



Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania
25th Annual BSP Conference- March 21 & 22, 2025
Holiday Inn - Harrisburg/Hershey - 604 Station Rd. Grantville, PA 17028

A block of rooms will be reserved here for BSP Conference attendees at group rates of \$130 plus tax/ per room. Call 717-469-0661 to reserve your room at this group rate by Feb 28th cutoff. Mention the Bluebird Society of PA - code BHU. *breakfast is not included in the room price, but is available for purchase at their hotel restaurant.

Pre-registration is required to attend the lunch.

Note: Walk-ins will be charged the \$45 entrance fee and will not be eligible to receive the lunch, as the venue needs prior notice for food planning.

Tentative schedule of events:

Friday, March 21 Pre-Conference Activities

4:00 - 9:00 Vendors Set up/ Majestic Ball Room

5:00 - 6:30 Registration/ at table inside ball room- pick up Conference info.

7:00 - 8:00 Susan Durgin- talks about reaching out to future bluebirders.

8:00 - 9:00 Social Hour/ Cash Bar/ Visit Vendors

Saturday, March 22 Conference Day

(Breakfast on your own)

7:00 - 9:00 Registration / pick up Conference information

9:00- 9:30 Annual Meeting, President Dean Rust -Budget and Awards.

9:30-10:30 **Dr. Dean Rust** - "The Bluebird Monitoring Experience" he shares techniques and wisdom learned from years of monitoring up to 450 nest boxes a year. He will present findings in a powerpoint presentation.

10:30 - 11:00 Break. Visit Vendors, Auction Tables and BSP Store.

11:00 - Noon **Megan Fedor**, Environmental Education Specialist at Nescopeck State Park and volunteer monitor talk about what they are finding on their cavity nesting trails.

12:00 - 1:15 Luncheon Buffet in Great American Grill restaurant for those who have registered and have meal tickets.

1:15 Silent Auction bids close.

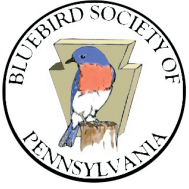
1:15 - 2:50 Return to the Conference Room for Live Auction with Dave Birmingham, Auctioneer and Pat Larthy, Auction Clerk. Have bid cards ready!

2:50 - 3:00 Joan Watroba announces winners of the Silent Auction.

3:00 - 3:15 Break/ Visit Vendors

3:15 - 4:15 **Lylee Leonard** from **Red Creek Wildlife Center** will tell us about her live native rescue birds she brought and how they help animals to recover from injuries and how we can help if we find an injured bird on our trail or back yard.

For more information, visit the BSP website www.thebsp.org (there is an online option to register on the website) or contact: conference chair, Nancy Putt - 717-712-3951 bluebirds@pa.net or registrar Phil Durgin, 717-732-5325 pdurgin@comcast.net.



The Bluebird Society of PA

25th Annual Conference - March 21 & 22, 2025

The Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania invites you to attend our Annual Conference at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey in Grantville, PA. This special event is opened to the public and provides a wonderful opportunity to meet other bluebirders and learn more about how to help bluebirds and other native birds. This event includes a Friday evening social hour with a cash bar and evening program. Saturday's all day conference is a full day of activities, including several excellent speakers, vendors, exhibitors, auctions and a luncheon buffet. - *Pre registration is required for luncheon*

Friday Night Program Speaker: Susan Durgin

As a retired public school art teacher with a life long love of nature, Susan has applied her interests to sharing her love of bluebirds with children. She will show us her ideas for "hands on" Bluebird themed activities, plus how to obtain funding for projects with BSP grants. She co-authored BSP booklet "Success With Bluebirds". Next project: "Junior Member Guide for Future Bluebirders".

Saturday Morning Programs:

Dr. Dean Rust, BSP President since 2014 and he has many years of monitoring up to 20 trails per year, with a total of up to 450 nest boxes in 4 counties. In the past few years he has tallied over 1000 bb per year that have been fledged on his trails!!! With his presentation, "The Bluebird Monitoring Experiences" he will share many of his techniques and wisdom he has learned over the years. Dean has given his "Bluebird Talks" to diverse groups in these 4 counties, including Longwood Gardens, OLLIE program at Penn State -York, and at several North American Bluebird Society Conferences nationally.

Megan Fedor- Environmental Education Specialist at Nescopeck/ Hickory Run State Parks. The PA State Parks have cavity nesting trails that are monitored by volunteers at 59 State Parks around the state. According to the 2024 PA Bureau of State Parks Cavity -nesting Trails Program Annual Report, they fledged over 9,800 birds from a total of 2,861 nesting boxes. She and volunteer nest box monitor "Bluebird John" Jakoby will speak to us and will give a good view, through a slide show, of their findings here on their trails.

Saturday Afternoon Program: Lylee Leonard, is the public program director and rehab assistant at **Red Creek Wildlife Center**, a wildlife rehabilitation facility based in Schuylkill Haven, PA. They help over 4,000 wild animal patients a year. She will bring a slide show and live native birds and will share interesting facts about what they are able to do to help injured animals, including native cavity nesters and songbirds. She will tell us how we can help if we find an injured bird. Lylee is a '22 grad of Delaware Vally University and this is her "Dream Job".