

Workshops



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GETTING RESULTS FROM YOUR DIGITAL PHOTOS

JAMIE STEWART, WVWA board member and noted photographer, will demonstrate the basics of Photoshop Elements. Topics will include storing your photos, histogram use, color correction, cropping and targeting your file for your intended output. Please bring sample images you would like to explore on USB memory stick or CD. The class will participate in a group discussion of possible solutions.

Possible follow-up class: March 14, 2009

- Saturday, February 28 @ 10:00 – 11:30 AM
- Class Limit: 20
- Upstairs at WVWA, 12 Morris Road, Ambler
- \$25 WVWA Members / \$30 Non-members

NATURE JEWELRY by Jane Kilduff

COMBINE YOUR PASSION for jewelry and nature!

Jane Kilduff will demonstrate creating wearable jewelry using plant material. She'll share her techniques for designs, construction and faux finishes. Jane will tell stories about the lighter side of entering the Jewelry Class in the Artistic Group of the Philadelphia Flower Show. Jane is a member of the Wissahickon Garden Club and a Garden Club of America Flower Arranging Judge.

- Wednesday, March 11 @ 1:00 – 2:30 PM
- Class Limit: 20
- Upstairs at WVWA, 12 Morris Road, Ambler
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A WOODLAND WALK with Dr. Ann Rhoads

DISCOVER the magical beauty of WVWA's Camp Woods with Morris Arboretum's Dr. Ann Rhoads, one of the world's foremost authorities on native Pennsylvania plants. This hidden woodland is home to stately trees, native shrubs and invasive plants.

- Tuesday, May 12 @ 1:00 – 2:30 PM
- Class Limit: 15
- Park: Located at the end of Miles Drive, off Lewis Lane, Whitpain
- \$25 member / \$30 non-member

Family Programs



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FAMILY MAPLE SUGAR WALK AT WVWA'S HEADQUARTERS

TAKE A GUIDED WALK through the sugar bush to learn about maple sugar, from sap to sugar. End your walk at WVWA's historic headquarters where you'll enjoy a wintery snack with maple syrup and hot chocolate.

- Park: Ambler Post Office, Butler Ave.; 5 minute walk over the Butler Ave bridge to the Green Ribbon Trail. Level: Easy, steps up and down to cross three bridges.
- Sunday, February 22 - from 1:00 – 3:00 PM
- Inclement Weather Date: March 1
- Pre-registration: \$ 5 per person / \$15 per family
- Day of registration: \$10 per person / \$20 per family



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WOODLANDS, WETLANDS & NATURE'S MYSTERIES

WHAT HAPPENS when creeks flow over their banks? Where do ducks sleep? Why is the ground soggy? What is a vernal pond and who has been visiting there? Why do frogs and toads need different habitats? Wetlands often reveal nature's most interesting secrets when we take a closer look. Enjoy a hands-on lesson about the important role that wetlands play in our environment.

- Sunday, April 19 @ 10:00 – 11:00 AM
- Best for Elementary-age children and families
- WVWA's Four Mills Preserve, 12 Morris Rd., Ambler
- \$5 per person / \$15 per family



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BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE

