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# Two-Day Farm Babies Fest!

**Saturday  
& Sunday  
First Time Ever!  
May 18 & 19**

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## May 18 & 19, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for May 18 and 19 to bring your friends and family for fun on the farm at Aullwood's Farm Babies Fest! Come meet more farm babies than ever before, explore our pond, hike the trails, take a tractor ride, try delicious food, buy wonderful crafts, and more, all at Aullwood's Farm Babies Fest! Admission is just \$10 per car! It's located at Aullwood Farm, 9101 Frederick Pike, Dayton Ohio.

As always, there will be so much to see, do, and learn on the farm! Meet our adorable baby farm animals and visiting dogs. Take in live demonstrations and purchase great herbs and flowers to brighten up your backyard from the Greenview Garden Club Plant Sale.

Bring your appetite and enjoy some of Dayton's best food vendors! From brick-oven pizzas, barbeque, gourmet sandwiches, hot dogs, grilled cheese, sugar waffles, kettle corn, flavored shaved ice, sweets, and more — there's food



*Ancona ducklings*



*Belgian foals*



*Nigerian dwarf mother and kids*

for everyone to enjoy! Explore free children's activities with games, crafts, balloons and face painting. Take a chance on our 50/50 raffle and find wonderful items to buy from our talented craft vendors. Meet and learn about several local nonprofit organizations.

Front Cover Photos:  
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Monarch Butterfly



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Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm © 2019





***Farm Babies continued***

Visit the century-old bank barn and see live shows throughout the day.

Enjoy Ed Marrinan’s duck calls and jokes that will have you quacking up.

Listen to Aullwood’s own Chris Rowlands with humorous and educational songs, and meet our nature center animals up close. There’s so much to do and see at the farm, so don’t miss it!

The entry fee for Farm Babies Fest is \$10 per car. Aullwood does not have an ATM on site, however, we do accept credit cards.

Aullwood’s Marie S. Aull Education Center at 1000 Aullwood Road will be closed during Farm Babies Fest.



*Goat Kid*



*Guinea hog piglets*



*Baby bunnies*



*Silkie chickens*

This event is brought to you by . . .



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# Native Plant Sale

April is Ohio's  
Native Plant  
Month!

Aullwood's  
15th Annual  
Native Plant Sale!

## Celebrate Ohio's Native Plant Month at Aullwood's Native Plant Sale

Another significant victory for native plants is about to occur — the Ohio General Assembly will vote shortly to designate April as “Ohio Native Plant Month!” This comes one year after Ohio banned the sale and distribution of 38 species of invasive plants! Two easy ways to celebrate these victories are by telling others about the importance of native plants and taking action to install native plants in our own communities. Get the word out and invite others to join the native plant movement. Native plants provide nutritious food and safe shelter for our wildlife, including critical pollinators. Additionally, these beautiful, vibrant plants are low maintenance, tolerating Ohio's seasonal moisture fluctuations. Lastly, many native plants help filter our water, remove pollutants from the air, sequester carbon and mitigate runoff and erosion.

Transform your yard and community with native plants. Remove invasive plants, dig up a portion of your grass and plant beautiful native wildflowers, grasses, shrubs and trees. According to Douglas W. Tallamy, the author of “*Bringing Nature Home*,” suburban native gardens provide food and shelter for wildlife, increase biodiversity and attract natural predators to control pest species.

Come to Aullwood's 15th annual Native Plant Sale. We will have over 100 species of native wildflowers, trees, shrubs and grasses. The sale will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Charity A. Krueger Farm Discovery Center. If you pre-order plants, you may pick them up on Friday, April 12 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. and purchase additional plants before the sale opens to the public on April 13. Admission is free all day at the Nature Center and Farm.

Unsure which plants will attract the most wildlife to your yard? Use Audubon's Plants for Birds database at [www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds](http://www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds) to determine which native plants will attract butterflies, caterpillars and specific groups of birds. Additionally, Aullwood's Native Plant Sale brochure depicts which plants are good food sources for songbirds, hummingbirds, caterpillars and butterflies. Lastly, Douglas W. Tallamy's “*Bringing Nature Home*” is a great resource for understanding the importance of gardening with native plants, including gardening for insect diversity, suggestions on getting started, a glimpse into bird food, a list of native plants by region and so much more — a must have resource for new and experienced gardeners!

Now that you've selected your native plants, what else can you do to create a healthy, wildlife-friendly yard? Reduce or eliminate toxic chemical use, keep cats inside, create or protect water sources, create shelters by making brush piles or letting dead trees stand and prevent window collisions by closing blinds or turning off excess lights.

Mike Budd/USFWS



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail on  
Coneflower

Leanne Brown



Monarch caterpillar on Milkweed

Courtney Celley/USFWS



Monarch on New England Aster

Leanne Brown



Prothonotary Warbler

James Kawlewski/USFWS



Ruby-throated hummingbird

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Tri-colored and brown-  
belted bumble bee on  
sneezeweed

Mara Koenig/USFWS



Bee pollinating butterfly  
milkweed

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Restored prairie

## Director's Corner



**Alexis R. Faust**  
*Executive Director*

“Wildness is the  
preservation of the World.”

