

# The Wilderness Center Newsletter



A monthly publication for our Members

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## Think Spring!!! Native Plant Sale and Gardening Seminar Saturday, April 30, 9-4 & Sunday, May 1, 1-4



More plants, more varieties and the usual, informative speakers! Save the date for The Wilderness Center's Native Plant Sale and Seminars. Plants will go on sale at 9 AM on Saturday, April 30th, with the seminar sessions beginning at 10 AM. Plants not sold on Saturday will be available for purchase Sunday, May 1st.

You can begin to plan for the Native Plant Sale now! Check out the new, online TWC Native Plant Sale Guide on our website: [www.wildernesscenter.org](http://www.wildernesscenter.org). The guide is a complete booklet of the plants that will be offered at the sale. Each page has plant information that includes a photo, soil and light requirements, plant color, height and bloom time, wildlife value, and informative notes about the plant.

Think spring and look for the enclosed plant sale flyer! It includes a complete listing of seminar speakers and the plants that will be offered at the sale.

To save costs and paper, please contact Vicki at [vicki@wildernesscenter.org](mailto:vicki@wildernesscenter.org) if you would like to receive your newsletter online instead of in the mail.

## Fare Passage Concert Sat., March 12, 7 PM



Folk music of the Celtic lands, just in time for St. Patty's Day! Add in some tunes from the Viking countries and feel the heat! **Fare Passage** is back!

**Fare Passage** has entertained people throughout Ohio for over two decades.

Their bill of fare is British Isles, Scandinavia, French Canada, Brittany France, and New England style dance tunes. Includes hammered dulcimer, fiddle, melodeon, concertina, accordion, marimbula, guitar, and Russian domra. \$8/member; \$10/nonmember; children 15 and younger half price.

To register, see the enclosed program guide.

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## Signs of The Season



People mark the seasons in different ways.

As a child, growing up in the city, spring seemed to begin with Snowdrops in our front garden, then quickly proceeded to crocuses. I haven't seen a Snowdrop in years and barely notice crocuses any more—they just don't "mean" spring to me any more. Now, I feel the first thrill of spring when Coltsfoot raises its fuzzy yellow flowers.

For years, the media has taught us to look for the "first Robin of spring," but I'm one of the folks who feel spring is here when the Red-winged Blackbirds begin to sing.

And that's just spring. I first noticed that I had a personal "flower calendar" when I put together a presentation for a garden club. They wanted to see spring wildflowers, so I started with a Skunk Cabbage bud and went through the showier spring wildflowers in their approximate order of bloom. The last picture was a Showy Lady's Slipper Orchid—for as long as I can remember, the showy native orchids have seemed, to me, to mark the end of spring. St. Johnswort flags the beginning of summer and Blazing Stars its end. Joe Pye Weed means the start of fall, which ends when the last Aster fades to brown. Winter weeds herald their namesake. Skunk Cabbage buds (which form in fall) are a promise of spring, but spring actually begins again when the Skunk Cabbage blooms.

As I write this, it's winter. The Witch Hazel is in bloom and some trees and shrubs have set catkins. My "wildflower calendar" is on schedule, but it's supplemented by other signs. Driving home the other evening, I saw a flock of late geese honk across the sky. The stars of winter in my favorite constellation, Orion, and the beautiful Pleiades mark the early nights. School program requests for spring are trickling in—they'll become a flood as spring nears.

I know there are definite dates to the official change of seasons. Spring and fall begin every year on the equinoxes; summer and winter on the solstices. Yet, my signs of spring don't wait for the Vernal Equinox on March 20. Fall starts for me long before the Autumnal Equinox on September 23. Seasons overlap in my internal calendar as one set of signs

is slowly replaced by the next. The change of seasons is a flow, not a gush; a spiral path, not a 10-foot leap.

Do you find it the same? You are probably more attuned to nature than the general public. You notice the gradual change of seasons as they ease from one to another. Whether you're a Botanizer checking the early spring elm flowers, a Backpacker eying the sky for summer thunderstorms, a Birder meeting the challenge of identifying migrating fall warblers, or an Astronomer welcoming Orion back to the winter skies, you welcome the turning of the year and the change of seasons in your own special way.

I enjoy watching for each small step in the spiral. I'd miss the cycle and, especially, my own signs of the seasons. What are your signs?

*Joann Ballbach, Education Director*

## TWC Monthly Photo Club Winner



Winner of monthly Photo Club picture:

*Ice by Bill Blanchard*

## Congratulations Nancy Burkholder!

**Nancy Burkholder**, a member for 8 years, completed the Wilderness 100 walk and claimed her hand carved boot on January 7th. **Nancy** began her program in January 2008 and completed the 100 miles at various times and distances in October 2010. We congratulate you!!