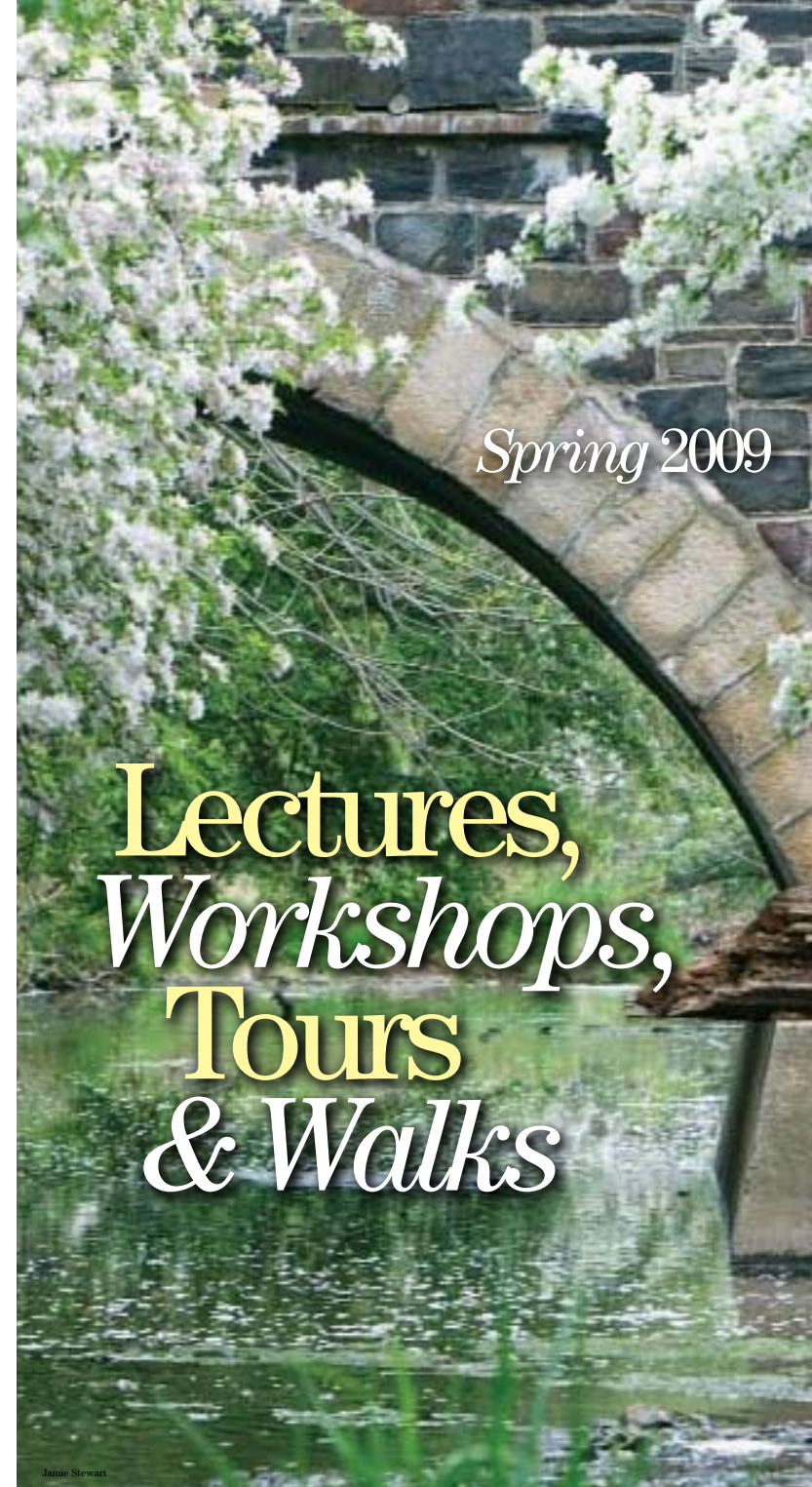
TAKE A TOUR of the Evans-Mumbower Mill. This historic 19th century gristmill gives us an understanding of what life was like in rural Pennsylvania. See a DVD program of the history of local mills. Learn how the mill was powered by simple machines still in use today! Try grinding wheat, hoisting a bag and making butter from cream.

- Saturday, May 9 @ 10:00 – 11:00 AM
- Best for Elementary-age children and families
- Evans-Mumbower Mill, Swedesford Rd. @ Township Line Rd., Upper Gwynedd
- \$5 per person / \$15 per family

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Educational Walks are more talk than walk - led by informed guides who stop and talk about points of interest.

Nature Walks are for those who want to take a good walk with only brief discussions.

FORT WASHINGTON STATE PARK

TAKE A *Nature Walk* on the Green Ribbon Trail from the Philadelphia Cricket Club in Flourtown to Fort Washington State Park's Hawk Watch. Bring your binoculars.

- *Sunday, January 25 – 1:00 PM - Nature Walk*
- *Park opposite the Cricket Club, West Valley Green Road, Flourtown*
- *Level: Easy to moderate, steep climb to the Hawk Watch*

ARMENTROUT PRESERVE – Dogs Welcome

ENJOY the diversity of the beautiful ArmentROUT Preserve. We encourage people to bring their well-behaved dogs. Walk with or without the dogs.

- *Sunday, March 29 @ 1:00 PM - Nature Walk*
- *Park at the end of Beale Road, off of Penllyn Pike, Whitpain*
- *Level: Easy*

BIRDING WALK IN THE GORGE

JOIN WVWA's birding experts, Jamie Stewart and Amy Johns for a birding walk in Fairmount Park. All levels are welcome; bring binoculars and a birding book.

- *Sunday, April 26 @ 8:00 AM – Educational Walk*
- *Bells Mill Road in Chestnut Hill; meet on the Trail*
- *Level: Easy*

GREEN RIBBON TRAIL WALK

WALK NORTH on a beautiful section of the Green Ribbon Trail, from Penllyn Park in Lower Gwynedd up to Rt. 202 and back again.

- *Sunday, May 31 @ 1:00 PM – Nature Walk*
- *Park at the end of Township Line Road, off Penllyn-Blue Bell Pike, Lower Gwynedd*
- *Level: Easy to moderate, stepping stones, natural trail*

Lectures & Tours

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE BEES?



BEES PLAY a critical role in the pollination of fruits and vegetables, but recently the hives have been disappearing at an alarming rate. Jim Bobb, President of the Pennsylvania State Beekeeper's Association, will explain this plague and discuss what it takes to get started with the captivating art of beekeeping.