— *Henry David Thoreau*

### ***Feather Your Habitat***

I know that we've been talking a lot about quail lately — the bird itself — but it's their habitat that I want to bring to your attention now. Quail require very specific habitat to survive, and indeed thrive, in our region. This ground dwelling bird does not fly very high or far, which is seriously limiting considering that when it does take flight, more often than not, it's to escape one of its many predators.

The quail's saving grace is appropriate habitat. When quail fly and land, they run for cover, and the thicker and thornier, the better. Successional habitat — sometimes called “feathering” — benefits both Bobwhite Quail and other wildlife. If you have land with a forest edge, or agricultural fields, consider adding an edge of trees and shrubs such as plum, hazelnut, elderberry, dogwood, and blackberry, then forbs such as partridge pea and coneflower, and finally grasses such as big and little bluestem, switch grass and prairie dropseed.



*This illustration shows the gradual transition from forest to fields achieved through edge feathering, which benefits bobwhites and other wildlife. Illustration courtesy of University of Missouri Extension.*

This habitat will provide shelter and food not only for Bobwhite Quail, but also for the American Woodcock, pheasant, wild turkey, deer and many different pollinators. You will be creating a true wildlife oasis.

If you would like some advice on how to proceed, come visit us. We will be selling many of these plants and shrubs at our annual Native Plant Sale on Saturday, April 13 (*see previous page*). We will also have baby Northern Bobwhite quail on display at Farm Babies Fest in May!





# Summer Earth Adventures



A tiny toad

## Summer Days and Waterways

Summer Earth Adventures registration has changed! All Friends of Aullwood members, and non-members who attended in 2018, will receive a Summer Earth Adventures postcard with links to our online brochure and registration form. No brochures will be mailed.



Finding fossils

Jennessa Picirilli

We are unable to accept registrations online. To register for classes call Aullwood at **937-890-7360** or register in person at the Nature Center.



Planting in the Farm garden

**Summer Earth Adventures** at Aullwood may include building shelters, searching for tiny colorful bugs and funky, aquatic critters in the creeks or learning how to identify birds at the feeders! Come and help with animal care at the farm, create some fun and wacky science experiments, or create some nature-themed artwork while getting muddy! Summer Earth Adventures is a fun way to spend the mornings at Aullwood building lifelong relationships and memories rooted in belonging, curiosity, and exploration at our nature sanctuary and farm.

Have you aged out of Summer Earth Adventures classes but still want to be involved in the program? Aullwood is seeking volunteer assistants (ages 14 and up) to help with Summer Earth Adventures. Volunteer assistants lend a hand with a variety of tasks to help the teacher provide an exciting class for the youngsters attending. Please contact Sam Romeo at [sromeo@audubon.org](mailto:sromeo@audubon.org) or call 937-890-7360 ext. 223 if you are interested in helping out this year.

### The 2019 Summer Earth Adventure classes will be held the following weeks:

- Session 1: June 10-14
- Session 2: June 17-20
- Session 3: June 24-28
- Session 4: July 8-12
- Session 5: July 15-19
- Session 6: July 22-26
- Session 7: July 29-August 2
- Session 8: August 5-9



Checking out rocks





# Aullwood en Blanc 2019

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019

AT THE MARIE S. AULL EDUCATION CENTER



*On Saturday, June 22, 2019, the Friends of Aullwood Board of Trustees will host the third annual Aullwood en Blanc to raise funds to support Aullwood Audubon's environmental education programs for local children.*

Guests will be welcomed with delicious appetizers, wonderful food and music. An exquisite **Roberto Coin** piece has been donated by **James Free Jewelers** and will be raffled in the enchanting ambiance of Aullwood's Marie S. Aull Education Center. Guests will enjoy the magic of June, the nature center and incredible music from Chicago's **Hey Jimmy** while dancing the night away! Join us for this one-of-a-kind event to savor the beauty of nature at Aullwood!

*Roberto Coin is famous for his delicate designs and for how he signs each piece — with a ruby. The ruby has always been enveloped in a legendary aura, and due to its exceptional quality of maintaining beauty throughout time, it is considered eternal, like true love. According to an ancient belief, wearing a ruby close to the skin promoted long life, health and happiness.*

*In 1996, Roberto Coin began signing his jewels by setting a small ruby hidden on the inside of each piece, where it would touch the skin of the wearer. This is now the exclusive signature of every jewel by Roberto Coin.*



Donated by James Free Jewelers

Visit <https://aullwood.audubon.org/enBlanc> for tickets. Stay tuned for more exciting details on this year's event!