## Welcome New Members!

*Tom Alexander  
 Carl J. Conrad  
 Terri Hanes  
 Nancy Jagger  
 Shannon & Chad McGlothlin  
 James M. Noyes  
 Marty & Colleen Pohlod  
 Eddie & Jane Steiner  
 Mary Strukel  
 Gary & Vicci Weeks*



If you are a **Fisher Foods** shopper, you can help us earn money! Get a rewards card, register it online, and then choose The Wilderness Center for the Community Rewards Program! When we get to 50 cardholders registered for us, we can start earning! This does not affect your own rewards totals. Thanks for your support!

## **MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT TO US - PASS THE NEWS ALONG TO A FRIEND.**

- Receive the monthly newsletter with programming and information
- Help provide nature trails, exhibits and educational experience for people of all ages
- Early enrollment and discounted fees for TWC programs
- 10 % Discount on The Wilderness Center Nature Bookstore merchandise and 15% on birdseed

### **An Invitation to Join The Wilderness Center**

The Wilderness Center is a self-funding, nonprofit organization, founded in 1964, dedicated to connecting our community with nature, educating people of all ages, conserving natural resources, and practicing environmental stewardship.

Teaching 15,000 school children yearly. Participating in nature research of the Great Lakes Region. Protecting 2,922 acres of forest, streams, prairie and farmland. Providing answers about the natural world for the community.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual           | \$25    | <input type="checkbox"/> Family            | \$35  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting           | \$60    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining        | \$90  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fellow               | \$150   | <input type="checkbox"/> Donor             | \$275 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life                 | \$1,250 | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Benefactor | \$550 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Endowment Benefactor | \$2,000 |                                            |       |

Gift to the Endowment Trust \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership lasts one full year from date of payment.

**I would like my newsletter:**

- By Mail  
 Online

Name(s) (Mr. & Mrs., Mr., Ms., Dr.)		
Street Address or Box Number		
City	State	Zip
Telephone: Home:		Work:
Email address:		

# Thank You, Volunteers!

## January Volunteers

Fred Anania  
Ron Barickman  
Jim Barnes  
Barbara Bartchy  
Joe Bartzi  
Shirley Bartzi  
Barb Bauer  
Ken Blanchard  
Theresa Blanchard  
Norma Breehl  
Rick Breehl  
Herb Broda  
Bill Castro  
Nancy Castro  
Sandy Chenal  
Robert Cohen  
Bob Connor  
Mary Ann Connor  
Sue Cook  
Ken Craddock  
Bob DeHoff  
Alan Dolan  
Sarah Douglas  
Luke Easter  
Susan Evanoff  
Peggy Ewing  
Fred Finney  
Bonnie Fisher  
Arnold Fritz  
Jean Fritz  
Val Fulton  
Judy Geiser  
Marlin Gessaman  
Sandy Gessaman  
Andrea Gillis  
Adam Gourley  
Darla Gourley  
Dave Gourley  
Brian Gray  
Charlie Grell  
Char Greenfelder  
Fred Grosse  
Dick Gurich  
Lois Gurich  
Andy Haag  
Rick Haines  
Chuck Hass  
Kryn Henderhan  
David Hoecker  
Phil Hoyle  
Rosemarie Hunt  
Steve Jones  
Kitty Johnson  
Sue Keller  
Judy Kenny  
Julie Kirkpatrick  
Chuck Kraus  
Del Labo  
Carl Lavin  
Lola Lewis  
Lyn Loveless  
Marcia Luizzo  
Tom Luizzo  
MaryJo  
Lundenberger

MaryLou  
Lundenberger  
Maurice  
Lundenberger  
Valerie Lusic  
Bev Marburger  
Dale Marburger  
Jane Marion  
Robert McAfee  
Milo Miller  
Arlene Nussbaum  
Esther Norris  
Rita Palaski  
Tim Palaski  
Nancy Pickard  
Monty Reed  
Dena Reidl  
Mike Reidl  
Ralph Regula  
Tim Regula  
Ken Renner  
Judy Rentsch  
George Rickenbrode  
Nancy Rickenbrode  
Robert Rohrbaugh  
Samuel Root  
Dave Ross  
Alice Schmitthenner  
Fritz Schmitthenner  
Ken Schneller  
Les Schupbach  
Penny Seibert  
Terry Seibert  
Bob Shedlarz  
Rich Shernit  
Dean Smith  
Marv Smith  
Sandy Smith  
Sylvia Smith  
Arletta Snyder  
Su Snyder  
Pat Soehnlen  
Brian Spring  
Neel Summers  
John Swartz  
Janice Tipton  
Pat Tirabasso  
Jane Ulmer  
Flo Vinkovich  
John Waechter  
Ron Wallick  
Jeff Watson  
Patti Watson  
Wanda Wentling  
Howard Wise  
Chuck Yehl

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

### BRIAN GRAY

**Brian** is a terrific volunteer! He does so much for The Wilderness Center. He works with the TWC Astronomy Club and has many programs for the public to include star watches and planetarium shows. He serves as President of the Astronomy Club.

