Mountaineer Audubon
Spring Banquet
with Special Guest
Greg Miller

Friday, April 3, 2020

West Virginia Botanic Garden Education Center
1061 Tyrone Road, Morgantown, WV, 26508

6pm: Social Time
7pm: Our Annual Meeting, followed by dinner from
The Lakehouse
After dinner: Presentation by Greg Miller, of The Big
Year book and movie fame

In 1998 Greg zigzagged across the continent, traveling 130,000 miles while trying to hold down a full-
time job at a nuclear power plant, to try to see as many species of birds in one calendar year as possible. It was an incredible experience passing the 700-species mark—an achievement many birders aspire to in a lifetime. But there was competition. Two other birders, Sandy Komito and Al Levantin, also did Big Years the same year as Greg and also broke the 700-mark. Their competitive quests are documented in the 2004 nonfiction book, The Big Year, by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Mark Obmascik. And unbelievably, Twentieth Century Fox made a full feature motion picture inspired by the book! Greg had the fortunate opportunity to be the Bird Consultant for the movie. He was on the set for three weeks with many of the actors and crew and met the stars of the movie. In this presentation, hear the backstory of how the book came to be, how it became a movie, and what is was like being on a Hollywood set with Jack Black, Steve Martin, and Owen Wilson.

Reservation Form:

Name(s):______________________________________________________

Phone Number: ________________________________________________

Number of meals: ______________ x $25 each = total $______________

Price includes dinner buffet, dessert, drinks, and the presentation.

Make checks payable to Mountaineer Audubon and mail to Katie Fallon, 87 Morgan Hill Road, Morgantown, WV, 26508.