

## ● ILR FALL 2025 TRIPS ● MARCH 7 – JUNE 13 ●

**Annual Membership Meeting. Kathy Flood & Debbie Bell & Rich Thornhill**

Join the ILR members for the Spring Membership Meeting and Picnic on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. The event will be held at the Rotary Pavilion at the Slippery Rock Parks and Recrea Center on 320 North Main Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057. This site is handicapped accessible and has a nearby rest room. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be provided. Attendees are invited to bring side dishes/appetizers or desserts. To avoid having too many of either, those whose last name starts with A-O are asked to bring side dish/appetizer and P-Z desserts. Hope to see you there!

Deadline for registration: **May 14.**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$25.00

**Wed. Jun. 11  
12:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

**Slippery Rock**

**ADBC. National American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor Museum, W.V. Janet Leise****EARLY DEADLINE**

Museum with World War II artifacts, documents, photos concentrated on the American Defense of the Philippines in 1941-1942 and the POW experience of the men captured by the Imperial Japanese Army. The only depository of its kind in the world devoted to the Bataan Death March and the imprisonment of over 66,000 men and women by the Japanese during World War II. The trip will take 2 h. drive one way from Slippery Rock, plus 90 minutes at museum, then lunch before heading home. The fee is for transportation by van, while lunch and donation to the museum is on the participants.

The van will pick you up at the parking lot at the ILR office in Slippery Rock.

Deadline for payment and enrollment: **February 21.**

**Minimum: 10, Max: 14.**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Fri. Mar. 7;  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Wellsburg, W.V.**

**Aviary. A trip to The National Aviary, Pittsburgh, PA. Kathy Flood****EARLY DEADLINE!**

Join the ILR on a trip to the National Aviary! The National Aviary is America's only independent indoor nonprofit zoo dedicated to birds (more info at [www.aviary.org](http://www.aviary.org)). The visit will include admission to the Aviary, the Bird show, and a guided tour of the facility as well as some free time on your own.

Transportation will be organized by van from Slippery Rock to the Aviary in Pittsburgh and return. The van driver will depart and return to the parking lot at the ILR office.

The fee is for a group and besides admission includes a guided tour of the Aviary.

Deadline for payment and enrollment: **March 19.**

Minimum: 10, Max: 14

Fees: Member \$20.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Fri. Apr. 4;  
11:30 AM - 5:30 PM**

**Pittsburgh, PA**

**Bach Choir. Margaret De Luca**

The Bach Society was formed in 1984 with a small group who got together to sing quality, serious music. The constitution of the Bach Society states that "the purpose of the group is to sing for our own pleasure and the pleasure of others, to contribute culturally to the community and to promote the art of choral music." The group performed for three years under the direction of John Moser of Grove City College.

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Fri. May 2;  
7:00 - 9:30 PM**

**Slippery Rock, PA**

**Bike Ride on Armstrong Trail. Rich Thornhill**

Bike Ride going south along the Allegheny River out and back 10 miles each way you pick your miles

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

We will meet in Ford City, Parking Lot at 100 3 Rd. Ave Ford City, Pa.

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Fri. June 13;**

**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Ford City, PA**

**Bike on Spillway Trail. Jared McGary**

Join the Park Naturalist for a historical 6 mile round trip bike ride along the Spillway Trail. We will be meeting at the Spillway parking lot. Biking the Spillway Trail to Chestnut Street parking lot in Linesville, down to Fries Road, and back to main parking lot at the Spillway. We prefer members to bring their own bike but would be able to accommodate 5 participants. Please have participants bring water, snack, helmet and to be dressed appropriately for the weather.

We will meet at Spillway, 12318 Hartstown Road, Linesville, PA 16424

Minimum: 6, Max: 15

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member - \$15.00

**Wed. June 4;**

**11:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Linesville, PA**

**Blackwood Arts Tour. Andy Johnson & Ben Robertson**

Blackwood Arts is an active art and antique musical instrument estate on forty acres near Harrisville. This unique venue features beautiful buildings, extensive gardens, world class art, and the gracious hospitality of the owners, Ben and Don. Refreshments will be served at the end of the tour.

Note: A donation of \$20 is expected, it will be paid at the gate.