**Brian** is at The Wilderness Center almost every weekend. He works in the nature store when needed, answers the phones, takes reservations and logs in all of the volunteer hours.

**Brian** is also quite a chef! He brings in these yummy gourmet cakes and donates a few for Nature Fest.

They usually are purchased before the public even makes it here for the bake sale!

**Brian** also helps with most of the special events throughout the year and we appreciate his help!

Thanks, **Brian!!!**

## Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Class at The Wilderness Center June 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 2011

Learn more about Ohio's Natural History! The Ohio Certified Volunteer Program (OCVN) is a training program run through OSU Extension. Participants complete training in geology, plants, insects, birds, mammals, reptiles & amphibians, ecology, stewardship and interpretation. The Wilderness Center has helped to train over 150 volunteers over the last 3 years. For more information or to register, contact the Holmes County OSU Extension office at 330-674-3015.

**The Holmes County OCVN Chapter (for all OCVN graduates) now has a website. Visit the website ([www.wildernesscenter.org/HolmesCountyOCVN.htm](http://www.wildernesscenter.org/HolmesCountyOCVN.htm)) for meeting information and upcoming natural history events.**

## Thank you!

Thank you student councils of **Stark county** for the donation of feed for the geese and fish at the lake. We appreciate it - and so do the fish and geese!

## Wanted:

**Wanted: Garment Bags for Enchanted Forest costumes.**

# SALAMANDER SEASON



The first warm rainy nights will bring salamanders to our vernal pools. If you would like to join us for a walk to view this amazing phenomenon, watch our Facebook page or give us a call and ask to be put on the salamander call list. We never know exactly when the salamanders will show up, so we'll contact you when they have arrived.

## Shreve Spring Migration Sensation

This year for the first time, you can register for Shreve Migration Sensation on March 26. Just visit our website [www.wildernesscenter.org/Shrevemigration.htm](http://www.wildernesscenter.org/Shrevemigration.htm).

Registering early will give you more time in the field the day of the event. For more information about Shreve Migration, visit [www.shreve.ohio.com/migrate.htm](http://www.shreve.ohio.com/migrate.htm).



Mark Your Calendars Now:  
4th Annual  
Scarlet, Gray and Green Fair  
Tuesday, April 19, 2011  
11:30am-7:00pm  
OARDC Campus, Wooster

## Everything I Need to Know I Learned From the Journal of Herpetology

Remember that cute book about the lessons we learned in kindergarten? Well, I must have been too busy shoving crayons up my nose back then to grasp the significance of those life lessons. While I do remember not to run with scissors (most of the time), I've found I need extra guidance in my adult life. Sure, I could learn from the mistakes of my family and friends, or read a lot of expensive self-help books, or tune in to Dr. Phil each afternoon. But those things take effort. And really, everything I need to know about life I've learned from something I've already been doing – reading the Journal of Herpetology. Here's a small sample of the life lessons offered in its pages:

Females can maximize the benefits of mate choice by using multiple traits to assess male quality. (vol 43, no 1, p 89) (i.e.- don't pick a guy for just his nice eyes or fancy car)

Many traits that increase male mating success also have the potential to make those males more susceptible to capture by predators. (vol 41, no 2, p 317) (i.e. – guys do stupid things to impress girls)

When multiple females are present, males are choosier and attempt to assess female receptivity before initiating courtship (vol 42, no 3, p 580) (i.e. – when given a choice, males choose the easiest catch)

Females display more actively when in the presence of a competitor (vol 42, no 3, p 580) (i.e. - females flirt more if there's competition)

Males paired with unfamiliar, nonresident females copulate more frequently than males paired with resident females. (vol 42, no 2, p 260) (no explanation necessary)

Of course, I can't say this advice has always worked out well for me. Then again, neither did the whole crayon-in-the-nose thing. Use the advice at your own risk.

*Carrie R. Elvey, Naturalist*

Mark Your Calendars Now:  
Earth Day  
Saturday, April 16, 2011  
9 am-4 pm  
The Wilderness Center  
Native Plant Sale  
Saturday, April 29 9 am-4pm  
Sunday, May 1 1-4 pm

## Geocaching Club

The TWC Geocache Club held its bi-monthly chat on January 20 at Newt's in Navarre. We had a bad snow storm but that can't keep geocachers away from food! There were 21 in attendance and we all had a great time! Lots of geochatting and lots of eating. Thanks to **Terry and Penny Seibert** for hosting the chat.

