

2012 Winter Talks

Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary

Winter talks at the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary are given each **Saturday at 1:30pm**. These one-hour programs are designed to capture your attention and pique your interest in the natural world. Reservations are required as space is limited and we provide printed materials to each person. There is no charge to attend any of these programs. Please call **413-267-4859** or e-mail ohop@norcrossws.org for reservations and information.

January 28th Meadows and Butterflies

Leslie & Jennifer, staff

Beat those post-holiday blues and enjoy scenic views of summer meadows full of flowers and butterflies. Why do the two go together so well? Explore the variety and diversity of plants and butterflies that can be found!

February 4th Tornados, Trees and Tweets

Leslie & Jennifer, staff

The June 1st Tornado was a shock to all of us, but tornados can be as common in New England as Tornado Alley. How do the flora and fauna react to such a violent change in our landscape? Today we will discuss the effect of the tornado on the woods as well as on birds and other wildlife.

February 11th Tracks and Trivia

Jennifer Ohop, staff

What made that footprint in your backyard? Where was it going? What was it doing? Learn how to identify critters through tracks and sign. We will also delve into some more obscure facts about our wild neighbors.

February 18th – No Lecture, Presidents' Day Weekend

February 25th Incorporating Edibles into Your Landscape

Vinny Normand, staff

Whether you are looking to add a little healthy sustainability to your flower garden or just a different way to spruce up your shrub/perennial border this talk is for you. Today we will introduce the use of edible plants not just as something for the table but also as a visually pleasing addition to almost any landscape.

March 3rd Biochar

Ted Wysocki

What are the benefits of Biochar and Terra Preta as soil amendments in agricultural, horticultural, and forestry settings? Learn how to make, apply and use biochar to improve fertility of depleted or degraded soils. You will get great veggies while SAFELY sequestering carbon dioxide!

March 10th Organic Lawns

Matt Pooler, staff

Do you want to get a jump on your spring lawncare plan? Learn the basics of organic lawncare maintenance for a more sustainable and environmentally friendly lawncare experience.

March 17th Twigs in Winter

Leslie Duthie, staff

Identify plants in the landscape before the leaves come out. Learn to use your senses of smell, sight and touch to recognize some species and follow a key to identify others.