Minimum: 15, Max: 25

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Wed. May 28;**

**9:15 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Harrisville, PA**

**Brunch Munch and Conversations. Sherri Schleiter**

This class will meet in local area restaurants, coffee shops, etc. for munchies and lively conversations. Locations will include nearby towns like Slippery Rock, Butler, Grove City and other local areas voted on by participants. Cue cards, created by participants will lead discussion topics. Examples are "talk about gardening", "share a family tradition", "discuss an activity you enjoy", Tell us about the ILR classes are you taking. Then time for chit-chat. Participants pay for their munchies. Join us and make new friends! Carpooling arranged by participants.

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Fri. Apr. 11, 25, May 9, 23;**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Local restaurants**

**Cathedral of Learning, Visit Nationality Rooms & Heinz Chapel. Martha Manzato**

The Cathedral of Learning is the centerpiece of the University of Pittsburgh; it is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Built on the late Gothic Revival style, the Cathedral rises 42 stories. The interior offers the "National Rooms classrooms, administration offices, a four story event hall, a student food court and gift shop. Heinz Chapel is nondenominational; it was given to UP by the H.J. Heinz family. The chapel's Neo-Gothic style offers stone vaults, high ceilings, repeated arches and extensive use of glass. It hosts approximately 1000 events annually. An easy walk separates the two buildings. A guided tour will be from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Following the tour at 1:30pm we may lunch at the restaurant "Porch" which is directly across the street.

We will depart from Fowler Building at 9:30am. Leave Pitt University at 3:00 pm to return to Fowler Building, Slippery Rock. We will meet our site guides at 4200 5th Avenue. A \$10.00 fee for admission to the Cathedral of Learning will be paid at the gate. Participants will pay lunch, separately.

Deadline for payment and enrollment: April 9.

Minimum: 10, Max: 14

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Fri. Apr. 25;**

**9:30 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Oakland,  
University of Pittsburgh**

**Days for Girls. Janet Leise & Ruth Mage**

Days for Girls is a nonprofit volunteer organization that works to eliminate the stigma and limitations associated with menstruation so that women and girls have improved health, education and livelihoods. To date, we have reached over 3 million women and girls with our life-changing menstrual health solutions. Tour of a local collection and assembly which is located on the George Junior Republic Campus in Grove City.

**Thu. Mar. 13;  
10:00 AM- 12:00 PM  
Grove City, PA**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Fish Fry Frenzy. Sherri Schleiter**

The participants in this activity will meet several times attending local fish fries. Usually, these fish fries are held on Fridays during the Easter Holidays. Times, locations and dates will need to be arranged closer to the events. We will discuss the origins of fish fries and eating fish during this part of the holiday season. We will discuss Lent traditions.

**Fri. Mar. 21, 28, Apr. 4;  
4:00-6:00 PM  
Various local events**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Flower Show at Phipps Conservatory. Kathy Flood**

Join the ILR on a visit to the Spring Flower Show at Phipps Conservatory! For more than 125 years, Phipps has been its city's green oasis, connecting Pittsburghers to the beauty and importance of nature while advancing the role of the public garden in the fields of education, outreach and sustainable innovation. (More information at [www.phipps.conservatory.org](http://www.phipps.conservatory.org)). The Spring Flower Show always provides the burst of color and fragrance you've been missing all winter long, A guided tour will be included. A \$20.00 fee for admission will be paid to the ILR. We'll leave from and return to the ILR office in Slippery Rock.

**Fri. Apr. 11;  
11:30 AM - 5:30 PM  
Pittsburgh, PA**

Deadline for payment and enrollment: **March 31.**

Minimum: 15, Max: 40

Fees: Member \$20.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Franklin Walking Architectural House Tour. Ruth Leo**

Attendees will meet at the Franklin, PA Chamber Office and will go on a walking tour of Victorian Era Houses with a Member of the Rotary for 1.5 hours. Jodi Lewis will be our guide. A brochure will be available. Lunch arrangements will be made for a local restaurant.

**Sat. May 3;  
10:00 - 11:30 AM  
Franklin, PA**

Following the tour, participants may attend May Mart for plants, trees, vendors etc

Minimum: 6, Max: 12

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Grove City George Junior Republic Tour. Ruth Leo & Miley Duong**

The attendees will learn the history of a long-standing facility for adjudicated young boys and men, see the facilities by bus tour and entering buildings. We will learn about some new ideas in therapy and expansion of the mission of the facility.