The club held its annual winter night cache event, SIX MORE WEEKS OF WINTER?!?!?, on Saturday, January 29 at the Center. Once again, old man winter cooperated with us and gave us a good night for caching. Only a couple of inches of snow on the ground and it wasn't all that cold...once you got in the woods and kept moving, that is. We had a record breaking crowd of 162 cachers on the trails! We used the Fox Creek and Sugarcreek Trails, the Rustic Shelter area and the parking lot to place 70 temporary caches. A big thank you to the geocache club members who helped in any way with this event. It takes team work to put something like this together and make it work, and judging from the people who logged onto geocaching.com, it did work! Unfortunately, the skies did not cooperate and were too cloudy for the Astronomy Club to join us this year...but maybe next year.

We will be hosting a GPS/Geocaching Seminar at the Center on Saturday, February 19 from 9:30 AM-noon. If you have a GPS just sitting around that you don't know how to use, you got one for Christmas and need help with it, or if you want to learn more about geocaching and setting caches, this is the place to be. The seminar will be led by **Del Labo and Bob Conner**. The club will provide coffee and donuts. There is no charge for this seminar, but we would appreciate it if you could let us know if you plan to attend, either by logging on to Geocaching.com, e-mailing me at [axetowax@yahoo.com](mailto:axetowax@yahoo.com) or calling the office. In case the Center would have to close due to bad weather, etc., we will try to notify those who have registered.

We are also in the discussion stage to see if we can set up an event for Earth Day at the Center. The meeting will be on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 2 PM in the Cardinal Room. Anyone wishing to help or have any ideas, please come to the meeting.

The next geo-chat will be in March. Watch geocaching.com for details.

For info, suggestions or questions about the geocaching club, please e-mail **Rita** at [axetowax@yahoo.com](mailto:axetowax@yahoo.com)

## Botanizers Club

On Sunday, January 9, **Marvin Smith** presented his powerpoint program titled "Fabulous Ferns". Since ferns are green and that is the dominant color of the plant world the ferns can be easily overlooked. **Marvin** highlighted 46 Ferns with their habits, habitats, folklore and other tidbits of information he had gathered. As with any program, **Marv** has hours of preparation and research and the result was educational as well as entertaining. I promised those in attendance there would not be a test at the end of the presentation. A sigh of relief could be heard as there was a lot of information to take in.

Now is the time to renew your membership if you are a current member of the club. If you have thought of joining, please do it as soon as possible. Dues are paid by the calendar year. We will be updating our membership list soon and would hate to leave anyone out. A friendly reminder: to be a member of the Botanizers you must be a current member of the TWC as well. The pamphlet titled "Botany at TWC" has more details on our club. You may pick one up on your next visit to the Interpretive building. Until next report....

**Sandy Smith, Club President**

## Nature Photo Club

On Saturday, March 26, 9:30 AM the program will be Photo Tips. The presenters, **Alan Dolan** and others, will offer photo tips ranging from "How to Organize & Store Your Photos" to "Tips for Success in Photo Contests" Refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome to attend.

The monthly shooting topic is Wind. Please bring a properly formatted image to the meeting. Photos will be judged by those attending. Please participate.

## Geology Club

The next meeting of the TWC Geology Club will be on Saturday, March 12 from 1:00-2:30 PM. This is the last of the Geology series for the winter meetings. The class will be about Ohio's geologic history and rock deposits and will be open to the public. See the program guide for further details. Club members are needed to plan meetings/trips for May, June, August, September, and October. If you have ideas, please pick a month and plan something!

**For more information about Clubs  
at  
The Wilderness Center,  
visit  
[wildernesscenter.org/clubs.html](http://wildernesscenter.org/clubs.html)**

## Backpackers/Dayhikers Club

On Sun., March 6, we will have our winter picnic centered around the Ledges shelter at the Virginia Kendall area of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The first hike starts at 10 AM, shared lunch at 1 PM; second hike starts at 2:15 PM. The shelter has water, electric for crock pots, enclosed restrooms and a parking lot within 200 yds.

Our club meeting will be Fri., March 18 at 7:30 PM at TWC.

On Sun., March 20 at 2 PM we will have a day hike at Wooster Memorial Park.

The monthly backpacking trip will be March 25-27 at Lamping Homestead in southeast Ohio. Current information is available at <http://www.twchikers.com>

## Woodcarvers Club

The club was fortunate to have member **Jerry Domer** provide a bear claw carving project to start the new year.

The club is currently making blocks and puzzles for the Wilderness Center to entertain the young visitors, we are also looking into the carving a Nativity Scene for a local resident.

The club extends well wishes to member **Rod Dean** who was recently involved in an automobile accident.

