



Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania
21st Annual Bluebird Conference Program
April 26th & 27th, 2019

Toftrees Resort, One Country Club Lane, State College, PA 16803

Friday, April 26

- 5 to 9 pm Vendors Set-up / Silver Maple Ballroom
- 5 to 6:30 pm Registration / Outside Silver Maple Ballroom
- 7 to 7:30 pm *The Basics of Monitoring a Bluebird Nest Box* presented by Ken Leister
- 7:30 to 9:00 pm Bluebird Craft Project. Assemble a BSP nest box, Bluebird feeder, Gilbertson (PVC) nest box, slot box, or a Noel guard and sparrow spooker. First item free, additional items \$7.50.

Saturday, April 27

- 7 to 8:50 am Registration outside Silver Maple Ballroom and Continental Breakfast.
- 8:50 to 9 am BSP President Dean Rust and Conference Coordinator Phil Durgin welcome guests and announcements.
- 9 to 9:30 am Annual Membership Meeting - President's report/ annual budget – Joyce Stuff / - awards - Shirley Halk
- 9:30 to 10:30 am Robyn Graboski speaks on her experiences with the Centre County Wildlife Rehabilitation Center
- 10:30 to 11:00 am Social Break / visiting vendors and visiting live and silent auction items.
- 11:00 to 12:00 pm Wayne Laubscher speaks on *The Falcons of Clinton and Lycoming Counties*.
- 12:00 to 1:00 pm Luncheon (Aspen Room)
- 1:05 pm Silent Auction bidding closes.
- 1:05 to 2:35 pm Return to Silver Maple Ballroom for Auctioneer Live Auction (craft event for Junior members will also take place during this time)
- 2:35 to 2:45 pm Joan Watroba announces winners of the Silent Auction items.
- 2:45 to 3:00 pm Break /Visiting Vendors
- 3:00 to 4:15 pm Harry Schneider, former BSP President, presents *The Fledgling Experience*, an informative and entertaining talk with exceptional bird pictures.
- 4:15 to 4:30 pm Dean Rust announces the winner of the Bluebird Basket door prize (winner must be present to win the door prize) and closing remarks.
- 4:30 pm Conference ends

2019 BSP Conference Speakers

Ken Leister will present The Basics of Monitoring a Bluebird Nestbox on Friday evening. Ken has been actively involved in activities to promote successful bluebird nestings for the past 20 years. He currently lives in West Chester, PA and currently serves as BSP Board Member and BSP State County Coordinator. Ken has built more than 1000 nest boxes, which are designed with the health and safety of the nesting songbirds. He even designed a special nest box to install a camera which captures the activity inside of the nest box. Ken understands that putting up a nest box is just the first step to nesting success, and he is eager to share his knowledge and experience regarding monitoring a bluebird box with all of us.

Wayne Laubscher is a bander of owls and hummingbirds in Pennsylvania. He bands Saw-whet Owls at his farm near Lock Haven as part of Project OwlNet and occasionally bands Eagles being released from rehabilitation. Most recently he has been employed by Seewald Laboratories in Williamsport. Wayne also serves on the board of the Lycoming Audubon Society and the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology.

Robyn Graboski founded the Centre Wildlife Center and is a trained and Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator who has been rehabilitating wildlife since 1988. Robyn is licensed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission, the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service, the Fish and Boat Commission and the USDA. Robyn is from Beaver Falls.

Harry Schneider was born and raised in Butler, Pennsylvania and retired from a local steel mill after thirty one years. Harry is a former President of the Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania and his interests include photography and gardening and otherwise enjoying the outdoors. Harry has been a guest speaker for many organizations and events. Harry's website, www.ambassadorforthebluebirds.net, has a wealth of information about bluebirds, including photos, bluebird box designs, a blog to talk about bluebirds, and other information about bluebirds.