**Thu. Apr. 24;  
10:00-11:55  
Grove City, PA**

We will meet behind the Chapel at George Junior Road, Grove City, PA

Minimum: 8, Max: 14

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Grove City Historical Society Tour. Ruth Leo**

The Traveler's Hotel holds the exhibit for the Historical Society. Three floors, accessible by riding chair, hold exhibits of history, heritage and artifacts in more than 12 rooms. We will meet at 111 College Avenue, Grove City.

**Thu. Apr. 24;  
12:30 -2:30 PM  
Grove City, PA**

Minimum: 6, Max: 15

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Harmony Museum Tour. Gregory Sferra & Katina Koontz**

Historic Harmony, Inc. was founded in 1943 and operates the Harmony Museum, which interprets 250 years of rich history. Museum presentations that include George Washington's 1753 Mission, the communal Harmony Society, Mennonites, and the collection of outstanding sporting rifles by 19th century Harmony gunsmith Charles Flowers. Its nine properties include the 1809 main museum building, the 1812 Wagner Haus that houses the Museum shop, Rapp's seat and overlook, three log cabins with displays, as well as the Harmony Society cemetery with giant stone revolving door. The restored Mennonite Meetinghouse and Cemetery are individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Fri. May 23;  
1:00 - 2:30 PM  
Harmony, PA**

Minimum: 6, Max: 30

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Hepburn Style and Her Designers - Kent S.U. Exhibition. Dale Doran & Cindy Andes**

**SEE DEADLINE!**

The Kent State University (KSU) Museum has an exhibit "Katharine Hepburn, Dressed for Stage and Screen". This exhibit will only be there for a short time. It includes Theatre Costumes, Film Costumes, and Clothes for Publicity and Private Life worn by Katharine Hepburn for the purposes mentioned. You will see some of the actual items Katharine Hepburn wore on stage, in films, for publicity and in private. This will include many of the costumes we saw her wearing in the films we viewed in the Fall 2024 semester. The drive is about 1h. 20 min. one way and after visiting the exhibition, we'll have lunch at a nearby eaterie. The fee is for transportation by van, and does not include other expenses. The van will pick you up and drop you off at the parking lot at the ILR office in Slippery Rock. Contact Dale ([ddoran@zoominternet.net](mailto:ddoran@zoominternet.net)) or Cindy ([andes@pitt.edu](mailto:andes@pitt.edu)) for further details.

Deadline for payment and enrollment: April 1.

**Thu. Apr. 17;  
9:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
Kent, OH.  
KSU Museum**

**Minimum: 10, Max: 14**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Hike at Preston Park. Rich Thornhill**

Will meet in Parking Lot. 2-3 mile hike

**Fri. June 6; 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Butler PA, Preston Park**

**Keystone Safari. Margaret De Luca**

Meet at zoo at 10am for a walking tour. If you cannot walk the distance, a driving tour is available. Animal food may be purchased and may be hand fed to the animals. Lunch at Margarita King at noon.

Fees: Member \$15.00; Non-Member \$30.00

**Fri. May 16  
10:00 AM- 2:00 PM  
Grove City, PA**

**Lemieux Sports Complex. Gregory Sferra & Danielle Huttinger**

The UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex is the primary practice and training facility for the Pittsburgh Penguins as well as a comprehensive outpatient facility for UPMC Sports Medicine. This first-of-its-kind facility in the Pittsburgh region is a true partnership between two world-class organizations, and features 185,000 square feet of total space dedicated to treating, training and inspiring athletes at every level. The tour will focus on the hockey side of the facility. We will meet at Lemieux Sports Complex, in the lobby.

**Thu. Mar. 27;  
1:30 - 2:30 PM  
Cranberry Twp. PA**

Minimum: 6, Max: 20

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Lunch Out. Teresa O'Malley & Henry Anna**

**5 SESSIONS OR MORE**



You will experience diverse ethnic dishes at popular eateries in Western PA neighborhoods. You will pay for your own lunch and will be contacted by email. We can carpool.

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$25.00

**Thu. Mar. 20; Apr. 3, 17,  
May 1, 15, June 5;  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
Various Places**

**Maple. Experience Maple Sugaring: A Sweet Talk. Ruth Leo & Miranda Crotsley**

Join the Education Director and other ILR members at Jennings to learn about the history and culture of maple-sugaring in Western PA. We will become familiar with techniques of tapping trees throughout history and the process of making maple sugar. Jennings Nature Educational Center.

