

Lancaster Herpetological Society

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The Lancaster Herpetological Society (www.lancasterherp.org) is a small club that meets once a month to discuss herps and herp-related issues. The club meets at the North Museum (www.northmuseum.org, 400 College Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603) on the 3rd Friday of every month. Meetings are open to the public, free of charge (donations accepted), and begin at 7pm. Please feel free to attend by entering through the back door (ring bell if locked). The membership requests that all children under the age of 16 be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact Roy Mellott (aggrocroc@yahoo.com). *Hope to see you there!*

Upcoming Meetings

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Speaker</u> | <u>Topic</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 1/21/11 | Harvey Bird | Herping in Florida | Metropolitan Herpetological Society |
| *2/25/11* | Dr. Tim Maret | Vernal Pools | PA Online Herp Atlas |
| 3/18/11 | Bob Bull | Reptiles & Amphibians of Lancaster | |
| 4/15/11 | TBA | TBA | |

****the February meeting will be held the 4th Friday of the month*

Upcoming [Havre de Grace Herp Shows](#): Feb 12th, Mar 5th, Apr 9th

Upcoming [Hamburg Herp Show](#): Feb 26th

Upcoming [Reading Herp Show](#): Mar 26th

Club Happenings

Aura Stauffer updated LHS on her timber rattlesnake research in October. Always a delight, Aura's presentation was tempered by the expansion of Marcellus Shale drilling. Aura showed numerous well sites and the pictures exposed the "minimal environmental impact". Coupled with the roads and heavy traffic to and from the well sites, Pennsylvania forest lands are becoming increasingly fragmented. This change to the habitat will be detrimental to all herps, and will, at the very least, result in more road kill.

In November, LHS welcomed Chris Urban from PA Fish & Boat. Chris was also a return speaker, but it has been several years since his last presentation. Chris talked extensively about the PA herp regulations and his organization's role in enforcement and education. A few species have had their status changed to a more protective category. We hope to continue working with Chris and PA Fish & Boat to help further educate the public about the state law.

December was about officer elections and Members' Night. Roy Mellott agreed to stay on as club president, and Kathy Tyson continued on as Treasurer. However, two new members volunteered to serve: Caleb Hulse as vice-president and Joanna Hornstein as secretary. LHS is grateful to all the work our officers do. As part of Members' Night, LHS played "Guess What's in the Pillowcase". It turned out to be a rosy Anza Borrego rosy boal!

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Forgotten Friend Rescue Update

The rescue has been very busy this Winter with abandoned herps. First a Savannah Monitor was found by the maintenance worker at an apartment complex after the deadbeat owner had move out. A couple weeks later we got a call for a burmese python, whose owner had been locked up in Lancaster Country Prison. When we arrived at the apartment to pick up the burmese python, the cage was empty. Luckily the 10-foot-long constrictor was coiled up under the couch. We also took in a very tiny alligator that was confiscated by Berks County Humane Society.



This has been a great quarter for receiving rare and unusual herps, too! We had an opportunity to help a soldier in Iraq, whose herps were being evicted from his apartment in Cumberland County while he was overseas. They included a Cuban Boa, a Paupan Python, two Green Anacondas, and more! We also had a chance to take in a Blue Tongue Skink this week, which was actually a first for us! Please check www.forgottenfriend.org/adopt for current reptile adoption listings.



In the community we have many outreach programs lined up. Oregon Dairy is hosting our reptiles on February 26th, and the Lancaster County Library System just scheduled our program for all 17 of their libraries this summer! To see where else we'll be, please visit www.forgottenfriend.org/events.

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Requests

LHS exists solely as a volunteer organization. The club would not survive without the constant and continual input of its members. Arranging speakers, organizing field trips, and producing the newsletter take volunteered time. If you have ideas for and are willing to take the lead in arranging speakers or field trips, please contact Roy Mellott (aggrocroc@yahoo.com).

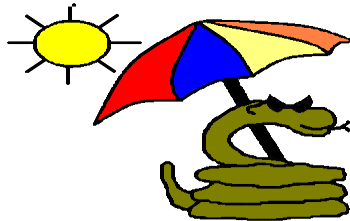
If you wish to contribute to the website, please contact Chad Arment (lancwildlife@verizon.net).

If you wish to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Zach Barton (zbarton@ycstech.org). Possible original contributions include: book reviews; species care sheets; notes from a field herping trip; herp news summaries; and opinionated essays. The deadline for the Spring 2011 Newsletter is approaching fast!

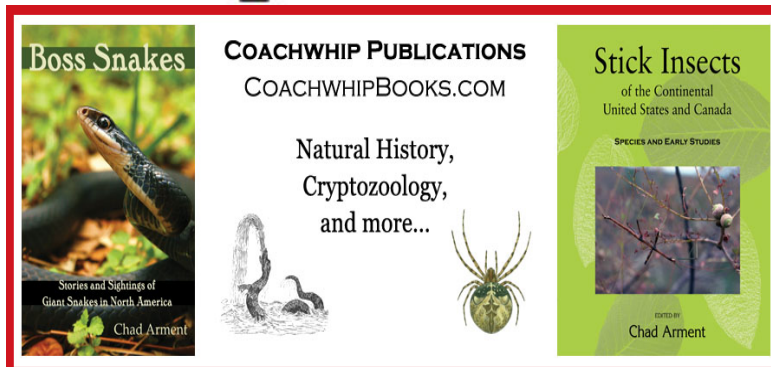
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GET AND GIVE
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MEMBERS
NIGHT
"BRING YOUR
HERPS"

**3RD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
7PM AT THE NORTH MUSEUM**

AT COLLEGE & BUCHANAN AVES., LANCASTER PA.

ENTER THROUGH THE REAR DOOR FROM BUCHANAN AV. PARKING LOT.

USE THE SIDE ENTRANCE DOORBELL.

ADVICE ON CAPTIVE HUSBANDRY AND PROPAGATION
OF MANY POPULAR VARIETIES OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS,
FIELD TRIPS TO LOCAL "HERPING" SPOTS,
GUEST SPEAKERS, STUDIES OF TAXONOMY AND NOMENCLATURE,
STUDIES OF BIOLOGY AND ECOLOGY AND MUCH MORE.

QUESTIONS ??

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OR STOP IN AT A MEETING

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