## Birdathon 2019

### Good Fun, Good Friends, Good Birding

**Wednesday, May 8** is the date for Birdathon 2019. The goal is for teams to identify at least 125 different species of birds and raise \$8,000 to support Aullwood's education programs.

- **Team Cardinal** participants donate \$100.00, meet at the Nature Center at 7:00 a.m. for a continental breakfast and birdwatch on Aullwood's trails with a guest naturalist until 9:00 a.m.
- **Team Warbler** participants donate \$200.00, meet at the Nature Center at 6:00 am and travel to area birding hotspots with Nicole Conrad and Nenita Lapitan. Lunch at the Center is included and this birding adventure ends at 4:30 p.m.
- **Team Tanager** bird watchers donate \$300.00, meet at the Nature Center at 1:30 pm Tuesday, May 7 and travel to key birding sites in Ohio with Sam Romeo. Hotel and meals are at your expense and the group returns at 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8.

Unable to join a team?  
Donations and per species pledges are welcome!

To join a team or make a donation contact Laurie Cothran at 937-890-7360 ext. 216 or [lcothran@audubon.org](mailto:lcothran@audubon.org)

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May 8, 2019



Male Ruby-throated Hummingbird



Killdeer eggs in a scrape nest

# Naturally Curious

## Building a Bird Nest

By Nicole Conrad  
Education Manager

Birds build nests to protect their eggs and young. Each species of bird typically has a preference about where the nest is placed and the materials used to build the nest. Nesting locations include trees, shrubs, cliffs, man-made platforms, on or under the ground or around buildings. Most birds breed during the time of year when food is most abundant. The number of eggs varies per species with some birds laying only one egg and others laying 15 eggs!

It can be quite enjoyable to watch birds build nests and feed their young. If you find an active bird nest be sure to observe from a distance so you don't disturb the birds. Active nests and eggs of native birds are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and should not be removed. If you encounter a bird that has made a nest in a problematic area contact your county Wildlife Officer at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

*Five common types of bird nests found in Ohio include:*

**Burrow nests:** These are nests made in the side of a river bank or underground. Some birds use their beaks and feet to carve out their own burrows and some use burrows created by others. Birds that make burrowing nests include Bank Swallows, Belted Kingfishers and Northern Rough-winged Swallows.

**Cavity nests:** These are nests usually made in bird boxes or cavities found in a living or dead tree. Cavity nests can contain a variety of materials like feathers, pine needles and grasses. Species that make cavity nests include Carolina Chickadees, Eastern Bluebirds, Pileated Woodpeckers and Wood Ducks.

**Cup nests:** These are one of the most common types of nest and can contain an assortment of materials like grasses, mud, twigs, and leaves. Species that make cup nests include American Goldfinch, American Robins, Northern Cardinals and Ruby-throated Hummingbirds.

**Platform nests:** These are large nests made by many raptors. Platform nests usually contain large sticks and may be lined with feathers, grass and moss. Species that make platform nests include Bald Eagles, Great Blue Herons, Osprey and Red-tailed Hawks. Platform nests are often reused each year.

**Scrape nests:** These are the simplest kind of bird nest. Scrape nests are often just a shallow depression and sometimes contain small stones, leaves or feathers. Species that make scrape nests include Killdeer, Northern Bobwhite and Turkey Vultures.



Pileated Woodpecker feeding young in a cavity nest



Osprey with young on platform nest



American Robin cup nest with eggs



For more information, contact Nicole Conrad, Education Manager, at 937-890-7360, extension 217 or [nconrad@audubon.org](mailto:nconrad@audubon.org)



Bank swallow burrow nests



Join us for . . .  
**Membership Appreciation Day**  
**April 6, 2019**



Tom Hissong



Tufted Puffin



Tom Hissong

Stellar's Sea Lions

Friends of Aullwood Members are invited to come to Aullwood on **Saturday, April 6**, and join Tom Hissong when he presents another engaging program with photographs of his many exciting experiences in Alaska. Members attending will be able to ask questions and learn more about this magnificent region!

We will begin our Membership Appreciation Day with a 9:15 a.m. Morning Walk with Tom followed by his talk **North to Alaska: Cruising the Inside Passage II** at 10:30 a.m.

Come to the Marie S. Aull Education Center and join us for a delightful spring morning with a walk and talk sure to inspire you. Please call and let us know you are coming at 937-890-7360. See you there!

## ***Aullwood Nature Store & Gift Shop***

The Aullwood Native Plant Sale is right around the corner and the Nature Store & Gift Shop has excellent reference books in stock featuring native plants, planning your garden space, and gardening for birds and beneficial insects. Speaking of beneficial insects, we have a nice selection of insect habitats to bring both function and beauty to your garden. Stop by to find the perfect gift for the green-thumb folks in your life — or celebrate the growing season by treating yourself to a beautiful new gardening tool!