The clubs March 26th meeting will be canceled due to the Canton Woodcarvers Show. The Canton show will be Saturday, March 26th, 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, March 27th, 11 AM to 5 PM at the Canton Cultural Center of Arts. The Wilderness Center Club will have two tables at the Canton Show.

Our club meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of every month from 9 AM-noon. We welcome visitors to come and see the carving in progress.

## Needle Crafters

Since we moved to Tuesday meetings, we often meet in the Wildlife Observation Room.

Come to the next meeting, bring your project, and join in. The Needle Crafters are now meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10 AM.

## Astronomy Club

Clouds prevented us from viewing objects through the telescopes but twenty guests were present to enjoy a planetarium show about the night sky. Volunteers included **Ron Wallick**, **Brian Gray**, and **Joann Ballbach**.

The March Star Watch will be on the 4th at 8 PM. Some targets for viewing include the Orion Nebula, a few galaxies in the Big Bear, open clusters, and perhaps Saturn as it rises later in the evening. Our monthly Star Watches are free and open to the public.

During the January meeting, **Brian Gray** presented a Night Sky Network program about Space Rocks. No program is scheduled yet for the March meeting on the 25th at 7:30 PM in the Interpretive Building. There will be election of officers for the upcoming term. Members who would like to suggest program ideas for this or other months can contact **Brian Gray**.

The club learned that the **Jane Mahoney Fund** has awarded the Wilderness Center another grant to help with the maintenance of the planetarium.

## Bird Club News

At least five (5) TWC birders attained the goal of 100 species for January 2011. It was a tough year to get 100, but we did it! All 5 were out birding on the 30th to obtain their goal – CONGRATS TO ALL!

Breakfast with the Birds in January at The Center was a great success – over 30 attendees! Species seen were the usual – no rarities this year – but a fun time was had by all. And, some of the kids really enjoyed holding and observing Boris and Miss Piggy.

Only four birders headed out on a bitter winter day for the annual Castalia/Wellington/Medusa Marsh trip this year. Waterfowl were abundant, including Northern Shoveler, Canvasback, Redhead, American Wigeon, Gadwall and one sighting of a Hooded Merganser on the lake, among others. The highlight of the trip was at the end of the day at 72nd street pier where the group got up-close looks at two Peregrine Falcons devouring a fish on the ice.

It has been a bitter winter, but spring is just around the corner – so watch for some fun events, including the Shreve Migration Sensation in March at Shreve Elementary School and surrounding areas. TWC birders will be involved. In addition, the Ohio Young Birders Club will be traveling by bus from Black Swamp in NW Ohio to join us.

Don't forget the birdwalks at The Center at 8 AM on the third Saturday of every month – we meet in the parking lot – why not join us for an early morning walk to see what species live in or pass through our area. GOOD BIRDING!!

*May you always hear the whisper of wings . . .*

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ORG**

## TWC TRIPS

### Nature Tour in Southeast Arizona May 2-9, 2011



**Chiricahua**

Join The Wilderness Center in a Southeast Arizona Spring Birding Tour on May 2-9, 2011.

This tour will cover the mountain ranges of Tucson in the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum to see Cactus Wrens, Curved-billed Thrashers, Black-tailed Gnatcatchers, Black-throated Sparrows, White-winged Doves and other species.

The tour will continue in the Madera Canyon/Arivaca Cienega area of the Santa Rita Mountains to look for Rufous-winged and Collared Sparrows, Flame-colored Tanagers, Acorn Woodpeckers, Painted Redstarts and more. We will then visit Patagonia and Portal, starting in Kino Springs, to look for Black-bellied Whistling Ducks and Rose-throated Becards. We will visit the desert scrub for the Northern Beardless Tyrannulets and Black-capped Gnatcatchers and visit the local butterfly garden to watch for the Violet-crowned Hummingbirds, Lazuli Buntings, Inca Doves, Yellow-breasted Chats, Verdins and Zone-tailed Hawks. We will switch gears in the afternoon and visit Tombstone and Douglas through a volcanic field. This will be followed by night birding at Cave Creek Canyon.

The following day we will visit Rustler's and Barfoot Parks up a winding forest road to the peak in the Chiricahuas. At the park are views of the mountains and flatlands below, and we will be searching for Red-faced Warblers, Western Tanagers, Western Bluebirds, Mexican Chickadees and Yellow-eyed Juncos. We will spend the afternoon visiting a feeder in the desert below the mountain for Crissal, Curved-bill and Ben-

dire's Thrashers as well as Scott's Oriole, Gambel's Quails and Canyon Towhees.

The next day we will visit Chiricahua National Monument, White Water Draw in San Pedro. In this area as spectacular rock pillars, Zone-tailed Hawks and Peregrine Falcons patrol the rugged landscape. We will walk the trails between the rock formations looking for Rock and Canyon Wrens and many more species. At Whitewater Draw, we will look for water birds and waders. We will stay in the Casa De San Pedro, a beautiful hacienda style bed and breakfast where the Vermilion Flycatcher is their mascot!

