapter Code C1ZU090Z</b></p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I want to join Seven Mountains Audubon and National Audubon Society at introductory rate of \$20 for first year or \$15 for senior citizen or student. <b>NOT FOR RENEWALS</b></p>	
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