

Members are invited to the
29th Annual Membership Meeting of
Friends of Heinz Refuge
Saturday, November 7th, 2026
at The Refuge.

Please remember that only current members and their guests may attend the annual meeting.* Please reserve your spot by email to info@fohrefuge.org or by phone at 215-558-5220. Thank you for your continued support.

***Membership dues may be paid at the meeting.**

Schedule Annual Meeting

9:00 – 9:30 Arrival & Breakfast Served

- Omelet station open for fresh made-to-order omelets and other breakfast items

9:30 – 10:00 Friends of Heinz Refuge Business Meeting

- Friends updates and announcements
- Membership and organizational business

10:00 – 10:45 Refuge Manager Update

- Update from the Refuge Manager
- Questions and discussion

Nature in Focus Photo Competition

11:00 – 11:30 Reception (Open to the Public)

- People's Choice Voting

11:30 – 12:00 Awards Ceremony

- Introduction to the contest and awards process
- Awards and recognitions
- Thank you and closing remarks

Nominations for Board of Directors

Mary Batt

Hey there - **Mary Batt** here.

For many years, I have been actively involved in conservation, wildlife education, and outdoor recreation throughout Delaware County and Philadelphia. My service includes coordinating Hunter-Trapper education programs for the Pennsylvania Game Commission, serving as a Hunter-Trapper Education Instructor for over 21 years, participating in leadership roles with Delaware County Field and Stream, and serving as President of Friends of Heinz Refuge, where I work to connect people with nature and promote environmental stewardship through education, outreach, and conservation.

Through these experiences, I have had the privilege of working with hunters, anglers, conservationists, landowners, educators, and community members from diverse backgrounds. These relationships have given me a strong understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing wildlife conservation and outdoor recreation in southeastern Pennsylvania.

John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge is a place to come for solace on a nice walk. I enjoy the various events, viewing wildlife and most of all the Staff and visitors. I hope that you do as well.



Osprey Pair by James Houston III

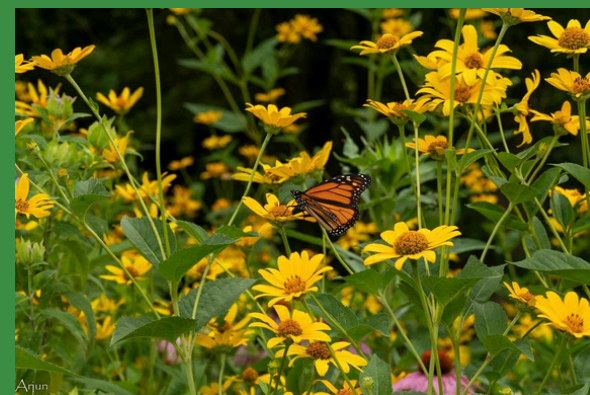


*Celebrating our 29th Annual
Membership Meeting
Saturday, November 7th 2026*

9:00 - 11:00 AM

*Followed by Nature in Focus Photo
Competition Award Ceremony*

11:00 - Noon



Monarch Butterfly by Arjun Sengupta

Friends of Heinz Refuge is a nonprofit charitable organization working in partnership with John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge to connect people with nature and promote a culture of environmental stewardship through education, outreach, service and nature-based recreation for the conservation of wildlife and habitat.

Nominations for Board of Directors

Bill Giuliano



My name is Bill Giuliano and I'm excited to possibly be a board member for FOHR. I'm originally from North Jersey, but have been living and working in Philly for 9 years now as a high school teacher. I do a lot at my school, including assistant coach for our track team and leading spiritual retreats. This summer, I began volunteering with the youth camp that ran in July, which led to an invitation to be a FOHR board member.

In my spare time, my wife and I love to travel! I've been coming to Heinz Refuge for years and have recently gotten into photography as a hobby. Like so many others, I love to bring my camera on a walk through the Refuge. Photography has led me to birding and while volunteering at the Refuge this summer I was lucky enough to see red-tailed hawks, an osprey, and even a bald eagle.

Statement of intent: I have every intention of being an active and responsible board member of Friends of Heinz Refuge.



September Egret by Matt Cohen

Jaclyn Rhoads, Ph.D.

Dr. Rhoads received her B.S., M.S. and Ph.D (Environmental Policy) at Drexel University. She is currently vice-president of Friends of the Heinz Refuge, and the president of Darby Creek Valley Association. She works as Executive Director at the Pinelands Alliance and teaches environmental classes at Drexel University and Widener University. She is a member of Norwood's Environmental Advisory Committee and an appointed public member to the Delaware County Sustainability Commission. Jaclyn received the Environmental Advocate of the Year Award from the National Association of Women Business Owners, South Jersey Chapter, in 2017, and the PennFuture "Woman of the Delaware Watershed" Award in 2018.



Carol L. Armstrong, Ph.D., ABN

Carol Armstrong is a neuroscientist and neuropsychologist with 35 years of research, health-care, and teaching with the University of Pennsylvania and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Her work focused on the impacts of environmental causes of neurological problems, and impacts on the brain's structures from disorders such as dementias, multiple sclerosis, carbon monoxide, traumatic brain injuries, occupational exposures to solvents and metals, and normal aging. The effects on cognition and brain development from brain tumors and radiation therapy in adults, children, and infants were her special focuses in her last 25 years at Penn and CHOP.



Since retiring, Dr. Armstrong has served as secretary of the Board of the Friends of Heinz Refuge since 2020, the Chair of the Plastics Reduction Working Group, the FOHR representative on the Board of the Eastwick Friends and Neighbors Coalition to address environmental inequities, Chair of the municipal Environmental Advisory Committee for Charlestown Township, and as Penn State University Ext. Master Watershed Steward and teacher since 2017. Her focus of interest at this time is watershed restoration, healthy drinking water, salination of our streams, and the impacts of microplastics on the health of humans and wildlife.

Nominations to the Board of Directors

Nominations, in addition to those made by the Nominating Committee, may be made by any member in good standing by writing to the secretary at least 21 days prior to the date upon which the annual meeting is to be held. Said nomination shall include, in copy-ready format, biographical information and a statement of acceptance from the nominee and a willingness to serve if elected, along with a statement by two members in good standing, neither of whom are the nominee, making the nomination. [Article IX, Paragraph e].

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