We will then visit Garden and Sawmill Canyons and Bisbee in Fort Huachuca's Garden Canyon, home to Elegant Trogons and Dusky-capped Flycatchers. We will walk along a sycamore-lined creek to look for Strickland's Woodpeckers, Plumbeous Vireos and other species. In a nearby pine-rimmed meadow, we will look for Buff-breasted Flycatchers. There is rock art in the canyon and many blooming wildflowers. We will visit feeders in the southern canyons of the Huachuca's at Miller Canyon and explore the historic mining town of Bisbee.

On our last day, we will visit Carr, Ash and Ramsey Canyons, where we may find Greater Pewees, Bull-breasted Flycatchers, Olive & Grace's Warblers and, with luck, a Northern Goshawk. Silver mines ran here over 100 years ago with a dramatic cliff known as the reef. We will visit the Nature Conservancy Preserve at Ramsey Canyon and visit the foothills of the mountains at a clear stream that is a favorite nesting site of Elegant Trogons. We also hope to see Wild Turkeys, Strickland's Woodpeckers, Golden Eagles, Black-throated Gray and other warblers and a variety of hummingbirds.

We will end our trip with an early morning walk along the San Pedro River, a protected corridor with mature trees, to look for Vermilion Flycatchers, Blue Grosbeaks, Summer and Western Tanagers and Gray Hawks. Some years Green Kingfishers have shown up here as well.

Cost of the trip is \$2,210. Does not include flight. Does include all meals except two evenings meals on your own. Does not include gratuities to restaurants or birding guide.

If you are interested in this trip, or would like a complete itinerary, please contact **Vicki** at [vicki@wildernesscenter.org](mailto:vicki@wildernesscenter.org) or at 1-877-359-5235.

The deadline for booking this trip is February 28. We still have four openings.

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## Endowment Gifts

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**Andrea Gillis**

**Mr. & Mrs. Ken OBrock**

**Lawrence Rispin**

**Ms. Eileen Rohrer**

**Mr. M. Dean Yoder**

In memory of **Ronald Bauer**

Stephan & Peggy Buryj

Joan Cogan

Diana & Jim Cooper

Martha & Ken Crist & Family

Margaret Dray

Paul & Lynne Hobson

Ruth & Jack James

Ken & Patty Kinney

Harry & Shirley Krichbaum

Mrs. Eleanor McGrath

Doris McCutcheon

David Morris

Alice Rini

William & Doris Tope

Miriam Wetzel

The Church Choir – First Church of the  
Resurrection

In memory of **Ed Schultz**

Terri Pollock

## Saving Newspaper Articles for The Wilderness Center

If you read an article or story about The Wilderness Center, please consider clipping the name of the paper with the date and the article and saving it for **Vicki**. You can drop them in the mail, or bring them on your next visit.

We keep a book of publicity for The Wilderness Center, and all articles are appreciated!

## Why are March Hares Mad?



When I was little, I was somewhat afraid of rabbits because of the saying, “Mad as a March hare.” Why were they so angry? Would a rabbit run up and bite me? And why were they only angry in March?

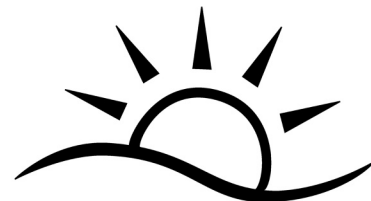
Of course, I grew up to understand that “mad” has more than one meaning. But what did this saying mean? In my suburban experience of rabbits, I had never seen one that acted crazy, except in Monty Python movies.

It goes back to a time when people were more in tune with nature than we are today. Living in a time when your livelihood depended on being very observant of the other creatures you shared your land with, the antics of rabbits in the spring could have led to the label of “mad”. To put it euphemistically, since this is a family newsletter, love is in the air in the spring, and certain species of rabbits do engage in some bizarre behavior to catch the attention of that special someone.

Most of us do not want to go back to such a time permanently, but it is refreshing to be able to visit once in a while. Here at TWC, we have trees in Sigrist Woods that are hundreds of years old; trees that were already huge when the first settlers came to this area. Take a walk in Sigrist Woods sometime, and imagine life as it was back then. Maybe you’ll even see a mad hare!

When you remember TWC in your charitable plans, you are helping to preserve that piece of the past. Thank you! And if you are thinking about remember TWC in your will, please call us. We’d love to be able to express our appreciation.

