

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 Events

Upcoming speaker schedule unavailable at press time. Check the [website](#) for updates!

Upcoming [Havre de Grace Herp Shows](#): Feb 13th, Mar 6th, Apr 10th

Upcoming [Hamburg Herp Show](#): Feb 27th

Upcoming [Reading Herp Show](#): Jan 16th, Mar 20th

Upcoming [Carlisle Herp Show](#): Jan 23rd

Club Happenings

The past six months have been very exciting for LHS, partly due to our (and all of the nature clubs at the museum) uncertain status with the North Museum. The summer and fall were spent in negotiations. Our uncertain position left our schedule in a month-to-month limbo and interrupted our quarterly newsletter. However, both LHS and the North Museum grew and learned from the experience, and LHS is proud to announce that it will continue meeting at the North Museum for the foreseeable future! Through the process, LHS has acquired affordable liability insurance (*special thanks to Treasurer Kathy Tyson*), and agreed to participate in some special North Museum events.

In July, our president Roy Mellott filled in due to a last-minute speaker emergency, and presented a delightful slideshow on a recent field herping trip to the Delmarva Peninsula. Dr. Carl Ernst once again graced us with his presence in August with a wonderful presentation on the native spotted turtle. Dr. Tim Maret informed us in September about the [PA Herp Atlas](#). In October, Aura Stauffer shared her work with timber rattlesnake. November saw PA Fish & Boat's Jim Chestney (filling in for an ailing Chris Urban) also talk about timbers, yet the presentation was as unique and informative as the month before. Finally, December was our traditional Members' Night where everyone brought a personal herp to show.

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 2010 Newsletter is approaching fast!

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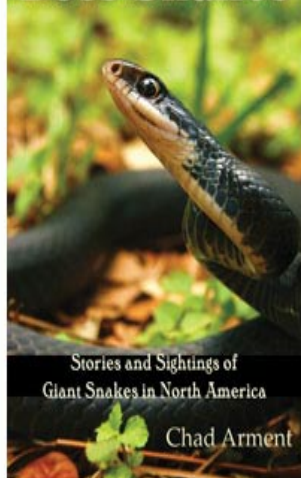
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