**Fri. Mar. 14;  
10:00-12:00**

**Slippery Rock**

Minimum: 6, Max: 30

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Maple. All Things Maple at Munnell Run Farm. Kelcy Marini & Martha Manzato**

Munnell Run Farm is a 163-acre educational facility located in Mercer. It was once a part of the Mercer County Home and Hospital, which has since been divided into multiple properties, including the county Career Center and a nursing home. Many of the Home's historic buildings are still scattered around Munnell Run Farm and have since been repurposed, including the slaughterhouse-turned-trout-nursery and dairy-barn-turned-sugar-shack. Staff of the Mercer County Conservation District now manage the Farm, including its sugar shack and maple production. Join us to see our wood-fired evaporator, explore the farm, and learn about all things maple. A \$5.00 fee will be paid at the gate.

**Fri. Mar. 14,  
2:00 -4:00 PM**

**Mercer, PA**

Minimum: 5, Max: 20

Fees: Member \$5.00; Non-Member - \$15.00

**Merrick Art Gallery Tour. Andy Johnson**

Be part of ILR history by joining us on the first ever tour of the Merrick Gallery. This gallery has had historic importance in western Pennsylvania for three centuries and continues to shine with its beautiful building, vast art collection, and a newly discovered tunnel once used in the Underground Rail Way. We will meet in the ILR parking lot at 9:30 AM and travel to Brown's Country Kitchen for a bite. We will arrive at the Merrick noonish in time for a guided tour including a cute gift shop. Meet in the ILR parking lot at 9:30AM, or at Brown's Country Kitchen at 10AM. If you want to meet at the Merrick then it will be noonish.

Note: A \$20.00 donation is expected, and payable on site.

**Wed. June 4;  
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

**New Brighton, PA**

Minimum: 10, Max: 25

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Nature in Spring- Wildflower Walk with Natalie Simon. Ruth Leo & Natalie Simon**

We will enjoy the spring wildflowers blooming along Hell's Run during a mile stroll on an easy trail at the Hell's Hollow area. The map will indicate how to get to Hell's Hollow if coming from the old mill through the covered bridge. As the resident biologist at the park, Natalie Simon will be able to answer most of your questions about flora and fauna there.

Hell's Hollow parking Lot 1436 Shaffer Road, Portersville, PA 16051 or Fowler Building for carpooling

**Fri. Apr. 18;  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Portersville, PA**

Max: 10-12

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Opera - Madam Butterfly. Dale Doran**

In this groundbreaking new production created by an all Japanese and Japanese-American creative team, the story is transported to a fantastical realm where reality and dreams intersect. Pinkerton puts on a VR headset and transports us into a vibrant virtual reality playground where he has ultimate control. As his avatar, a U.S. Navy Lieutenant, he can seduce and marry his fantasy girl and abandon her just as easily. But to Bio-Cio San, this is no game and the love and betrayal she feels is all too real. Enveloped in Puccini's stunning music, this visually beautiful production is the perfect match. Pittsburgh Opera is proud to partner with Cincinnati Opera, Detroit Opera, and Utah Opera to co-produce this reinvention of Puccini's classic, uncovering new and resonant meaning for all audiences to enjoy. Antony Walker conducts; Original production conceived and directed by Matthew Ozawa; Associate Stage Director, Melanie Backing.

We will meet at the ILR parking lot for carpooling, or at the Bendedum Center otherwise.

Deadline for payment and enrollment: **March 7.**

**Sun. Mar. 30;  
11:00 AM- 5:00 PM**

**Pittsburgh, PA**

**The Bendedum Center**

Fees: Member \$43.00; Non-Member \$58

**Opera - Woman With Closed Eyes. Dale Doran**

When Mona finds a mysterious suitcase filled with stolen masterpieces, she must grapple with a choice to save these priceless paintings or save her son- the thief. Burning the paintings would destroy the evidence of her son's crime, but one of the paintings-Lucien Freud's "Woman With Eyes Closed"-looks just like her own mother, a painter who died when Mona was still young. The uncanny resemblance unlocks long-buried memories that fuel the fires of three different possible endings. This world premiere opera from award-winning composer Jennifer Hidden (Cold Mountain) is inspired by a real-life art heist, and confronts the question "what is the true value of a work of art?" This opera needs to be seen at least twice; each night of the production has the possibility of a completely new ending! Antony Walker conducts; Kristine McIntyre directs. Commissioned by Opera Philadelphia. We will meet at the ILR parking lot or at the Bitz Opera Factory. The venue is in Strip District.