*Tammy Seikel, Development Director*



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**STARK COUNTY**



# Tree of Life



In memory of  
**Mr. Bernard J. Alberts**  
 Sue McDowell & Bob Wenger  
 & Joanne McDowell

In memory of **Frank Andreas**  
 George & Joyce Klamut

In memory of **James Dean Andrews**  
 John & SuzAnn Terry

In celebration of the  
**birth of Cooper J. Baldrige**  
 Bob & Karla Gilmore

In memory of **Dorothy Ball**  
**With all our Love & Sympathy**  
**God Bless**  
 "Auntie Norm" & Jason

In memory of **Ronald F. Bauer**  
 Rick Amos & Pat Soehnen  
 Edward & Catherine Bauer  
 Nancy Groves & Vicki Sheppard  
 Dale and Arlene Nussbaum  
 Ron & Ann Patterson  
 Richard & Merle Schwitzgable  
 Cal & Marilyn Simpson

In memory of **Russ Bearss, Captain**  
 Ivan & Flo Ivan Vinkovich

In memory of **Benjamin L. Beck**  
 Fred & Virginia Olivieri

In memory of  
**SSG Michael Robert Benson**  
 Mike Holdford & Lisa Stamford,  
 Edward Jones Investments

In memory of **Douglas Blackmere**  
 Susan Gougler McCullagh &  
 Dr. R.J. McCullagh

In memory of  
**Rosemarie (Dolly) Blanc**  
 Maggie Walters

In memory of **Juanita Blankenship**  
 Lynn Maxheimer

In memory of **Vic Boucher**  
 Richard & Barbara Gercken

In memory of **Irene O. Brakus**  
 Frank & Nancy Southworth

In memory of **My Brother-in-law,**  
**Gerald A. Brooks**  
 Faye Palmer

In memory of **David Butler**  
 Dolly Garlow

In memory of **Betty Card**  
 Harold & Pam Miller

In memory of **Chris Ciprian**  
 Doug Babb

In memory of **Marilyn Conrad**  
 Nancy D. Pease  
 Lucie C. Rush

In memory of **Robert Curie**  
 Sarah H. Douglas

In memory of **Charles Cutter**  
**With all our Love & Sympathy**  
**God Bless**  
 Aunt Norma & Jason Bechtel

In memory of  
**Anthony "Tony" Diano, Jr.**  
**with all our love and sympathy**  
 Norma Bechtel Family

In memory of **Hummie Dickson**  
 Wayne & Daphne Trent

In memory of **Estella Donovan**  
 Barbara Stocker

In memory of **Betty E. Dozer**  
 Barb Franta

In memory of  
**Alma Louise Drissen**  
 Mike Holdford & Lisa Stamford  
 Edward Jones Investments

In memory of **Forest Elliott**  
 Don & Jean Kintigh

In memory of **Emily**  
 Mike, Mary Beth, Braden, Boggs  
 & Bella

In memory of  
**Frank & Patrick Enright,**  
**Loving Father & Son**  
 Judi & Joel Pochron

In memory of **John Eschman**  
**with all our love & sympathy**  
 Norma & Jason Bechtel

In loving memory **Jeff Ferguson**  
 Bob & Kar Gilmore

In memory of **Betty Genshaft**  
 Tony Donahue Hair Design

In memory of  
**Mary Ann Durkot Gougler,**  
**mother/mother-in law**  
 Susan Gougler McCullagh &  
 Dr. R.J. McCullagh

In memory of **Douglas Grim**  
 Susan Gougler McCullagh &  
 Dr. R.J. McCullagh

In memory of  
**Josephine Hasemeyer**  
 Jane Marion

In memory of **Linda Hudas**  
 Linda Haas

In memory of **Gayle Huffman**  
 Larry & Bev Shertzer

In memory of **Joan Jones**  
 Kim & Kenn Kaufman

In memory of **Mrs. Jan King**  
 Carl & Audrey Lavin

In memory of **Kelly Kinney**  
 Barbara Mathues

In memory of  
**Constance M. Komocki**  
 Phyllis Jacobs  
 Mrs. Mary McManaway

In memory of  
**Micah Kellen Lewins**  
 Paula & Juan Pablo Lozano

In memory of **John Liberatore**  
 Buster Metcalf

In memory of  
**Alexander MacKenzie**  
 Mr. & Mrs. Dean Amos &  
 Pearl Maurer  
 Susan & Dick Gessner  
 John Kurtzman  
 Esther Pfahler Snyder

In memory of **Alan Magno**  
 Interim Health Care

In memory of **Charles Markley**  
 The Ring Family

In loving memory  
**Walt Markwood**  
 Patsy & Chuck Slowikowski



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## Dec./Jan. Groups

In celebration of the  
**70th Wedding Anniversary of  
Robert & Kathryn Matthews**

