Welcome to Lancaster Herpetological Society!

- **RESTROOMS**: Out the doors to the right.
- **TRADING POST**: Check out the Trading Post where members can sell or trade herp stuff!
- **SIGN-IN**: Sign in to make sure you’re on our e-mailing list.
- **T-SHIRTS**: $5 each while supplies last. (SALE!)
- **MEMBERSHIPS**: Memberships available through treasurer, Roy, or online. $15/year or $20/family. Current membership sales are for 2017!
- **HOSTESS**: Thank you Mary Anne for having us at the library!
Lancaster Herpetological Society 2017 Board Members

Dave McNaughton, President
Jesse Rothacker, Vice President
Roy Mellott, Treasurer
Monical Bortz, Secretary
Chris Bortz, Website/FB
Kent Hartmoyer
Pam Hartmoyer
Kelsey Frey
Carter Farmer
Alex Woerner
TONIGHT

7-7:30pm - Business Meeting / Show and Share

7:30 - 7:40pm - Intermission/ Snack Break

7:40 - Speaker: Jamie Shinskie, Hellbenders

8:45pm - Clean-up & Highland Pizzeria
Last Month... Potluck & Evolution of Reptiles!

Thank you Mitch!
HERPING REPORTS

Herping = Looking for reptiles and amphibians in the wild.
Any herping reports?
PET UPDATES & TALES

Share stories and photos of your pet herps! Send photos ahead of time to info@lancasterherp.org
Mossy Frog
Tadpoles have
Metamorphosed!

- Michael Shrom of
  Above Average
  Amphibians
Mossy Frog Habitat!
TRADING POST

Bring reptile keeping supplies, decorations, or pets to sell or trade.
3 Ball Pythons for Adoption

Price: Donation to Forgotten Friend Reptile Sanctuary

See Kyle Loucks
Male Okeetee Corn Snake for Sale

$30 OBO

See Kyle Loucks
Nicaraguan (Dwarf) Red-tail Boa Male For Adoption $85

See Kelsey Frey
Roach Starter Colonies - $15 ea

DUBIA

HISSELS

DISCOID

ORANGE HEAD

See Kelsey
Additional Pet Stories?
HERPS IN THE NEWS
“Klingon Newt” and “Ziggy Stardust” Snake: New Species Found in Asia

Submitted by Mr. Barton

….were found during expeditions to some of the most remote areas in the Greater Mekong — a region that encompasses Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar …

On Dec. 19, the WWF issued a report outlining the new finds — 14 reptiles, 11 fish, three mammals, nine amphibians and 126 plants. However, the region's biodiversity is increasingly threatened by destructive human activity, which the WWF described as steadily encroaching on wild places worldwide since the mid-20th century.

A video posted on a Ohio child care center’s website of kids playing with an alligator and a python has started an investigation into Captive Born Reptiles.

The ODA says the undocumented animals were brought to the daycare illegally.

Intraspecific competition, not predation, drives lizard tail loss on islands

Journal of Animal Ecology
October 10, 2016

Tail autotomy is mainly considered an antipredator mechanism. Intraspecific aggression, which may also cause tail loss, probably intensifies on islands due to the higher abundance.

Two gecko species: Kotschy's gecko (*Mediodactylus kotschyi*; mainland and 41 islands) and the Mediterranean house gecko (*Hemidactylus turcicus*; mainland and 17 islands)

In both species, autotomy rates are higher on islands and decline with most predation indices, in contrast with common wisdom, and increase with gecko abundance. In *M. kotschyi*, tail-loss rates are higher on predator and viper-free islands, but increase with viper abundance.

(Submitted by Dave)
Forgotten Friend Reptile Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) reptile rescue and education organization from Amish country, Pennsylvania. Our mission is to give reptiles a chance, by rescuing reptiles that need our help, and by providing fun outreach programs to spread our love of reptiles.
UPDATES OF THE MONTH

-Scheduled reptile shows for all 17 Lancaster County libraries this summer!

-Assisted a landlord with an eviction of over 100 snakes!

- Scheduled Spring Amphibian visit in March for “Kids Cookie Break” radio show.
Adoptions of the Month

- 65 pound Sulcata Tortoise, Bucks County, PA
- 15 year old Russian Tortoise, York, PA
- Ball Pythons (Mitch)
- Alligator and Pine to RMC
- Snakes from SPCA to Kyle
Adoptable Pets at the Rescue

- Ball Pythons
- Red Tail Boas
- Normal Corn Snake
Adoptable Pets on Facebook.com/forgottenfriend

Hi, I own 2 adult red tailed boas. I would like to find a new home for them. I've had them since they were little. I'm 60 yrs. old and live by myself and it has become difficult for me to take care of them. If you can help me I would greatly appreciate it.

Thanks. I live in Middletown NY. you can respond to me on facebook or email me at rick_larsen@hotmail.com
Upcoming Events

- **February** - TBD
- **March** - Nixon Park Wetland Herping Field Trip
- **April** - Toad Migration Walk!
- **May** - Critter Encounter!
Any Additional upcoming Events?

- That Fish Place Dates: 2/11, 3/18, 7/16, 8/12, 9/16
- Lancaster Native Plant and Wildlife Festival - April 29th, 2017!
Lancaster Native Plant & Wildlife Festival

Saturday, April 29, 2017
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Overlook Park
Across from the Manheim Township Public Library
595 Granite Run Drive, Lancaster

PRESENTATIONS...

Zoo America  Native PA Animals

Catherine Zimmerman
Creating Habitat Heroes Across the Nation

Claudia West
Wild and Neat: Native Plants that Bridge the Gap between Horticulture and Ecology

SEVERAL Native Plant Vendors
*Children’s Activities
*Live Animals
*Local Conservation Organizations
*Wildlife Art and Crafts Vendors
*Speakers & Workshops

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR FULL SCHEDULE AND DETAILS www.habitatmt.org

9:30 am

Native Pennsylvania Species

Pennsylvania’s wildlife heritage is presented in this program, highlighting native Pennsylvania animals and discussing the common, as well as the uncommon species which reside in our forests, fields and towns.

11:30 am

Catherine Zimmerman
Creating Habitat Heroes Across the Nation

Zimmerman and film crew spent two years traveling the country to create the documentary film: Hometown Habitat, Stories of Bringing Nature Home. This presentation is a behind the scenes look at making the film and the impetus behind story choices. Using clips from segments of the film Catherine will share those success stories and works in progress, that re-awaken and redefine our relationship with Nature. The goal: Build a new army of habitat heroes and make natural landscaping the new landscaping norm.

1:30 pm

Claudia West
Wild and Neat: Native Plants that Bridge the Gap between Horticulture and Ecology

So you think natives plants are weedy and messy? This lecture debunks this myth and explores the aesthetic value of native plants and their highly attractive cultivars. You’ll be fascinated by the range of colors and textures found in our native flora. Numerous design examples and plant combinations demonstrate the beauty, elegance, and diversity created by using regionally appropriate native plants in our landscapes. We will explore how native species grow in the wild and translate this knowledge into powerful design principles for your garden. Enjoy and be inspired!
Thank you Jamie Shinskie!

**Hellbenders**

- Feed predominantly on crayfish
- They're good indicators of stream quality
- Populations on decline
- They have very good sense of smell