Deadline for payment and enrollment: April 1.

**Sat. May 3;  
2:00 AM-6:00 PM  
Pittsburgh, PA**

Minimum: 3,

Fees: Member \$48.00; Non-Member \$63.00

**Pickleball 101+. Gregory Sferra & Denny Hemphill**

This class will further expand on the game of pickleball. The instructor will expand on the basics of Pickleball play, scoring, and strategies. The class will be conducted at the pickleball/tennis courts located on Keister Road weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, the class will be conducted in the Aebersold Student Recreation Center (ARC). Participants should come dressed to play wearing athletic apparel and shoes. Paddles and balls will be provided.

**Tue. Apr.22;  
2:00 - 4:00 PM  
SRU ARC**

Minimum: 4, Max: 12

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Preston Park Tour. Anthony Stagno & Polly Shaw**

Prepare for this tour by attending either the in-person class program or the online class by Zoom, the day before, "Dr. Frank W. Preston and Preston Park". Register to join this activity, led by Friends of Preston Park Executive Director, Anthony Stagno, who will take you on a 2-3 hour walking tour of buildings and grounds of Preston Park, 215. E. Eberhart Road, Butler, PA.

Meet in the parking lot at Preston Park, near the Rest Rooms.

**Thu. June 5;  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Butler, PA**

Minimum: 10, Max: -

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Relic Crusade. Janet Leise & Hermit David**

The Relic Crusade has erected a Shrine to the Saints in Saint Michael the Archangel Greek Ukrainian Catholic Church. Located in Lyndora, Pennsylvania, this is the largest collection of Relics in an Eastern Rite Church.

Note: Optional donation. Reservations for groups of 10 or more

**Sat. Apr. 5;  
10:00 - 11:30 AM  
Lyndora, PA**

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Steamfitters' Technology Center in Harmony, PA. Gail Blakeley & Thomas Doran**

We will tour the Steamfitters' Technology Center that provides advanced training from skilled industry professionals for those pursuing a career in building and maintaining piping systems in a variety of industrial and residential facilities. We will see the extensive supply of equipment needed for training in these careers. This state of the art facility aids steamfitters as they have five years of training to fabricate, install and service all types of hot water and steam piping systems. Lunch will be served to participants at the Events Center at the facility.

We will meet at Steamfitters before 11 in the parking lot of Steamfitters 230 Wise Rd. Harmony PA.

**Fri. Apr. 11;  
11:00- 11:55  
Harmony, PA**

Minimum: 5, Max: 15

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Steam Show - Portersville. Janet Leise & Wanda Write**

The Portersville Steam Show and the grounds are maintained by the N.W. PA. Steam Engine & Old Equipment Association. The goals of the organization are to preserve, display and demonstrate equipment of the past. We feature antique gas, steam-powered, and old agricultural methods. Activities featured include: Craft and food vendors, tractor pulls, print making shop, small train ride, and entertainment TBD.

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Sat. May 17;  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Portersville, PA**

**Storm Harbor Tour. Janet Leise**

Our main focus is to provide weekly therapeutic riding lessons for individuals with disabilities. We also provide therapeutic opportunities by teaching some of our riders how to groom, tack and take care of the horses.

Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Fri. May 9;  
11:30 AM- 12:30 PM  
Slippery Rock**

**Wild Flowers Walk on Wolf Creek Narrows. Kellar Smith**

In early May, take a walk along Wolf Creek to see the spring wildflower blooms at their peak. Learn how to identify plants by their flowers, leaves and growth habit. We will also discuss some medicinal properties and folklore of plants. The relatively flat trail along the creek is teeming with colorful flora diversity. Those who are more adventurous can do the entire 1.5 mile loop up a steep hill to witness a carpet of blooming trillium as far as the eye can see. Location: Slippery Rock, Wolf Creek Narrows Natural Area.

We'll meet at the parking lot at the west side of the bridge over Wolf Creek.

Note: Parking is limited so carpooling is encouraged.

Maximum: 15  
Fees: Member \$0.00; Non-Member \$15.00

**Thu. May 1;  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Slippery Rock**

**Wine & Lunch. Kathy Flood**

Join us for wine tasting followed by lunch at local wineries. Participants pay for tasting and lunch.

Fees: Member \$0.00, Non-Member \$15.00

**Thu. Mar.13, Apr. 10, May 8, June12;  
11:30- 1:30  
Various destinations**