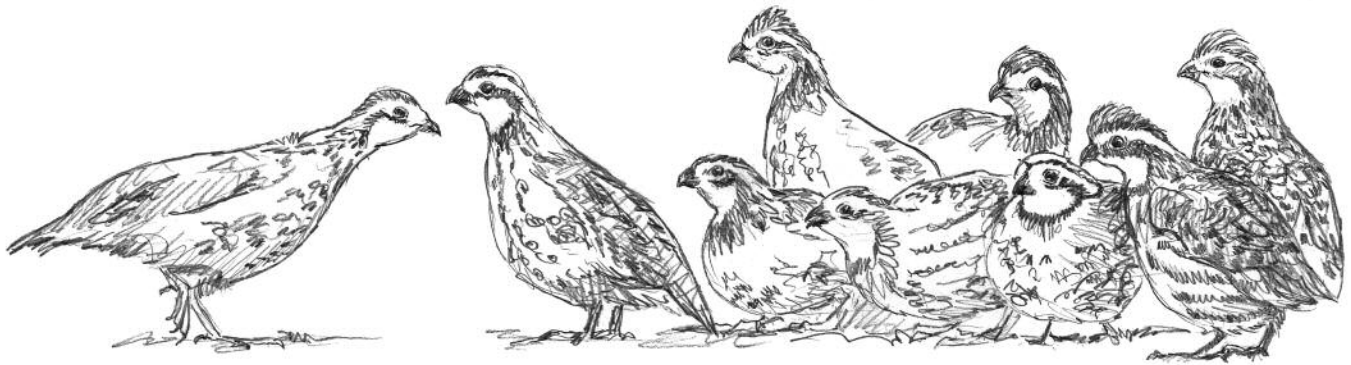
Did you know we have an Aullwood Nature Store & Gift Shop kiosk at the Farm Discovery Center? Shop at the kiosk during Farm Babies Fest and all year long for plush farm animals, beautiful children's books, country cookbooks and many other items with a country vibe to celebrate our farm and the joy of outdoor living.



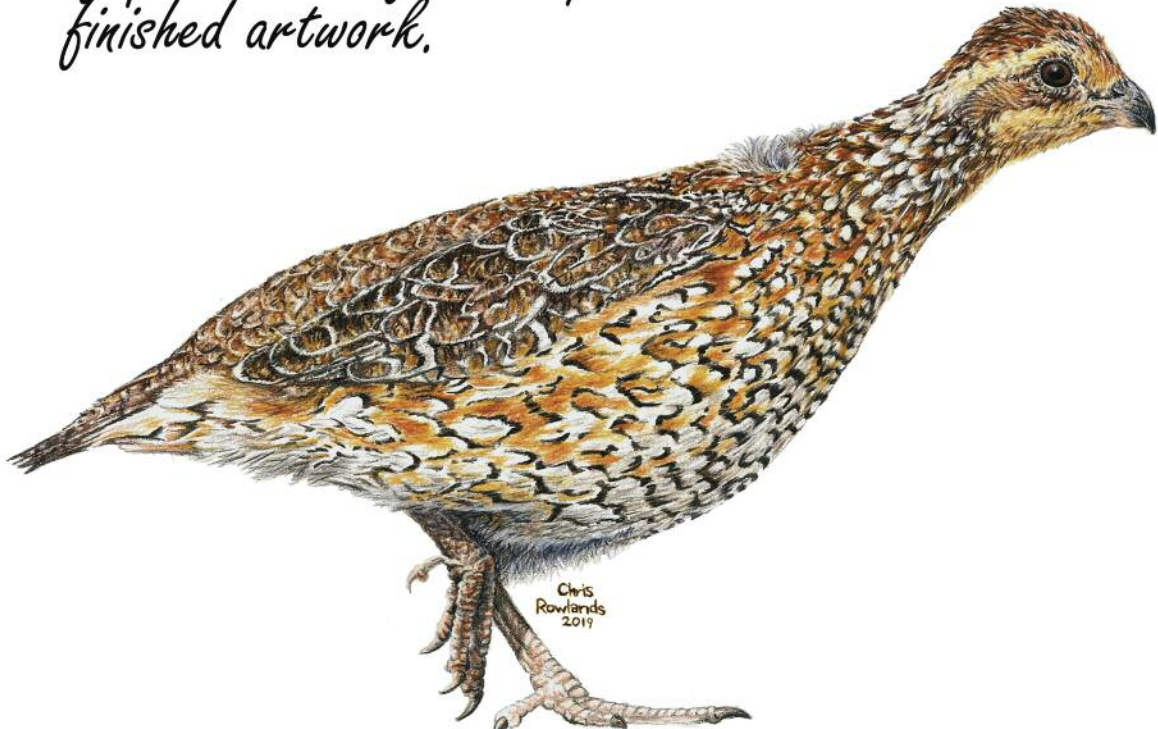


# NATURE NOTES

by Chris Rowlands



*Aullwood's Northern Bobwhite Quail project sparks the imagination of artist Chris Rowlands. His thumbnail sketch above depicting a group of quail is the first step toward the finished artwork.*





# Invasive Plant Watch

By Sarah Alverson  
Environmental Educator  
and Land Manager

Irises are one of the most beautiful spring flowers! With over 300 species, irises come in a variety of colors and ornate petals. In Ohio, we have several species of native irises — Blue-Flag Iris (*Iris virginica shrevei*), which is common in Montgomery County), Wild Iris (*Iris versicolor*), Crested Dwarf Iris (*Iris cristata*) and Dwarf Iris (*Iris verna*) to name a few. Thankfully, of the hundreds of introduced irises, only one species is considered to be invasive, the Yellow or Water-Flag Iris.

