

The Swift team flies again tomorrow night

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🦉 Latest in a series of posts on the Swifts 🦉

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[Forum #2 Thursday Mar 11, 7:00-8:30 PM](#) [Changing Methods of Construction and the Impact on Chimney Swifts](#)

Christine Ussler, Architect and Founder, Artefact, Inc.; Professor of Practice, Art, Architecture and Design, Lehigh University; Board Member, Pennsylvania Historic Preservation; Advisory Board Member, South Bethlehem Historical Society

Scott Burnet, Chairman of the Habitat Committee of the Lehigh Valley Audubon Society (LVA)

Peter Saenger, LVAS President, Ornithologist at Muhlenberg College
Acopian Center for Ornithology

Mary Foltz (moderator), Director of South Side Initiative and
Professor of English, Lehigh University

Scott Burnet visited the Masonic Temple redevelopment site in South Bethlehem on December 11, 2020 to consult with developer, John Noble, and Architect, Christine Ussler, about the potential relocation and design of the 40-foot-high 5-foot square Masonic Temple chimney. Christine Ussler will tell the story of the changing form and function of chimney structures throughout Bethlehem's history. Scott will connect our human (his)story to the story of the swifts' adaptation from hollow trees in old growth forests to masonry chimneys in urban environments. We will invite the audience to reconceptualize our relationship with nature to acknowledge the interconnection between human and natural history.



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