Saturday, September 21 - Maya K. van Rossum
“The Many Values of a Healthy River”
4:00 p.m. Spanning 300 miles, the Delaware River Basin provides drinking water for 15 million people - about 5 percent of the nation’s population. Serving as the Delaware Riverkeeper for 25 years, Maya will discuss her work protecting the River and the many values a healthy river provides, including the benefits of riparian buffers, importance of protecting habitat to maintain biodiversity, and the economic and recreational value the Delaware River provides for the four states that comprise its watershed.

Thursday, October 17 - Dan Kunkle and Bob Hoopes
“Stories from the Gap”
7:00 p.m. Retiring Executive Director, Dan Kunkle, will reflect on his time leading Lehigh Gap Nature Center. Dan will be joined by long-time Board of Directors member Robert Hoopes, who, along with Dan, has been involved with the birth and evolution of LGNC. Learn the stories behind the stories during this enjoyable evening celebrating Dan’s conservation legacy.

Thursday, December 12 - Martha Capwell-Fox
“The Lehigh Navigation: How a Waterway Changed America”
7:00 p.m. Martha Capwell-Fox is the Archives and Museum Coordinator for the National Canal Museum in Easton, PA. Martha will present maps and historic photos of the Lehigh Navigation that help tell the story of how the discovery of anthracite and the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company’s efficient way of delivering it to market led to the birth of the American Industrial Revolution here in eastern Pennsylvania. She will also talk about the unique ways of life that people who worked and lived on the canal led, and the legacy of the canal today.

Sunday, November 3 - Marten Edwards, Ph.D.
“Cicadas, Mosquitoes, and Ticks...Oh My!”
3:00 p.m. Join Muhlenberg College entomologist Marten Edwards as he presents his research on mapping the distribution of periodical cicadas in Pennsylvania - with a preview of what we can expect in 2021, the next time that our famous Brood X cicadas will make their presence known. He will also present highlights from his eight years of studying ticks in the Lehigh Valley region. When not chasing cicadas and ticks, Dr. Edwards has been studying the ways that Asian Tiger mosquitoes survive our local winters, and he will share some of the newest findings.

Thursday, January 16 - Howard “Sandy” Whidden, Ph.D.
“Long-term Studies of Bat Populations in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area”
7:00 p.m. East Stroudsburg University mammalogist Howard “Sandy” Whidden will discuss his long-term research on the bats of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. He will include an overview of the natural history of our local bats and then discuss changes to the bat community following the appearance of the introduced fungal disease White-nose Syndrome.
Thursday, February 13 - Louise Bugbee
“History of the Lehigh River”
7:00 p.m. Local historian Louise Bugbee will lead a journey through time along the Lehigh River. The Lehigh River functioned as the main artery of this region for the Native Americans, fostered the growth of early America, and contributed to the Industrial Revolution. It was loved, used and abused in turn. But things changed, and the Lehigh is once again running clean and clear, and is a beloved asset to the people who live within its basin.

Sunday, March 22 - Gary Gentile
“Canoeing the Wilderness”
3:00 p.m. Join author and photographer Gary Gentile on a 3-week, 320-mile wilderness canoe trip down the South Nahanni River in the rugged and picturesque Northwest Territories. This photographic presentation goes from conception to conclusion of a journey that passes from mild stillwater through incredible whitewater, including 300-foot-high Virginia Falls, a World Heritage Site.

Thursday, April 23 - Scott Keys
“Birds of the Haul Road - an Alaskan Adventure”
7:00 p.m. Wildlife photographer Scott Keys will take us on a photographic trip to Alaska to experience the region’s unique variety of birds.

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