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**Meet Richard Whiteford, author of *Wild Pennsylvania*,
at the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center**

PHILADELPHIA – The Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center will welcome Richard D. Whiteford, author of *Wild Pennsylvania*, to a lecture, reception and book signing on Sunday, May 27 at 1:30 p.m.

Pennsylvania's natural wonders are many and varied: from hidden gems within state and national parks to the winding paths of quiet mountain streams; from steep Appalachian ridges, deep fertile valleys to gently rolling Piedmont hills and rugged glacial plateaus. Author Richard Whiteford and photographer Michael Gadomski capture the breathtaking beauty and value of these diverse landscapes in *Wild Pennsylvania*. The book provides an environmental history of the state and explores the impact of human development on the land.

Richard D. Whiteford works with state and federal governments to preserve ecologically important land in Pennsylvania. He has written hundreds of newspaper and journal articles and formerly wrote a weekly series about endangered species for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. He lives in Downingtown, Pennsylvania.

Michael P. Gadomski worked as a Pennsylvania State Park Naturalist and Ranger for 25 years before devoting himself full-time to nature photography.

The Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center, located at 640 Water Works Drive, is operated by the Philadelphia Water Department and open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Center is closed on Mondays and City holidays. All programs are free of charge and suitable for people of all ages and interests. The Center is fully ADA accessible. For more information about the Interpretive Center programs, visit www.fairmountwaterworks.org or call 215-685-0723.

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