Yellow or Water-Flag Iris (*Iris pseudacorus*) is a non-native invasive plant and the only yellow iris found growing in the wild. The yellow flower resembles a typical iris and the leaves are flat, sword-like and can reach lengths of three feet. Yellow-Flag Iris grows in dense clumps and reproduces by seeds and vegetatively by rhizomes, which is an underground stem. Yellow-Flag Iris is commonly found in wetlands, ponds, ditches, shorelines and in shallow water.



Water-Flag Iris

Like many other invasive plants, Yellow-Flag Iris is attractive and may appear to add new aesthetic value to your pond or water garden. However, with vegetative reproduction, the isolated yellow flower soon becomes a dense clump, filling the shore and shallow edges of the water. Over time, you observe fewer and fewer native plants, with the pond transforming to a monoculture of Yellow-Flag Iris and less wildlife visiting your pond.

The best way to tackle a Yellow-Flag Iris invasion is early detection and removal. Since this is the only species of yellow iris that grows wild, you can be confident that any new yellow iris is this invasive. Quickly remove any new plants. The best removal method is digging the plant, taking care to remove as many of the rhizomes as possible. Discard the plant and soil in the trash; composting will likely result in accidental reintroduction. Continue removing in the same area for several years to fully eradicate the plant. Yellow-Flag Iris can also be removed with a 2-4% glyphosate treatment to the leaves (the exact concentration depends on the solution used). However, you must use glyphosate that is approved for aquatic use or you could kill all living things in the water, both plants and animals (regular Round Up, which can be purchased at most box stores, is **not** safe for aquatic use).



Yellow Flag Iris



For more information on invasive plants, contact Sarah Alverson at 937-890-7360 ext. 218



*Iris pseudacorus*



*Iris pseudacorus*

InAweofGod's Creation

Donald Hobern

JoJan





Leanne Brown

Question Mark

## Long Term Butterfly Monitoring at Aullwood

If you love butterflies and want to help monitor their populations, then join Aullwood's Long Term

Butterfly Monitoring (LTBM) team! Each week we walk the same route through several different habitats at Aullwood and record the butterflies and skippers we encounter.

Aullwood's data is compiled with other monitoring locations around the state. Scientists use the data to discern state-wide trends in butterfly populations, including changes in ranges, dates of appearance and the impacts of climate change.

Butterfly enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to join our group! Our first monitoring session will begin in April, when the weather temperatures reach 60-70°F. No experience is necessary, just an excitement to observe butterflies! Contact Sarah Alverson, [salverson@audubon.org](mailto:salverson@audubon.org) or 937-890-7360, ext. 218 to be added to the weekly notification list. If you are unable to join us for the weekly butterfly monitoring, don't miss Aullwood's NABA Butterfly Census on **Saturday, July 13!**



Zebra Swallowtail



Leanne Brown

Common Buckeye



Leanne Brown

Gray Hairstreak



Leanne Brown

Red-spotted Purple



## Chipmunk Adventures

### Aullwood's Chipmunk Adventures – Class for Preschool Children

**April 10, May 8, June 5, 2019**

There is always a new adventure around the corner when children join us in Chipmunk Classes at Aullwood. Growing up in nature develops a physically and emotionally healthy childhood while encouraging a life-long appreciation for our earth. Cognitive as well as hands-on experiences, stories, songs, and artwork are enjoyed in each session. Please dress for the weather conditions. We will be outside for part of every session unless severe weather threatens.

The April 10 and May 8 Chipmunk Adventure Classes are held at the Charity A. Krueger Farm Discovery Center at Aullwood Farm. The June 5 class is held at the Marie S. Aull Education Center at Aullwood Nature Center.

Bev Holland, Environmental Educator, is the teacher for these exciting classes so look forward to fun and engaging adventures this spring! For more information call 937-890-7360.



