



The BLUEBIRD SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA

22nd Annual Conference - Best Western Lehigh Valley

March 18 & 19, 2022

The Bluebird Society of PA invites you to attend our Annual Conference at the Best Western Lehigh Valley in Bethlehem, PA. This is a special event open to the public, which provides a wonderful opportunity to meet other Bluebirders and learn more about how to help the Bluebirds and other native birds. This event includes a Friday evening social hour and an evening program. (Masks are optional and hand sanitizer will be available.)

Saturday is a full day of activities, including many excellent speakers and presentations, the BSP store, luncheon, and both a live and silent auction.

*Preregistration is required for food planning see registration for details.

Friday evening program: Nancy Fraim, BSP Membership Chair and dedicated Bluebird enthusiast will present *For The Love of Bluebirds*.

Saturday 9:30-10:30. Ken Knapp, a Master Naturalist, will speak on his work at the North Park outside Pittsburgh in his talk *The Bluebirds of North Park and Beyond*. Ken began to recruit volunteers to survey and monitor existing Bluebird trails, an effort that has grown every year. In 2021, the team opened up new trails and deployed an additional 100 new boxes to bring the total to close to 350 boxes being monitored weekly by almost 50 monitors.

Saturday 11:00-12:15. Leo Hollein will present *All About Bluebirds and Tree Swallows*. Leo has trapping and banding experience with a wide range of birds and is the coordinator and helps monitor Bluebird boxes in New Jersey's Great Swamp NWR

Saturday 1:15-2:50. *Live Auction* with David Birmingham, Auctioneer, and Pat Larchy, Auction Clerk. Always a fun time!

Saturday 3:15-4:15. Patrick Miller will bring live birds to his presentation *Birds of Prey*.

For more information about the BSP Conference, visit the BSP website: www.thebsp.org or contact Phil Durgin (717-732-5325 or pdurgin@comcast.net) or Dean C. Rust at (717-669-0167 or july7ds@aol.com).



2022 BSP Conference Speakers

Nancy Fraim taught for 39 years before retiring in 2015. After retiring she decided to continue her passion of teaching, by volunteering to speak at schools and adult communities about Bluebirds. She is BSP's Membership Chair, a BSP Board member and Chester County's Co-coordinator. Nancy resides with her husband, Joe, in Downingtown, PA.

Ken Knapp retired from a career in the financial services industry in 2016 and knew he wanted to spend more time outside learning about the natural world around him. That endeavor was formally launched in 2018 when he went through the training to become a Pennsylvania Master Naturalist. In fall of that year he joined the team at the Latodami Nature Center as an Assistant Naturalist. Ken is also a master birder and can be found most days hiking the local trails with his dog Wilson.

One of Ken's first projects there was to revitalize North Park's Bluebird program. Ken began to recruit volunteers to survey and monitor existing Bluebird trails, an effort that has grown every year. In 2021, the team opened up new trails and deployed an additional 100 new boxes to bring the total to close to 350 boxes being monitored weekly by almost 50 monitors.

Leo Hollein is retired engineer who is now involved in a variety of volunteer activities, including:

- trapping and/or banding common and roseate terns in their nesting grounds on Great Gull Island (owned by the American Museum of Natural History) in Long Island Sound.
- trapping and/or banding Canada Geese in New Jersey for NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife.
- Coordinating the maintenance and monitoring of a Bluebird nest box trail in the Great Swamp NWR.
- Inspecting and cleaning Wood Duck boxes annually in the GSNWR
- Trapping and/or banding activities at the GSNWR have involved:
 - Morning Doves
 - Screech Owls
 - Mallards, Black Ducks and Wood Ducks

Patrick Miller will present a program of Birds of Prey, complete with live animals.