- *Wednesday, February 11 @ 7:00 PM*
- *Upstairs at WVWA, 12 Morris Road, Ambler*

BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR & LECTURE OF THE FAIRMOUNT WATER WORKS MUSEUM



HEAR THE FASCINATING HISTORY of Philadelphia's water supply and the historic struggle between industrial growth and environmental health. Ed Grusheski, General Manager of the Philadelphia Water Department's Public Affairs and the Director of the Water Works project, tells the story of the life, death and rebirth of the Schuylkill Watershed. Following the lecture, take a tour of the interior and exterior of this beautiful building.

- *Sunday, March 15 @ 2:00 PM*
- *640 Waterworks Dr., behind the Philadelphia Museum of Art*

OLD MILLS & HISTORIC STRUCTURES



MILLS WERE ONCE the industrial backbone of this region. While many have been destroyed, this area still boasts a variety of mills. Dale H. Frens, an architect specializing in architectural restoration and restoration technology, has restored several local mills. His passion for mills is evident in his captivating talk about mill restoration, including WVWA's Evans-Mumbower Mill.

- *Thursday, March 26 @ 7:00 PM*
- *Upstairs at WVWA, 12 Morris Road, Ambler*

Upcoming WVWA Events

- *Serve-The-Preserve Day – Saturday, April 4*
- *Creek Clean Up – Saturday, April 25*
- *Annual Meeting – Wednesday, May 6*
- *Birdathon – Friday & Saturday, May 8-9*
- *Tex Mex 5k Race – Wednesday, June 24*

THE AGE OF TREES IN HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA



PHILADELPHIA is home to many historical sites, as well as old and historic trees. Arborist Ken LeRoy will define the species, approximate age and character of specific trees in the Philadelphia area. He'll trace the roots of what was happening when the tree was young. Ken, a Horticulturist Emeritus of the Morris Arboretum and owner of LeRoy Tree and Landscape Company, is an extremely knowledgeable and lively speaker, which will make for a memorable evening.

- *Thursday, April 2 @ 7:00 PM*
- *Learning Center @ Temple Ambler, Meeting House Road*

CREATING HABITAT FOR BIRDS



LEARN HOW to make your yard attractive to birds by mimicking nature. Stephen Kress, Vice-President for Bird Conservation for the National Audubon Society and instructor for the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, will give specific planting tips using native plants. He will also focus on the symbiotic relationship between birds and natural plantings. This program is given in partnership with Audubon of Pennsylvania and Springside School.

- *Monday, April 20 @ 7:30 PM*
- *Springside School, 8000 Cherokee Street, Philadelphia*

SUSTAINABLE GARDEN TOUR



VISIT FOUR environmentally focused gardens in Lower Gwynedd. Each garden offers a unique perspective and creates a beautiful landscape on a standard suburban property. Visit a sustainable garden designed to attract wildlife, conserve water and showcase native plants. Discover a modern day victory garden incorporating organic-based principles. Learn how to create an environmentally friendly garden with limited time and budget. Experience a property that beautifully embraces the watershed into a suburban yard. You'll get many ideas that can be incorporated into any yard!

- *Saturday, Sunday, June 7 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM*
- *Park near the 400 block of Gwynedd Valley Drive, Lower Gwynedd*
- *\$20 members / \$25 non-members*

Registration

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Day Phone _____
Association/Group _____
E-Mail _____

- WVWA Member? Yes No

Become a FIRST TIME WVWA member at the \$60 level and enjoy one of the following programs for free!

FEE PROGRAMS:	Date	Member	Non-member
• Digital Photo Workshop	Feb. 28	___\$25	___ \$30
• Nature Jewelry Workshop	Mar. 11	___\$25	___ \$30
• Dr. Rhoads Walk	May 12	___\$25	___ \$30
• Sustainable Garden Tour	June 7	___\$20	___ \$25

FAMILY PROGRAMS: Free for WVWA Members

	Individual	Family
• Maple Sugar Walk	Feb. 22 ___\$5(1)	___\$15 #___
• Woodlands, Wetlands	April 19 ___\$5(1)	___\$15 #___
• Bringing History Back to Life	May 9 ___\$5(1)	___\$15 #___

___ My check for \$_____ is enclosed (payable to WVWA)

___ I authorize the use of my credit card / Check one:

___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Discover ___ AmEx

_____ Exp. Date (M/Y): _____

Name on card: _____

- Phone-in registrations are accepted for free programs and credit card payments – 215-646-8866.
- Mail payments to: WVWA, 12 Morris Road, Ambler, PA 19002

FREE OF CHARGE PROGRAMS:	Date	# in Party
• What's Happening to the Bees	Feb. 11	___
• Fairmount Water Works Tour	Mar. 15	___
• Old Mills & Historic Structures	Mar. 26	___
• The Age of Trees / Ken LeRoy	Apr. 2	___
• Habitat for Birds / Steve Kress	Apr. 20	___



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