Jennessa Picirilli

Preschool child in class



Bev Holland

Child looking up into tree

### Chipmunk Adventures . . .

is for 2-5 year olds (with an adult). The themes and dates are:

<b>Is it Green Yet?</b>	April 10	Wed. 10 a.m.-11:30a.m. Farm
<b>And the Bees Danced</b>	May 8	Wed. 10 a.m.-11:30a.m. Farm
<b>A Peak in the Creek</b>	June 5	Wed. 10 a.m.-11:30a.m. Nature Center

Individual classes: \$15 for members, \$17 for non-members  
Class limit: 10 (5 minimum)



# Aullwood Program and Class Calendar

## April 2019 Programs

April is the perfect month to visit Aullwood! Beautiful and colorful spring wildflowers appear in the woodlands and leaves start emerging from trees. General admission is \$7.00/adult and \$5.00/child unless otherwise noted. Members of Aullwood and National Audubon Society are admitted free. Call 937-890-7360 for more information. Aullwood Center programs begin at 1000 Aullwood Road. Aullwood Farm Programs begin at 9101 Frederick Pike.

### April 1

Volunteer Training: Livestock and Education Program Update  
9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Farm)

### April 1 – October 31

Long-term Butterfly Monitoring  
(Center)

### April 4, 11, 18, 25

Adult Discovery Walk  
8:00-9:30 a.m. (Center)



Fledgling Robin

### April 6

Member Appreciation Event  
9:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Center)

### April 7, 14, 28

Spring Wildflower Walks  
2:30 p.m. (Center)

### April 10

Chipmunk Adventures – Is it Green Yet?  
10:00-11:30 a.m. (Farm)

### April 12

Native Plant Sale – Pre-order Pick-up  
2:00-6:00 p.m. (Farm)

### April 13

Native Plant Sale  
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (Farm)

### April 15

Native Plant Sale Takedown  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Farm)

### April 21

Earth Day

### April 22

Volunteer Field Trip:  
Inniswood MetroPark, Columbus  
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
(Depart from Center)

### April 27

Habitat Healer Day: Plants for Birds  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Center)



Trillium

### Adult Discovery Walks

Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25  
from 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Spring migrants are returning! Bring your binoculars and enjoy a weekly walk along Aullwood's trails spotting birds and exploring the wonderful seasonal changes taking place at Aullwood. (Center)



Young Mallards

### Spring Wildflower Walks

Sundays, April 7, 14, 28 starting at 2:30 p.m. During the month of April, Aullwood's wildflower trail is full of colorful spring flowers. Bloodroot, trillium, Virginia bluebells and celandine poppies carpet the woodland floor. Discover wildflowers with us on a spring walk at Aullwood! (Center)



Hummingbird drinking from Cardinal flower

Alexis Faust



Mike Mushala



# Aullwood Program and Class Calendar

## May 2019 Programs

Join us for fun programs in the month of May when baby animals frolic at the Farm and warmer weather returns to Ohio. General admission is \$7.00/adult and \$5.00/child unless otherwise noted. Members of Aullwood and National Audubon Society are admitted free. Call 937-890-7360 for more information. Aullwood Center programs begin at 1000 Aullwood Road. Aullwood Farm Programs begin at 9101 Frederick Pike.

### May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Adult Discovery Walks  
8:00-9:30 a.m. (Center)

### May 5

Farm Adventures Walk  
2:30 p.m. (Farm)

### May 7, 8

Aullwood Birdathon (Center)

### May 8

Chipmunk Adventures –  
And the Bees Danced  
10:00-11:30 a.m. (Farm)

### May 17

Aull Society Farm Babies Preview Event  
5:00-8:00 p.m. (Farm)

### May 18 & 19

Farm Babies Fest  
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Farm)  
Nature Center Closed

### May 20

Aullwood Closed – Post Farm Babies Fest

### May 26

Terrific Turtles Activity  
2:30 p.m. (Center)

### May 27

Aullwood Closed – Memorial Day



Bloodroot

### Adult Discovery Walks

Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 from  
8:00-9:30 a.m. Enjoy a weekly walk  
along Aullwood's trails to explore  
the wonderful seasonal changes  
taking place at Aullwood. Bring  
binoculars! (Center)



Boardwalk leading to Muskrat Marsh

### Farm Adventures Walk

Sunday, May 5 starting at 2:30 p.m.  
Join us for a discovery walk around  
the farm. Visit the barn and meet  
the animals, wander through the  
garden and see what is growing and  
journey to the spring house to cool  
off. (Farm)



### Terrific Turtles Activity

Saturday, May 26 starting at 2:30 p.m.  
Meet Aullwood's different turtles  
living in the Nature Center. Learn  
how you can identify different turtles  
and find out where they would live  
in the wild. We'll even take some of  
the turtles outside on the lawn and  
give them time to bask in the  
sunlight! (Center)



Virginia Bluebells



Redbud in bloom



Box turtle





## June 2019 Programs

Summer is here and it is the perfect time to explore Aullwood! General admission is \$7.00/adult and \$5.00/child unless otherwise noted. Members of Aullwood and National Audubon Society are admitted free. Call 937-890-7360 for more information. Aullwood Center programs begin at 1000 Aullwood Road. Aullwood Farm Programs begin at 9101 Frederick Pike.

