



# February E-Newsletter

## Welcome Audubon Society!

The ELC is pleased to announce that Jim Bonner with the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania has joined our Steering Committee. We are very excited about the partnerships and opportunities that he brings to us.

Jim is the Executive Director of Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania, which operates both Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve and Todd Sanctuary. Prior to joining ASWP, Jim was the Executive Director of Western PA Humane Society and was with the National Aviary for 10 years, serving as Curator of Birds and later, Director of Operations. In addition to managing the bird collection, he led conservation projects in Eastern Asia, Central and South America, and Africa, as well as research projects within the Aviary.



“I am excited by this opportunity” says Bonner. “I have fond memories of activities at this facility when it was operated by the Army Corp of Engineers, and look forward to helping to bring quality environmental and outdoor activities to the students and public of this region.”

Native to the region, Jim is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. He lives with his wife, Leslie, in Tarentum. When not working on restoring their 1884 home, they enjoy international travel, particularly to Central and South America.

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## Congratulations Dennis!



The Kiskiminetas Watershed is pleased to announce that **Dennis Hawley** is the recipient of The Dr. Frailey Environmentalist of the Year award for his outstanding efforts at the ELC. He will be honored at their banquet in March.

## FREE Sunday Program!

Join us on Sunday, February 13, 2005 for a presentation by Paul Murray. Paul is a member of the Western Pennsylvania Trappers Association. His program, entitled “Using Traps to Control Wildlife” will include a talk, a video, and various trapping techniques. Please come and learn with us!



**Sunday, February 13  
at 2:00 p.m.**

Ms. Suzanne Boarts  
Penn State Cooperative Extension

Mr. James Bonner  
Audubon Society of Western PA

Dr. Stan J. Chapp  
Freeport Area School District

Mr. Gary L. Gilmore  
PA DCNR

Dr. Frank J. Garritano  
Armstrong School District

Ms. Patty Garner  
ARIN Intermediate Unit #28

Ms. Karen Hulse  
Leechburg Area School District

Dr. William Kerr  
Armstrong School District

## ELC Steering Committee Members

Ms. Dawn Kocher-Taylor  
Lenape Area Vo-Tech School

Mr. John Kocon

Mr. John Linkes  
Roaring Run Watershed Association

Dr. Tom Lord  
Indiana University of PA

Ms. Betsy Mallison  
PA DEP

Ms. Pam Meade  
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Penn State New Kensington

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Armstrong Educational Trust Board

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