John & Nancy Shemo

In memory of **Mary Alice Mc-  
Feely**

Doug Babb

In memory of **Betty Miller**  
Elmer & Buzz Gates

In memory of **Evelyn Miller,  
Mother of Joyce Ulichney**

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Hillhouse

In memory of **Florence (Flo)  
Moore**

Jean, Helen & Grace

In memory of **Harley (Marty)  
Mull**

David & Denise McQueen

In memory of **Marty Mull**  
Glen Dieringer & Family

In memory of **Dawn Myers**

Tom & Linda Myers & Family

In honor of the

**90th Birthday of Glenn Myers**

Tom & Linda Myers & Family

In memory of

**Lee & Violet Negulici**

Doug Babb

In memory of **Ralph E. Norman**  
G.L. Bresson

In memory of **John Ertle Oliver**  
Richard & Barbara Gercken

In memory of **Panda the Puppy**  
Kim & Kenn Kaufman

In memory of **Honey Pezel**  
Doug Babb

In memory of **Noah Reidenbach**  
Gayle & Allen Neago

In memory of **Joseph C. Russo**  
Shirley Hovan

In memory of **Joseph Sasala**  
Mr. & Mrs. David L. Brown

In memory of

**Charles K. Schmalix, Sr.**

Stark Co Gem & Mineral Club

In memory of **Frank B. Schneider**  
Martha Brundelet, Martha Mertz,  
Doris Sheets

In memory of

**Geraldine Schuttenerg**  
Nicholas Woack

In memory of

**Shirley Singletary-Scott**  
Mrs. Angeline S. Gandy

In memory of

**Your Beloved Titus and Max**  
**With our love**

Mrs. Wilson; Betty; Brodie

In memory of **Stanton Unger**  
Frank & Barbara Smith

In memory of **Lillie Weiser**  
Pat & Jerry Limbach

In celebration of the  
**life of Paul Wenke**

Marianne & Bob Gooding

In memory of **Judge Earle E. Wise**  
Carl & Audrey Lavin  
Retired Executives &  
Professional Men's Club

In loving memory **Doris Wittman**  
Patsy & Chuck Slowikowski

In memory of **Anthony A. Zych**  
Elaine Norton

## Watershed Walk Trailcasts

Explore watersheds at TWC! Listen  
as you walk the Sugarcreek Trail or  
the long loop of the Wilderness Walk.  
Download the Watershed Trailcast for  
the trail of your choice at <http://www.wildernesscenter.org/trails.html>.

### In-house

Bambeck Preschoolers

### Outreach

Clarendon Elementary (4 times!)

Fairless Middle School

Mt Eaton Elementary

### Non-school

Cadette Girl Scouts

Webelo Pack 933

**In December 2010 and January  
2011, we served 478 students in 4  
places, with 13 programs.**



THE WILDERNESS CENTER

### TWC Hours

**Trails: Sunrise to Sunset  
every day**

**Interpretive Building and office:**

**9 AM to 5 PM Tues. through Sat.**

**1 PM to 5 PM Sunday**

**Closed Monday**

**The Wilderness Center, Inc.**

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## Greenline

### E-waste Disposal

There are two good options for proper e-waste disposal: donation or recycling.

What is e-waste? Any outdated electronics. You likely received a new one under your tree this year and need to clear out the old.

Donate your devices to your favorite charity or nonprofit organizations. Goodwill Industries accepts the widest variety and there is a location near everyone.

Also, most retail stores such as Best Buy and Staples will accept items for recycling.

Apple instituted a recycling program that will accept their products at Apple retail stores and may even give you a discount on your next purchase. (Apple reached a recycling rate of 66.4 % in 2009.) So, ask your retailer about their recycling program before making that purchase.



To receive an information packet on Foxfield Preserve nature cemetery, please contact Gordon or Jeff at 330-763-1331, or for more information, please visit online at [www.FoxfieldPreserve.org](http://www.FoxfieldPreserve.org) There will be informational meetings and tours at TWC. Check the website for dates.

## Wildlife Art Display

### Featured Artist: Wayne Chumat

Back by popular demand, we will again be displaying artwork by wildlife artist **Wayne Chumat** in the hallway between the Trillium and Buckeye rooms. Wayne will display his artwork through spring; please come check it out!

Wayne began his career as a naturalist for the Cleveland Metro Parks. His original dream, to be a wildlife illustrator, was never forgotten during his 30 years of working in parks administration. Now retired, **Wayne** is able to devote all his time to art. He is a completely self-taught artist. He first concentrated on birds in

transparent watercolor and subjects depicted as a vignette. The ensuing years led him to acrylics, oils, intaglio and now sculpture. Subjects now include all species of flora, fauna, landscapes and occasionally historic structures.

The work on display will be available for purchase by contacting **Wayne**. If you want to learn more about the artist and his work, visit <http://www.artgally.com/wayne> to view some of his prints and original artwork.



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