### June 1

Aullwood's Breeding Bird Census  
7:30-11:30 a.m. (Center/Farm)

### June 2

Free Admission Day

### June 3

Summer Earth Adventures Training  
6:30-8:30 p.m. (Center)

### June 4

Volunteer Field Trip:  
Newfields, Indianapolis  
8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
(Depart from Center)

### June 5

Chipmunk Adventures –  
A Peek in the Creek  
10:00-11:30 a.m. (Center)

### June 6, 13, 20, 27

Adult Discovery Walks  
8:00-9:30 a.m. (Center)

### June 9

Family Fossil Hunt  
2:30 p.m. (Center)

### June 10-August 9

Summer Earth Adventures Classes  
(Center and Farm)

### June 22

Nature Center and Farm Closed  
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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Aullwood en Blanc  
6:00-11:00 p.m. (Center)

### June 30

Buggin' Out Walk  
2:30 p.m. (Center)



R.A. Nonnenmacher

*Eastern Pondhawk Dragonfly*

### Aullwood's Breeding Bird Census

Saturday, June 1, 7:30-11:30 a.m. Help us conduct a census of the breeding birds found in our sanctuary. Starting early in the morning, we listen, watch and count the different species and discover how many birds live here. Data from the annual breeding bird census enables us to manage our sanctuary for a rich diversity of birds. Come and help us count our birds! Admission is free. (Center/ Farm)



David Menke

*Indigo Bunting*

### Adult Discovery Walks

Thursdays, June 6, 13, 20, 27 from 8:00-9:30 a.m. Search for birds, plants and nature delights as we hike the trails looking for new discoveries. Bring binoculars! (Center)

### Family Fossil Hunt

Sunday, June 9, 2:30 p.m. Journey to the Stillwater River with us and collect fossils of creatures that lived here long ago. Learn about your fossils and even take some home! (Meet at Center then drive in your own vehicle to the Stillwater River)

### Buggin' Out Walk

Sunday, June 30 starting at 2:30 p.m. Grab an insect net and scoop up butterflies, ladybugs and more! Come learn about all kinds of bugs and other critters on this fun buggy adventure. (Center)

## Buy and Donate Business Partnerships

These partnerships support Aullwood's high quality educational programs for children. Help Aullwood by registering today!

### Kroger Community Rewards Program



Register your Kroger Plus Card online at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and link to Aullwood's new NPO number **YN601** and remember to swipe your enrolled Kroger Plus Card first before paying! You will know your card has been successfully registered when you see at the bottom of your receipt: "At your request, Kroger is donating to Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm." Aullwood will receive a quarterly check based on the amount all of our members spend at Kroger!

### Dorothy Lane Market's Good Neighbor Program



It's easy to join the DLM Good Neighbor Program. Go to the service desk at your local Dorothy Lane Market, complete an application and designate Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm as your charity! You must use your Club DLM card for your purchases to be included and spend at least \$1,000 during the year. Please keep in mind, you must re-enroll each year for the Good Neighbor Program.

### AmazonSmile

Aullwood will receive  0.5% of the purchase price of all eligible items and participating is simple. Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) for all your usual Amazon shopping. Select your charity (Friends of Aullwood, Inc.) and your shopping experience stays the same — just another way to support Aullwood in the process!

Call Laurie Cothran at 937-890-7360 ext. 216 for more details.





# Volunteer Corner

## A Bee-utiful Relationship

**Al Tuttle**, Aullwood Audubon's beekeeper extraordinaire, is retiring after 17 years of caring for our bees. We deeply appreciate the educational experiences Al has shared with our staff, volunteers and visitors. Al is always excited to talk about bees and answer questions.

He recognizes the value of people experiencing and connecting with bees up close in an observation hive, as a means to understand the importance of bees and to protect bees.

Visitors are delighted and intrigued with his observation hives at Farm Babies Fest and other events. Al rarely wore a bee suit. He worked with the bees and moved in a way that never upset the bees. He was also instrumental in the development of our new observation hive, and he researched observation hives at other institutions to find innovative designs for our hive. In recognition of his contributions to Aullwood Audubon, Al received the Marie S. Aull Award in 2016.

*Please join us in wishing Al all the best in his retirement adventures!*



*Al Tuttle has retired. He received the Marie S. Aull Award in 2016. He is shown here with his bees.*

## National Volunteer Week — April 7-13 Celebrate Service!

*National Volunteer Week, established in 1974 and powered by Points of Light, is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service. Volunteers help their neighbors, serve their communities and provide their expertise. No matter what kind of volunteer service they provide, their contributions are invaluable.*

Our volunteers are key to Aullwood's success. In 2018, nearly 500 volunteers shared their passion, energy and talents with us by supporting Aullwood's operations, special events and festivals, which translated to more than 12,000 hours or a value of \$299,712.

Celebrate service by making a difference in your community. Looking for something to do? Aullwood's Native Plant Sale offers volunteer opportunities from April 10-15. Grab a friend and sign up to assist us. You'll support Aullwood and help native pollinators such as Tiger Swallowtail Butterflies, honeybees and Ruby-throated Hummingbirds. Visit Signup Genius at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044badae2ca1f85-native>

### We appreciate You!

Thanks to the volunteers who braved snow, ice, rain, and wind this winter to greet visitors, maintain our property and buildings, teach students, assist staff with special projects and care for our livestock. It was a challenging winter and we are grateful for your passion and dedication to Aullwood's mission and services.



*Volunteer Naturalist Cindy Talley educates young visitors about the Black Rat Snake.*



*Plant natives to help birds and other wildlife.*

## Friends of Aullwood gift memberships are always available!

A Friends of Aullwood gift membership is perfect for any occasion and at any time of the year. Along with your purchase, you will receive a gift card to announce your gift. You may choose the size (family, single, student or grandparent) and be assured of a great fit! It's a gift that will be used year-round and is ideal for that hard-to-shop-for person. Call 937-890-7360 for more information.



Tom Hissong

Tree Swallow



### Spring into Summer Volunteer Activities and Opportunities

For more information about these opportunities, please call Nenita Lapitan, Manager of Volunteer and Rental Services at 937-890-7360, ext. 214 or email her at [nlapitan@audubon.org](mailto:nlapitan@audubon.org).

#### Native Plant Sale (Farm)

- **Wednesday, April 10:** Set-up from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-4 p.m.
- **Thursday, April 11:** Set-up from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-4 p.m.
- **Friday, April 12:** Complete set up and presale orders; assist with pre-sale order pickup. Two shifts: 12-3 p.m. or 3-6 p.m.



Plant Expert Mike Clark, assists a customer at the Native Plant Sale

- **Saturday, April 13:** Three shifts: 8:30-11:15 a.m.; 11 a.m.-1:45 p.m. or 1:30-4 p.m. There are many ways you can assist — look for details in the Native Plant Sale Volunteer Recruitment flier or go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044badae2ca1f85-native>
- **Monday, April 15:** Take down tables, clean up and collect and transport plants to the Nature Center. 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

#### Habitat Healer Day: Plants for Birds (Nature Center)

**April 27, Saturday:** 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Enrich woodland, wetland and prairie habitats to support birds and pollinators like butterflies and bees! Volunteers will plant native wildflowers and grasses in various habitats, while some may remove invasive plants such as garlic mustard. Gloves and trowels provided. Complimentary lunch is provided from 12-1 p.m. and each volunteer will receive a native plant to take home. Sign up at:



Removing invasive plants such as garlic mustard helps habitats.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044badae2ca1f85-habitat1>

Save these dates . . .

- **Native Plant Sale:** week of April 8, event April 13
- **Habitat Healer Day: Plants for Birds – April 27**
- **Farm Babies Fest:** now 2 days!! – May 18 and 19

#### Farm Babies Fest (Farm)

We really, really need your help this year since Farm Babies Fest is now a two-day event! We're expecting piglets, kid goats, lambs, chicks, ducklings, guinea fowl, bunnies and bobwhite this spring!

**NEW!!** Sign up to volunteer so you get a special Farm Babies Fest T-shirt (while supplies last).

- **Friday, May 17:** Set up from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19:** There are so many ways to assist at this fun family festival, and it's the perfect way for families to volunteer together (some age restrictions apply).

**Festival shift times:** 9 a.m.-12 p.m., 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. OR 2:00-5:15 p.m. The Volunteer Recruitment Flier for Farm Babies Fest will be mailed in April. Call or email for more information, or signup online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044badae2ca1f85-farm>



#### Summer Earth Adventures Assistants – Adults and Youth



Be a Summer Earth Assistant and help kids discover nature!

Love nature and kids and want to be outside in the summer? If you are 14 or older, consider sharing your enthusiasm and passion as a Summer Earth Adventures Assistant! This is a wonderful opportunity for youth to complete school, honor society or organizational volunteer service requirements or for anyone looking for resume building skill sets and experience!

Summer Earth Adventures begins the week of June 10 and ends on August 9. Volunteer commitment is one week from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

You pick the week that works best with your schedule! Special SEA teacher/assistant training on June 3 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Nature Center.

#### Garden Sprout Volunteers to Tend our Edible Garden!

The Edible Garden is getting a makeover with a twist! The garden will still have lots of interesting vegetables growing in it for people to discover and learn. The added twist is that many of the vegetables will be enjoyed by our livestock, too. (Guests will not be able to feed our livestock from the garden except through staff-led programs.)

Help Mindy Lloyd, Large Animal Vet Tech, to plant, weed, tend and harvest crops and vegetables while enjoying our beautiful farm and our frisky and friendly animal ambassadors! Days and times are flexible and training is provided. The time commitment is one to two hours a week starting in early spring through summer.





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